

# Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue - International Day of Human Fraternity Five years Abu Dhabi Declaration

**Monday 5 February 2024**

Sky Lounge der Universität Wien  
Oskar-Morgenstern-Platz 1, 1090 Wien

## WELCOME AND OPENING

09:00 Greeting and welcome – *Prof. Kurt Appel, University of Vienna, and H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter*

09:10 Opening Speech – *Amb. Christoph Thun-Hohenstein, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs*

09:20 Opening Speech – *His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Schönborn*

## INTERNATIONAL HORIZONS

09:30 Opening Speech - DG UNOV H.E. Ghada Fathi Waly (tbc)

09:40 Opening Speech – *H.E. Amb. Mohamed Hamdy Mohamed ELMOLLA (tbc)*

09:50 Opening Speech – *H.E. Amb. Hamad Ali Mohammed Subaih ALKAABI (tbc)*

## THE ABU DHABI DECLARATION

10:00 Perspectives from Abu Dhabi – *tbc*

10:15 Perspectives from the Holy Sea – *Father Markus Solo SVD, Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican*

## INTERRELIGIOUS FRATERNITY: ACHIEVEMENTS AND TASKS IN INTERRELIGIOUS LIVING TOGETHER IN AUSTRIA

10:30 Perspectives from the Roman Catholic Church – *H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter, Head of the Commission for World Religions of the Austrian Bishops' Conference*

10:40 Perspectives from the Islamic Religious Community – *H.E. President Ümit Vural*

10:50 Perspectives from the Jewish Community – *H.E. Chief Rabbi*

11:00 Coffee Break

## KEY MESSAGES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

11.30 The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity as challenge for Islamic Theology  
– *Prof. Abdullah Takim, University of Innsbruck*

11:55 The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity as challenge for Christian Theology  
– *Prof. Michaela Quast-Neulinger, University of Innsbruck*

12.20 Conclusions

12:30 Lunch

## AUSTRIAN EXPERIENCES IN INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER

14:00 Presentation and panel discussion  
*Several Austrian Initiatives*

15:00 The Abu Dhabi Declaration on Fraternity and its significance for interreligious and interconfessional reconciliation – *Inspriations from the work of the Austrian Foundation Pro Oriente*  
– *Secretary General Bernd Mussinghoff*

15:20 Coffee break

15:50 Interreligious Dialogue in Academic Research and Exchange  
– Prof. Kurt Appel, Centre "Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society",  
University of Vienna

#### REFLECTIONS AND FUTURE PERSPECTIVES

16:10 Panel discussion:  
*Father Marcus Solo - Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue*  
*Abu Dhabi representative - tbc*  
Including statements from participants

#### CLOSING

17:00 Statements  
*Amb. Franziska Honsowitz, Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs*  
*H.E. Bishop Werner Freistetter*

17:15 End of Conference