

Programme Outline

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Mon, 5 Sep 2022



Community Dialogue

Day 1

Tue, 6 Sep 2022

- Opening Address
- Keynote Address
- 1st Plenary: How faith can bridge divides



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Day 2

Wed, 7 Sep 2022

- 2nd Plenary: How diversity can be harnessed for the common good
- 3rd Plenary: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust
- Breakout Session 1



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Day 3

Thu, 8 Sep 2022

- Breakout Session 2
- Breakout Session 3
- Closing Address



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Keynote Address (Day 1)

Setting the stage for ICCS 2022, the keynote address will cover how differences in culture, beliefs, value systems and the many identities we have as individuals impact social cohesion.

1st Plenary: How faith can bridge divides (Day 1)

This Plenary seeks to critically examine the reasons for the rise and endurance of social polarisation due to ideological or religious beliefs. With a stronger understanding of these divides and the reasons behind them, we hope that some of the lessons gleaned can be applied to foster inter-religious peace and harmony in plural societies both across the region and well beyond.

2nd Plenary: How diversity can be harnessed for the common good (Day 2)

This Plenary seeks to discuss the issue of super-diversity and get a better understanding of intersectionality. It will discuss the tools for interactions with people of different and overlapping identities. An appreciation of the complex but important role of intersectionality in social cohesion would allow us to increase social capital, for people to form deep bonds despite differences towards creating common good.

3rd Plenary: How technology can be leveraged to foster mutual trust (Day 2)

This Plenary seeks to share different case studies, using them to discuss how to utilise digital space to foster shared identities while also minimising the formation of echo chambers, instead promoting respectful discussion across differences and mobilising communities for the greater good.



Synopses of Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session 1 (Day 2)

Delegates will choose one to attend

Faith 1: Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (International Perspective)

This breakout session looks at different faith-based strategies in identifying and safeguarding vulnerable individuals or communities from radicalisation, and building resilience against divisive, even extremist, religious narratives.

Identity 1: Diversity & Intersections (Religion and Race)

This breakout session explores how diversity in relation to religion and race can be harnessed for the common good.

Cohesion 1: Hate & Conspiracy Online

This breakout session further investigates issues raised during Plenary 3 around hate, prejudice, and conspiracy online, with a key focus on conspiracy theories.

Breakout Session 2 (Day 3)

Delegates will choose one to attend

Faith 2: Religion, Resilience & Cohesion (Regional Perspective)

This breakout session focuses on building dialogue on faith at a regional level. It seeks to understand how religious leaders and communities are working to develop cohesion beyond their traditions to build resilient societies and communities.

Identity 2: Diversity & Intersections (Public Policy & Common Space)

This breakout session discusses public policies across the world that have helped identify and safeguard vulnerable individuals and communities from radicalisation, and how common spaces have been found to build resilience against divisive, extremist and religious narratives in communities.

Cohesion 2: Connectivity and Connectedness

This breakout session examines good practices and case studies of people who have used online platforms to build connections between different groups and to strengthen social cohesion. The session will also be used to understand what social media companies have been doing to promote social cohesion.

Breakout Session 3 (Day 3)

Delegates will choose <u>one</u> to attend

Faith 3: Faith Overcoming COVID-19 Pandemic

This breakout session explores how traditions have evolved over this challenging global COVID-19 pandemic in relation to practice rituals and ways to worship.

Identity 3: Languages, Identity and Belonging

This breakout group examines how languages shape our perceptions on reality and our understanding of linguistic identities. Identity and language are key in building one's sense of belonging. This breakout group can explore how the limits in languages, the evolution of vocabulary and use of colloquialism affect the way we see ourselves and build our sense of belonging, and how we differentiate ourselves from others.

Cohesion 3: Youth Work Initiatives

This breakout session looks explicitly at the work of youth leaders in social cohesion across Asia.