



# The 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism

Jerusalem 28-30 May 2013

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs are holding the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the Global Forum for Combating Antisemitism on 28-30 May 2013. The delegates are convening to discuss ways of combating the different manifestations of current Antisemitism at a 3-day conference in Jerusalem. This conference serves as a follow-up mechanism to previous conferences, and aims at discussing, through 10 different Working Groups, viable models for facing the global challenge of Antisemitism, and coming up with a practical Action Plan.

**The Conference Webpage:**

[http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutTheMinistry/Conferences-Seminars/Pages/GFCA\\_4th\\_International\\_Conference\\_May\\_2013.aspx](http://mfa.gov.il/MFA/AboutTheMinistry/Conferences-Seminars/Pages/GFCA_4th_International_Conference_May_2013.aspx)

The Conference will also have a *live link* for viewing its videoed Plenary Session deliberations:

<http://bcove.me/mh0retj4>

Link to Conference Photos: <http://tinyurl.com/GFCA2013>



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Venue of the Conference: **Ramada Jerusalem Hotel** - Ruppin Bridge at Herzl Boulevard, Jerusalem.

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The agenda of the conference is as follows:



## Tuesday, 28th May 2013 – Official Opening

16:00 onwards - Gathering and registration

18:00-20:00 Opening Ceremony – Hosts: Mr. **Zeev Elkin**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Mr. **Naftali Bennett**, Minister for Jerusalem and Diaspora Affairs

- A video message by Mr. **Benjamin Netanyahu**, Prime Minister, Israel.

Greeting speeches by:

- Mr. **Neris Germanas**, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania.
- Mr. **Konstantinos Karagounis**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Transparency & Human Rights, Greece.
- Dr. **Bence Retvari**, Secretary of State, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary.
- Dr. **Mario Silva**, Chairman of the IHRA (International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance) for the year 2013 on behalf of Canada.

Conference Chair: Ambassador **Gideon Behar**

20:00-22:00 Official Cocktail Gala evening

## Wednesday, 29th May 2013 – Working groups meetings

8:00 onwards - Continuation of registration.

On this day the participants will meet in 10 different rooms, according to the Working Group they registered to, and will help formulate 10 Action Plans to Combat Antisemitism, under the leadership of the WG Co-Chairs.

9:00-10:30 First working session of the different working groups

10:30-11:00 Coffee break



11:00-12:30 Second working session of the different working groups

12:30-14:00 Light lunch sandwiches, at The Dining Hall, LL floor.

14:00-15:30 Third and last working session of the different working groups

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:00 Plenary Panel of the Inter-Parliamentary Coalition for Combating Antisemitism (ICCA) Task Force

Opening remarks - Ms. Fiamma Nirenstein

Panelists: MP John Mann (UK)

Mr. Robert Trestan.

Moderator: Mr. Christopher Wolf, Co-Chair of the task force.

17:15-19:15 Optional tour of Jerusalem (for those who registered).

19:30-21:30 Dinner and Speeches by:

- Mr. **Nikolay Mladenov**, Former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria.
- Dr. **Alexander Vondra**, Former Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic.

Host: Amb. Ran Curiel, Political Director, Senior Deputy Director General, MFA.

## Thursday, 30th May 2013 - Plenary

8:00- onwards - Continuation of late registrations

9:00-10:00 Plenary Panel with Muslim Religious Leaders –

Mufti Gazmend Aga, Deputy Chief Mufti of Muslim Community (Albania)

Mufti Dr. Abduljalil Sajid, Brighton Islamic Mission (UK)

Imam Hassan Shalguomy, (France)

Mr. Genti Kruja, Director of the Interfaith Dialogue Dep., the Muslim Community (Albania)

Moderator: Mr. Jeremy Jones, Director of Int. and of Community Affairs for the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council.

10:00-11:00 Presentation of Action Plans before the Plenary by respective WG Co-Chairs:

Moderator: Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center

- **Antisemitism in the Guise of Delegitimization and Anti-Zionism.**
- **Antisemitism in the Internet and in the Media**



- **Antisemitism on the campuses and Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect.**  
15 minutes for each presenter + 10 minutes of general discussion.

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Presentation of Action Plans before the Plenary by respective WG Co-Chairs:

Moderator: Mr. Daniel S. Mariaschin, Executive Vice President of B'Nai B'rith International

- **Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World**
- **Antisemitism in Latin America**
- **Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe region**
- **Antisemitism in the EU and Western Europe region**

15 minutes, for each presenter + 15 minutes of general discussion.

13:00-14:15 Lunch at Dining Hall (LL floor), with Lectures by:

- Mr. Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of the Anti-Defamation League
- Mr. Avner Shalev, Chairman of the Yad Vashem Directorate

14:30-15:00 Plenary – Speech by Knesset Speaker, Mr. Yuli (Yoel) Edelstein  
(guests are kindly requested to come up to the Plenary hall and be seated  
By 14:25, in time for the Knesset Speaker entry).

15:00-15:30 Plenary - Lecture by Prof. Yehuda Bauer: "Why Antisemitism?"

Moderator: Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, and AJC Director of Int. Jewish Affairs

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Presentation of Action Plans before the Plenary by respective WG Co-Chairs:

Moderator: Mr. Robert Singer, CEO and Executive Vice President of The World Jewish Congress

- **Law, Legislation and Enforcement in Combating Antisemitism**
- **Inter Faith Dialogue as an instrument to mitigate Antisemitism**
- **Maintaining continuance of Diaspora Jewish Life (Kosher slaughter; Circumcision etc.)**

15 minutes for each presenter + 10 minutes of general discussion.

17:00-18:00 Closing event (at the Plenary Hall) -

- Presentation of Steering Group Paper – Mr. David Matas, B'nai Brith.
- Summary of the Conference – Amb. Gideon Meir – Director General for Public Diplomacy, MFA.
- Awards Giving to the Conference Co-Chairs
- Closing remarks - Heads of Session - Amb. Shmuel Ben-Shmuel and Amb. Gideon Behar



18:00-19:30 Farewell Cocktail

- **Amb. Rafael Barak**, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – *Closing speech*

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## The 10 Working Groups – Co-Chairs and rooms allocation:

- 1. Antisemitism in the Muslim and Arab World**
  - **Co-Chairs: Dr. Boaz Ganor and Mr. Itamar Marcus**  
Room A1
- 2. Antisemitism in Latin America**
  - **Co-Chairs: Mr. Sammy Eppel and Mr. Sergio Widder**  
Tamar Room
- 3. Antisemitism in the Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe region**
  - **Co-Chairs: Ms. Lesley Weiss and Dr. Tomas Kraus**  
Room A2
- 4. Antisemitism in the EU and Western Europe region**
  - **Co-Chairs: Mr. Mike Whine and Mr. Marc Knobel**  
Room B
- 5. Antisemitism in the Guise of Delegitimization and Anti-Zionism**
  - **Co-Chairs: Dr. Mitchell Bard and Dr. Pascal Markowicz**  
Room 'Queen of Sheba'
- 6. Antisemitism in the Internet and in the Media**
  - **Co-Chairs: Mr. David Matas and Dr. Andre Oboler**  
Room C
- 7. Law, Legislation and Enforcement in Combating Antisemitism**
  - **Co-Chairs: Prof. Dina Porat, Adv. Talia Naama and Mr. Michael A. Salberg**  
Michal Room (down the elevator to LL floor)
- 8. Inter Faith Dialogue as an instrument to mitigate Antisemitism**
  - **Co-Chairs: Ms. Anne-Marie Revcolevschi and Mufti Dr. Abduljalil Sajid**  
Delila Room (down the elevator to LL floor)
- 9. Maintaining continuance of Diaspora Jewish Life (Kosher slaughter; Circumcision etc.)**
  - **Co-Chairs: Dr. Dov Maimon and Mr. Philip Carmel**  
*Amos Room (up the elevator to OF floor)*
- 10. Antisemitism on the campuses and Education for Tolerance and Mutual Respect**



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