



# The Arab-Europe Citizens' Dialogue Gender, Media and Religion: Contemporary Challenges to Society and Democracy

I to 4 May 2018, Sigtuna, Sweden

## Tuesday 1 May – arrival day

- 18.30**      **Welcome reception**  
Hosts: Bishop em. *Caroline Krook* and Executive Director *Alf Linderman*  
*Music* by *Nadin & Gabriel* – TARABBAND
- 19.30**      **Dinner**

## Wednesday 2 May

### 07.00-09.00 Breakfast

- 09.00**      **Introduction and greetings**  
*Caroline Krook*, Bishop em., Chair of the Sigtuna Foundation Board  
*Olof Holst*, Mayer of Sigtuna  
*Eva Christina Nilsson*, Head of Middle East Unit, Church of Sweden  
*Alf Linderman*, PhD, Executive Director, Sigtuna Foundation  
*Andrea Zaki*, PhD, General Director, Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services  
*Karin Wiborn*, General Secretary, Christian Council of Sweden  
*Rüdiger Noll*, Executive Secretary, Oikosnet Europe  
*Music* by *Nadin & Gabriel* – TARABBAND
- 10.30**      **Refreshments**
- 11.00**      **Introductory Keynote Session: Religion and Society today**  
*Speakers*  
*Azqa Karam*, PhD, Senior Advisor, UN Population Fund (UNFPA), and Coordinator, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development  
*Anders Wejryd*, President for Europe World Council of Churches, Archbishop em.  
*Responses*  
(European respondent to be confirmed)  
*Usamb Al Abd*, PhD, Prof., Member of the Egyptian Parliament, Former President of Al-Azhar Univ.  
Chair: *Alf Linderman*, PhD, Executive Director, Sigtuna Foundation
- 12.30**      **Lunch**

- 14.00 Cultural Tension – a Gender-based Perspective**  
 Introduction: *Gunilla Hallonsten*, Deputy Head of Development, Church Of Sweden  
 (European speaker to be confirmed)  
*Amal Grami*, PhD  
 Chair: *Ahmed Shawki*, PhD, Prof.em., Dept. of Genetics, Faculty of Agriculture, Zagazig Univ.
- 15.30 Refreshments**
- 16.00 Short responses and panel discussion**  
*Rüdiger Noll*, Executive Secretary, Oikosnet Europe  
*Nevine Mosaad*, PhD, Prof., Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo Univ.  
 Moderator: *Katerina Karkala*, Conf. and Study Leader, Orthodox Academy of Crete
- 17.00-18.00 Workshop: Capacity building for New Generations**  
 Workshop leader: *Elisabet Mattizson Armgard*, Program Secretary, Sigtuna Foundation
- Time open for conversations and meetings**
- 19.00 Dinner**

## Thursday 3 May

### 07.00-09.00 Breakfast

- 09.00 Mediated Reality – the Image of the Other**  
 Introduction: *Alf Linderman*, PhD, Executive Director, Assoc. Prof. Uppsala Univ.  
*Mohamed Al Orabi*, Ambassador, Former Foreign Minister  
*Mia Lövheim*, PhD, Prof. Sociology of Religion, Uppsala Univ.  
 Chair: *Sofia af Geijerstam*, Head of Communication, Sigtuna Foundation
- 10.30 Refreshments**
- 11.00-12.00 Short responses and panel discussion**  
*Jan Henningsson*, Former Head of the Swedish Institute in Alexandria  
*Amer Al Hafj*, PhD, Academic Advisor in the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies  
 Moderator: *Riad Jarjour*, PhD, President, Forum for Development, Culture and Dialogue

### 12.30 Lunch

- 14.00-16.30 Excursion in Sigtuna – the first and oldest city in Sweden!**  
 Guide: *Karin Sallander*, Archaeologist, Secr. of Research and Development, Sigtuna Foundation

- 16.30-18.00 The Arab-Europe Citizens' Dialogue – conclusions and future action**  
 Short and general conference reflections:  
*Jafar Al Shayeb*, PhD, Saudi Arabian writer  
*Salah Gourshy*, PhD  
*Lamia Elamri*, Chair European Forum of Muslim Women  
 (One additional European reflector to be confirmed)  
 Moderator: *Samira Luka*, Senior Director for Dialogue, Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services

### 19.00 Concluding Banquet Dinner

## Friday

### 07.00-09.00 Breakfast

*Check out and Departure for conference participants*

### 09.00-12.00 Advisory Board Meeting