

## Global Forum on Leadership for Shared Societies: *Building a world safe for difference*

12-14 November, 2008 • Rotterdam • The Netherlands

**As of Nov. 12, 2008**

### Wednesday, November 12 - Global Forum on Leadership for Shared Societies **Opening**

- 18:45 Departure of Forum participants from hotels
- 19:00 Arrival of participants and welcome drinks **Rotterdam City Hall**  
Coolsingel 40  
3011 AD Rotterdam  
Main Hall
- 19:30 Opening Choir "Kosmopolis"  
Performance "Together forever"
- 19:45 **Forum Opens.** Sit-down dinner  
Remarks from hosts:  
Ivo **Opstelten**, Mayor of Rotterdam  
Ricardo **Lagos**, President of the Club de Madrid **Rotterdam City Hall**  
Burgerzaal

### Thursday, November 13 – Global Forum on Leadership for Shared Societies. **INSPIRATION**

- 07:45 Departure from hotels to site visits
- 08:30 **Site visits to social cohesion projects**  
*Small group visits to local, regional and national initiatives*  
*All confirmed participants in the Forum must register for the site visit and breakout sessions they wish to participate in through the [Forum's registration site](#).*
- 10:00 Departure from working visits to Forum Venue
- 10:30 Arrival of participants to Conference Venue  
Welcome Coffee **Van Nelle**  
**Ontwerpfabriek**  
Van Nelleweg 1  
3044 BC Rotterdam  
[www.ontwerpfabriek.nl](http://www.ontwerpfabriek.nl)
- 11:00 **Opening Plenary Session**  
**Why Shared Societies?**  
**The rationale for building a shared society**  
*Renowned and emerging leaders discuss the importance of leadership for fostering dialogue, managing diversity and increasing social cohesion*  
**Purpose:**
  - To establish the importance of promoting shared societies
  - To make the case for building shared societies
  - To stress the importance of leadership in building shared societiesVideo "setting the scene"  
Welcome Remarks: Mary **Robinson**, Vice President of the Club of Madrid
- Featured **Panellists:**
  - Jennifer Mary **Shibley** – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand. Project Co-Chair
  - Cassam **Uteem** – Former President of Mauritius. Project Co-Chair
  - Bishop **Athenagoras** of Sinope
  - Sadik **Harchaoui** - The Institute for Multicultural Development (TBC)
  - Swanee **Hunt** – Initiative for Inclusive Security
  - Jeff **Johnson** – Black Entrainment Television. Transatlantic Network 2020, BC
- 12:45 Lunch

14:30

**Plenary Session II**  
**Building Shared Societies: Examples of change****Northern Ireland:** *Political Leaders discuss how "the troubles" are being solved*Featured **Panellists:**

- Jeffrey **Donaldson** – MP, MLA, Minister in the Office of First Minister and Deputy First Minister, Democratic Unionist Party
- Gerard **Diver** – Mayor of Derry City, SDLP

**Mozambique** – *Leaders describe how the civil war ended and the subsequent process of social reconstruction*Featured **Panellists:**

- Joaquim **Chissano** – Former President of Mozambique
- Benjamin **Mkapa** – Former President of Tanzania
- Leone **Gianturco** – Sant'Edigio Community

**Moderator:** Mari **Fitzduff** – Member of the Project's Expert Advisory Panel. Coexistence International, Director. Brandeis University**Purpose:**

- To inspire participants with the idea that change is possible
- To show how leaders in one country recognised the need for change and went about achieving it
- To understand the process by which leaders hostile to each other were able to work together and gain confidence in each other
- To discuss the obstacles they faced and how they met those challenges

16:00

Coffee break

16:30

**Break-out Sessions I***Small group discussions of inspiring examples –at national and city level- of policies and practices matching Commitments/Calls for Action for Shared Societies***Purpose:**

- To inspire participants with the idea that change is possible
- To show how and why leaders in one country recognised the need for change and went about achieving it
- To discuss the obstacles they faced and how they met those challenges
- To demonstrate the approach of the Club de Madrid, working alongside leaders to help them to think through and resolve issues

*Each group will consider the experience of one country with particular emphasis on initiatives related to one of the [Commitments](#) in the [Declaration for Social Cohesion](#).*I. [Locating Responsibility](#) – New ZealandII. [Creating Opportunities](#) – MauritiusIII. [Monitoring structures](#) – CanadaIV. [Ensuring the legal framework](#) – IndiaV. [Economic disadvantages](#) – LatviaVI. [Physical environment](#) – SwedenVII. [Education system](#) – Bosnia-HerzegovinaVIII. [Encouraging a shared vision](#) – S. AfricaIX. [Promoting respect](#) – Sierra LeoneX. [Reducing hostility](#) – South America*All participants should choose their preferred breakout session through the [Forum's registration site](#)*

18:00

Transportation to hotels

19:30

Transport from hotels to dinner venue

20:00

Joint dinner Global Forum – European Youth Forum

Interaction by Carl **Rohde**Introduction by Steven **van Eijck**Remarks by: Cassam **Uteem** (Club de Madrid)and Bettina **Schwarzmayr** (EYF, President)Street dance performance by students from **Codarts****Schiecentrale**  
Lloydstraat 5  
3024 EA Rotterdam

22:30

Transportation back to hotels

**Friday, November 14 – Global Forum on Leadership for Shared Societies. CALL TO ACTION**

08:15 Departure from Hotels to Forum Venue

**Van Nelle  
Ontwerpfabriek**

09:00 **Plenary Session III: Taking Responsibility**  
*National, multilateral and local leaders on: Where and how to place responsibility for social inclusion policies and practices into government*

**Purpose:**

- To emphasise the importance of leadership and political will in building shared societies
- To promote the idea that responsibility for building social cohesion has to be clearly located in governmental structures – “the buck stops here”
- To discuss the sources of the political will and commitment needed to tackle social division and how it can be mobilised
- To clarify how the relationship between leaders and their own societies on the one hand, and regional powers on the other, affects, both positively and negatively, the willingness to promote social cohesion
- To emphasise the importance of offering internal and external support for leaders working to build social cohesion and consider how that support can be given sensitively
- To gain support from participants for the principle that leaders must apply the Commitments of the Shared Societies Project in their society and ensure implementation of those which are lacking

**Featured Panellists:**

- Jenny **Shiple**y – Former Prime Minister of New Zealand
- Tariq **Ramadan** - Erasmus University
- Albert **Ramdim** - Organization of American States, Assistant Secretary General
- Rik **Grashoff** – City of Rotterdam, Vice Mayor
- Runaldo Ronald **Venetiaan**, President of Suriname

**Political response:**

- Kim **Campbell** – Former Prime Minister of Canada

Moderated by Prof. Adrien K. **Wing** – University of Iowa

10:30 Coffee Break

11:00 **Break-out Sessions II:**  
*Discussion on the contribution of specific sectors to promoting social cohesion and how to gain their support*

**Purpose:**

- To highlight the context in which political leaders respond to the challenges of social disintegration and building social cohesion
- To acknowledge the ramifications of social breakdown on different sectors of society, neighbouring countries and farther a field
- To examine the influence of internal interest groups, neighbouring countries and the international community on local tensions and the danger that they will adopt partisan positions and in doing so encourage greater polarisation rather than accommodation
- To consider how different sectors can make a positive contribution to promoting social cohesion

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| • <i>Business community</i>     | • <i>Local authorities</i>       |
| • <i>Media</i>                  | • <i>Youth</i>                   |
| • <i>NGOs and civil society</i> | • <i>Religion</i>                |
| • <i>Security Services</i>      | • <i>Education and Culture</i>   |
| • <i>Migrant Groups</i>         | • <i>International Community</i> |
| • <i>Gender Inequality</i>      |                                  |

13:00 Lunch

- 14:30 **Plenary Session IV**  
**Principles and Effectiveness:**  
**Building Leadership Capacities for Shared Societies**  
*Following on the theme of Plenary III that leaders are responsible, this session looks at what kind of leadership is required and how it emerges and can be promoted within society and with support from external actors.*
- Purpose:**
- To highlight the need for balanced leadership that promotes values and principles but also respects difference
  - To share experiences of working to develop capacities for effective and values-based leadership committed to building shared societies
  - To acknowledge the risks of promoting leadership from outside without community support
  - To identify what is common in developing leadership and how external actors can build support for those commonalities?
  - To consider how those commonalities can be widely disseminated, recognised and affirmed
- Featured Panellists**
- Kjell Magne **Bondevik** – Former Prime Minister of Norway
  - Sylvia **Borren** – Global Call for Action against Poverty Co-Chair
  - Ashraf **Ghani** – The Institute of State Effectiveness
  - Knut **Vollebaek** – OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
  - Beate **Winkler** - European Commission Bureau of Advisers
  - António **Guterres Oliveira** – Former Prime Minister of Portugal. UNHCR High Commissioner
- Moderator: José **Carreño** – El Universal, Mexico
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:30 **Global Call to Action: Commitments towards building momentum**  
*Presentation of the Global Call to Action, reflecting the content of the discussion during the conference, with response from current leaders,.*
- Purpose:**
- To review ideas and developments that emerged during the meeting
  - To input specific sectorial proposals to the Call To Action
  - To obtain the endorsement of the Call to Action by the Forum
  - To explore what are the next steps for promoting the Call to Action and the materials and principles of the Shared Societies Project
  - To engage the wider international community
- Featured Speakers:**
- Ricardo **Lagos**, chair – President of the Club de Madrid
  - Jorge **Domínguez**, moderator - Weatherhead Center for Intr'l Affairs. Harvard Univ.
  - Sector Group Responses to Call to Action: Club of Madrid **Members**
  - Jorge Branco de **Sampaio** – UN High Representative for the Alliance of Civilisations  
Former President of Portugal
- 17:30 Closing Keynote remarks:
- Bill **Clinton** – Honorary Co-Chair of the Club of Madrid;  
former President of the United States
- 18:00 Drinks
- 18:30 **Closing Dinner**  
Performance by the Greek Turkish Youth Quintet  
Performance by Suzanna **Lubrano**  
Queen **Summercarnival** of Rotterdam drum band
- 21:30 Transportation back to hotels