Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions

International Workshop
“The Arab Spring One Year Later”
14th to 16th of September 2012 in Malta

Program

Friday 14th of September

18:00 Opening ceremony with the participation of Mgr Lawrence Gatt (Pro Vicar of the Diocese of Malta), Fr George Grima (J&P Malta), Mgr William Kenney (President of J&P Europe)

Addresses by Prof Arnold Cassola (Spokesperson Malta Green Party), Dr George Vela (Spokesperson Malta Labor Party), and Dr Tonio Borg (Minister for Foreign Affairs)

Moderator: Mr Roderick Agius (President of J&P Malta)

19:00 Introductory lecture by Prof Godfrey Pirotta: “The Role of Public Institutions in the Process of Democratization in North Africa”

20:00 Dinner

21:15 Short introduction to the workshops, and videoconference with Fr Paolo dall'Oglio about the situation in Syria (at 21:30)

Saturday 15th of September

07:30 Mass

08:00 Breakfast

08:45 Departure for workshops

11:45 Meeting with Prime Minister Lawrence Gonzi

13:30 Lunch at the seminary

15:00 Preparation of the reports

17:00 Departure for Valetta

18:00 Symbolic moment: planting of tree in Hastings Gardens in Valetta in "recognition of the sacrifices made by all the persons working for justice, peace and reconciliation around the Mediterranean”. The Mayor of Valetta, Dr Alexie Dingli, will be present

19:00 Dinner at the seminary

20:30 Address by Dr Emilio Platti OP: “Islamic Understanding of Society and the Arab Spring”. He will also give an eyewitness report from Egypt.
Sunday 16th of September

08:00  Breakfast
09:00  Sharing of the experiences of the workshops. Election of preparatory group for the drafting of the final declaration
11:00  Coffee break
11:30  "Questions, comments and answers" with the participation of Emilio Platti OP, an expert on international relations, a member of J&P Malta, and Maltese entrepreneurs working in the Arabic countries
13:30  Lunch
14:30  Departure for “open bus tour” of Malta
16:30  Arrival in Valetta. Visit to Upper Baracca Gardens overlooking the Grand Harbor
17:00  Address by Fr Joseph Ellul OP in Saint John’s Co-Cathedral: "The Role of Malta in the Encounter of Cultures and Faiths in the Mediterranean Region"

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General Assembly
16th to 18th of September 2012 in Rabat (Malta)

Sunday 16th of September

18:00  Opening Mass in Saint John’s Co-Cathedral in Valetta presided by Archbishop Tommaso Caputo (nuncio)
20:00  Dinner
21:00  Opening of the General Assembly
Work Session I (Item 1: Report of the Presidency)
Monday 17th of September

07:30  Mass
08:00  Breakfast
09:00  Work Session II
11:00  Coffee break
11:30  Work Session III
13:30  Lunch
15:00  Open Space I
16:00  Open Space II
17:00  Coffee break
17:30  Work Session IV
19:30  Departure for dinner out
20:00  Dinner by the sea in Ghar Lapsi

Tuesday 18th of September

08:00  Breakfast
09:00  Work Session V
11:00  Coffee break
11:30  Closing mass
12:00  Lunch
13:00  Departures