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# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

### Letter from the Secretary General,

Esteemed Representatives of the Council of Parties, Dear Members of the Board of Directors,

I am pleased to present you the Governing Bodies Quarterly Newsletter for the second quarter of 2024, detailing the Centre's advancements in fostering dialogue and understanding among diverse cultures and religions.

A major highlight this quarter was the inaugural KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, held in Lisbon from 14-16 May. This event brought together over 150 participants, including heads of state, officials, religious leaders, and representatives from civil society and international organizations. The theme, **«Transformative Dialogue: Building Alliances for Peace in a Rapidly Changing World,»** underscored our mission to use dialogue as a tool to address global challenges and foster solidarity.

Additionally, KAICIID participated in the 6th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue in Baku, Azerbaijan, and the Mafra Dialogues in Portugal, further disseminating our mission with global leaders and stakeholders both internationally and within our host country. Regionally, KAICIID's Programme division was involved in initiatives ranging from supporting the Interfaith Platform in the Central Africa Republic to organising two Fellows' cohorts' training in São Paulo, Brazil, and Bangkok, Thailand.

Significant strides were also made regarding our governance with the submission of the revised Strategic Plan for 2024-2028 to the Council of Parties, and the appointment of a new Board on 27 May, strengthening the Centre's Governing Bodies. KAICIID, as member of the Steering Group of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), has also been engaged in planning PaRD's Annual Forum to be held in Brasilia, Brazil, in August 2024 along with the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20).

The Secretariat's commitment to staff welfare and operational efficiency also continued, with the implementation of an asset management database and cybersecurity enhancements, ensuring we remain at the forefront of promoting dialogue in a secure environment.

I trust you will find this report informative and inspiring. As we look forward to upcoming events and initiatives, I thank the Council of Parties for its support and commitment to our shared vision and welcome new and renewed members of the Board of Directors to our KAICIID family.

Sincerely,

Dr. Zuhair Alharthi Secretary General

























### **Highlights from the Office of the Secretary General: Key diplomatic Engagements and Meetings**

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In the second guarter of 2024 substantial General has engaged in several high-level advancements and collaborative efforts were diplomatic activities, including participation undertaken by the Executive Office of the in the 6th World Forum on Intercultural Secretary General. Our initiatives this guarter Dialogue, the Mafra Dialogues, and the have been marked by significant engagements inaugural KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum. and partnerships that underscore our These engagements facilitated dialogues with numerous global leaders and stakeholders, understanding among diverse cultures and fostering deeper collaborations and reinforcing religions globally. This quarter has witnessed the Centre's mission of promoting peace and our continuous dedication to building strategic understanding. These efforts are in line with alliances, participating in high-level diplomatic our mission to promote peace and cooperation

### 6th World Forum on Intercultural Dialogue:

On 1-3 May 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi participated in the prestigious World Forum on forum, themed «Dialogue for Peace and Global Security: Cooperation and Interconnectivity,» The event is a global initiative in place since 2008 aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue, understanding and harmony in and between diverse cultures.

Organised under the patronage of the Republic of Azerbaijan and His Virtue Prof. Dr. Allahshukur Pashazade, former KAICIID board member, along with a consortium of partners, including KAICIID MoU partners, namely United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC); and the Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO).

During the event, the Secretary General met with notable figures such as H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, and His Virtue Prof. Dr. Allahshukur Pashazade, Chairman of the Caucasus Muslims` Board.





### **KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum** (KGDF):

On 14-16 May 2024, the inaugural edition of the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum was held Intercultural Dialogue in Baku, Azerbaijan. The in Lisbon, Portugal. The Secretary General and chair of the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi opened the Forum in profound recognition of the exceptional hospitality offered to KAICIID by the Government of Portugal and its people. The event marked the culmination of twelve years of on-going transformative dialogue practices across regions, highlighting the Centre's dedication to sustained impact and action. The Forum aimed to inspire action and lay down a strong foundation for further sustained impact.

> The closing remarks were delivered by the Deputy Secretary General and conveyed that KAICIID will be reconvening similar platforms at regional and global levels to report back on our joint achievements. The forum included meetings with high-level religious leaders and stakeholders (see Annex below), facilitating valuable exchanges and collaborations.

> Among many others, the Secretary General met with Board nominees during the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, some of which had prominent roles during the event, including His Virtue Prof. Dr. Allahshukur Pashazade, who delivered a speech at the opening ceremony, and Fr. Laurent Basanese, who participated in the panel "Building Inclusive Cities: Addressing Urbanization, Migration, and Gender Inequality". Other Board nominees, including H.Em. Metropolitan Emmanuel, the Rev. Rana Khan, and H.E. Sheikh Muhammad bin Abdul Wahed Abdullah Al-Arifi were also present during the event.



## Bilateral Meetings and Local Outreach:

## Bilateral Meeting with the Ambassador of Azerbaijan:

On 18 April 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi had the honour of hosting a bilateral meeting at the KAICIID headquarters with H.E. Mr. Ilgar Mukhtarov, the esteemed Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the Portuguese Republic and the Vatican. This meeting served as a platform to discuss mutual interests and strengthen the ties between our respective institutions.

## Participation in the Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize:

On 21 May 2024, the leadership attended the prestigious Award Ceremony of the North-South Prize of the Council of Europe, held at the Portuguese Parliament. The event was presided over by H.E. President of the Republic, Prof. Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa, marking the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. On the sidelines of this event, H.E. the Secretary-General engaged in fruitful discussions with several high-ranking officials:

- H.E. Ivo Scapolo, Apostolic Nuncio to the Portuguese Republic: The meeting focused on enhancing interfaith dialogue and collaboration on cultural initiatives.
- Ms. Pilar Morales, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe: Discussions revolved around the role of the North-South Centre in promoting dialogue and cooperation between Europe and neighboring regions.
- Ambassador Rui Vinhas, Political Director at the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs: The conversation emphasized strengthening diplomatic relations and exploring new avenues for cooperation.
- H.E. Paulo Rangel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Portugal: Key topics included bilateral relations, regional security, and cultural exchange programs.
- H.E. Saad Aqoub, Ambassador of the State of Libya to the Portuguese Republic: The meeting addressed the current situation in Libya and opportunities for support and collaboration.



















# Highlights from the Office of the Deputy Secretary General

The Deputy Secretary General has led several strategic outreach missions, engaging with key stakeholders to explore collaboration opportunities and reinforce KAICIID's commitment to fostering global partnerships.

Strategic Outreach Missions: On 2-3 May 2024, KAICIID supported for the second consecutive year the IV Edition Mafra Dialogues on "Strategic Dialogues and Peace Diplomacy" organised by the Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean (IPDAL) and co-sponsored by KAICIID, the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD) and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in Portugal. Ambassador Almeida-Ribeiro delivered remarks at the opening session on behalf of H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi at the 4th edition of the unique and only conference in Portugal dedicated to strategic dialogues and

peace diplomacy. This year's edition focused on interreligious dialogue and public diplomacy.

At the close of the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, Amb. António de Almeida Ribeiro was honoured to deliver the closing remarks on behalf of Dr. Zuhair Alharthi, Secretary General.

The speech emphasized the importance of fostering international dialogue and cooperation, expressing gratitude to all participants, speakers, and organizers for their invaluable contributions. He summarized the key discussions and innovative ideas that emerged from the forum, highlighting the collective effort to address global challenges. Amb. António reaffirmed KAICIID's commitment to promoting inclusive and respectful conversations worldwide and emphasized the need for continued dialogue in building a peaceful and resilient future.

### **Governing Bodies**

The Governing Bodies focused on strategic planning and board appointments this quarter.

### **Strategic Plan and Board Appointments:** Strategic Plan 2024-2028:

On 20 May 2024

A revised version of the Strategic Plan was submitted for the Council of Parties' endorsement.

### **Board of Directors:**

On 27 May 2024,

New Board members were appointed, with a virtual onboarding session scheduled for 11 July to initiate their roles.

### **External Relations and Partnerships**

The Centre's External Relations and Partnerships unit has strengthened global collaborations through various initiatives, including maintaining active MoUs, engaging in high-level meetings, and hosting significant events like the Women's Voices Webinar.

The Unit has remained consistent in its external relations and partnerships orientation, by building and strengthening collaboration with key intergovernmental organizations (IGOs), international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), faith-based organizations (FBOs) and international networks and platforms. Building on the regional focus of KAICIID's Programmes, partnerships have been strengthened at the regional level in the Africa, Arab, Asia and Europe regions.

These efforts highlight KAICIID's dedication to fostering international cooperation and promoting sustainable development.

### **Strengthening Global Collaborations:**



Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs): Cooperation frameworks: Formal cooperation with various international governmental organizations, international non-governmental national authorities.. Notably, a new MoU with Arigatou International Foundation. the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) was submitted to the Council of Parties for endorsement on 26 June 2024.



**<u>License Agreement</u>**: One license agreement for the purpose of an online course on Faith and Cities with the United Nations Environment Programme.



The Centre currently holds 13 valid MoUs frameworks have been negotiated and endorsed, pending signature with three (3) entities namely, African Union, International organizations, educational institutions, and Center for Law and Religious Studies and



**Grant Schemes:** The Dialoque 360 beneficiaries supported 25 in demonstrating our commitment to regional programmes.

### **Engagement with External Networks** and Platforms of which KAICIID is an institutional member:

On 28 May 2024, KAICIID attended an online Network for <u>Religious and Traditional</u> Peacemakers Steering Group working luncheon which was held at the principal level. The meeting was hosted by the Finnish Ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Elina Kalkku in New York City. The attendees included the Principals of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Finland, United Nations Mediation Support Unit, Finn Church Aid, KAICIID, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, United Nations Women, United Nations Development Program, United Nations Population Fund, and United Nations Office for the Prevention of Genocide. The purpose of this annual in-person principal meeting was to review the 2023 initiatives and achievements of the Peacemakers Network and to reflect on the 10-year celebration held in Helsinki in October 2023. Further, the meeting discussed the implementation progress of the Peacemakers Network 2020-2025 strategy.

In May 2024, KAICIID joined the Working Group on Multilateralism and Global Governance of the Multifaith Advisory Council to the UN Interagency Taskforce on religion and Sustainable Development (IATF-MFAC), where KAICIID has been a member since 2018. The purpose of the Working Group is to identify opportunities for 2024 IATF-MFAC's engagement considering the main UN process on Sustainable Development foreseen for this year. Through the engagement in the Working Group, the Centre has been contributing to the development of activities that will give voice to faith-based actors and inform the UN about their vision, goals and proposals ahead of the Summit and regarding the Outcome Document, a Pact for the Future. Two events will be implemented until the end of the year. The first briefing will be held in July during the High-Level Political Forum in New York, at the Bahá'í International Community's United Nations Office. The second event, the Kofi Annan Faith Briefing, is foreseen for mid-October.

As member of the Steering Group of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development, KAICIID has been

engaged in planning PaRD's Annual Forum to be held in Brasilia in August 2024 along with the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20).

Women's Voices Webinar: On 17 April 2024, KAICIID's E-Learning Programme in collaboration with the External Relations and Partnerships section, hosted the first 2024 Women's Voices Webinar Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality: Transforming Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable economic solutions for all. The online session explored innovative examples and success stories of supporting gender equality and sustainable development through interreligious and intercultural dialogue grassroots initiatives initiated by KAICIID Fellows and members of its Network4Dialogue. It highlighted issues requiring collaborative action and explored the intersectionality of loss and damage, climate financing, gender funding, youth empowerment, and hunger alleviation within the broader context of faith-based initiatives and sustainable development. The webinar was attended by 38 participants from diverse backgrounds and regions comprising 28 audience attendees, 6 speakers (moderators and panellists) from PaRD, KAICIID and Network4Dialogue members. The 38 participants represented 7 religions, joining from 23 countries in 11 regions around the world. The audience had a strong female presence (68%) and came from varying sectors (civil society, educational institutions, international organizations, religious institutions and faithbased organizations).

Blending traditional format with a workshop approach, the online event was the first step of two. Following presentations, panellists and moderators joined the audience in four breakout rooms to formulate a set of recommendations for joint action, each group guided by one of four key themes. Those recommendations will inform a follow-up online meeting aiming to translate the ideas into global action. This meeting, being planned for Q3 will be organised in collaboration with PaRD - International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development, and in the context of the Centre's co-leading role in the Gender Equality and Women Empowerment workstream.



The KAICIID Operations Division is dedicated asset management, advanced computing This division lead strategic initiatives, including the deployment of a new asset management database, a phased rollout of modern computing devices, and the implementation of PhishTitan to safeguard against phishing attacks. Additionally, the division supported the organization's mission through effective event management, strategic rebranding efforts with the new logo, and the development of grant management training programmes. By continuously updating policies and procedures, the Operations Division ensures that KAICIID remains a leader in fostering global dialogue and understanding.

**Implementation of Comprehensive Asset Database:** To ensure efficient and streamlined operations, KAICIID has established a comprehensive asset management database for tracking all furniture, vehicles, and other

The KAICIID Operations Division is dedicated to enhancing the operational efficiency and security of the organization. This quarter the Operations Division focused on comprehensive asset management, advanced computing solutions, and robust cybersecurity measures. This division lead strategic initiatives, including assets. By consolidating all asset information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, condition, and maintenance information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, condition, and maintenance information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, and maintenance information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, condition, and maintenance information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, condition, and maintenance information into a single, centralised database, KAICIID will be able to track and manage assets more effectively, including location, condition, and maintenance information and replacement school and the condition in the condition of the condition and the condition

Computing Upgrades: The Technology Unit has started a pilot aimed at replacing the legacy computing devices used by staff members. Many of these devices date back to the founding of the Centre and are no longer serviceable. Moreover, enhancements to digital tools employed by the Centre necessitate compatible systems to ensure efficient operation. Following the pilot phase, additional units will be acquired and gradually deployed to staff members throughout the Centre. This phased rollout will ensure a smooth transition and maximise the impact of our technology investments.

**Cyber Security Enhancements:** The increased prominence and visibility of the Centre has resulted in a corresponding increase in spam and phishing incidents. Consequently, we have

enhanced our cybersecurity by implementing PhishTitan, an Al-powered phishing prevention tool. This advanced solution has significantly improved our spam and mail handling capabilities, reducing the risk of phishing attacks and enhancing overall email security. The tool has allowed Technology Unit to streamline operations while safeguarding our digital assets against evolving threats.

## Introduction of KAICIID's New Logo Official Logo

### **Logo Transition:**

KAICIID is pleased to announce the introduction of its new official logo. This change is a result of a strategic rebranding initiative aimed at reflecting the organization's mission, values, while preserving the core visual assets of the Centre. The rollout of the new logo will be phased, ensuring a smooth transition across all KAICIID platforms and materials:



<u>Digital Platforms</u>: Updating the logo on the KAICIID website, social media profiles, and digital communication materials.



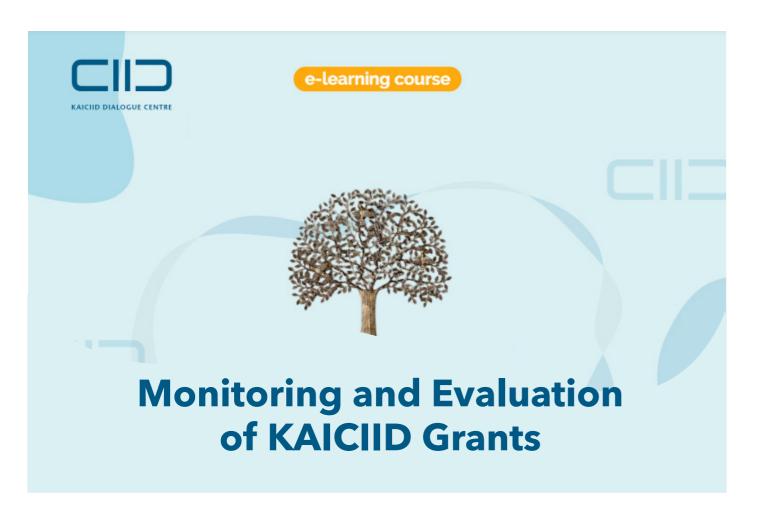
<u>Print Materials</u>: Redesigning all printed materials, including brochures, business cards, and official documents, to incorporate the new logo.



<u>Physical Presence</u>: Replacing the old logo with the new one at the Centre's premises, including office signage, flags, and promotional banners.

Strengthening effectiveness of KAICIID grant management: The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit developed an e-learning course on Monitoring and Evaluating KAICIID grants which will be launched this summer. The course aims to strengthen monitoring and evaluation capacities of KAICIID staff and partners engaged through grant schemes. It provides an overview of KAICIID's approach to grant management and set of methodologies and practical tools and tips. After completion of the course, participants are expected to have sufficient knowledge and skills to design monitoring and evaluation frameworks, collect data on project performance and results and report on transformative impacts of dialogue. The course entails two modules, followed by quizzes, tests and a repository of useful templates. In addition to e-learning courses, The Monitoring and Evaluation Unit delivered live webinars and Q&A sessions to KAICIID partners and those applying for grants.

**Continued Policy Evolution: Towards Modern Management**: The Operations Division has concluded a comprehensive review of the Staff Regulations and Staff Rules as well as numerous Staff Policies and the Code of Conduct. The documents are currently undergoing internal approvals. A key element of the review is linked to the measurement and assessment of Staff Performance at the Centre with an aim placed on linking this process with the overall KPI framework for the Centre and its activities (which has been delivered by the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit). Lastly, the Centre has also undertaken an update to the structure and formatting of Policy Documents, to ensure that they are aligned and consistent.



### Highlights from Events Management Services. Engagement and Collaboration

The second quarter of 2024 has been a period of vibrant activity and meaningful engagement for the Events Management Services (EMS) Unit at KAICIID. The EMS team played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful execution of various key events. both in-person and online events, showcasing KAICIID's commitment to fostering dialogue, learning, and collaboration across various topics and regions.

Below is a brief overview of the major events and the logistical highlights:

### **In-person Events:**

14-16 May 2024, Global KAICIID Dialogue Forum, Lisbon, Portugal: Invitation management, registration, guest management, visa support, accommodation in 3 hotels, transportation, conference venue EMSA, AudioVideo (AV) technology, interpretation, venue branding, stage production, live streaming, security, catering, conference support staff, evening reception Palacio Ajuda, health and safety, insurances.

KAICIID Events was responsible for the guest management of over 120 attendees from more than 36 different countries.

The Forum featured 50 speakers, whose interventions in the main plenary hall were available in 3 languages, with real-time interpretation services provided.

97.8% of attendees who submitted the evaluation form rated the organizational aspects of the conference as 'outstanding' or 'good'.

23-24 May, Network 4 Dialogue 5th Anniversary Conference, Palermo, Sicily: Guest management, accommodation, transportation, meals, meeting venues, AV, site visits, evening reception.

**05-07 June, KAICIID Staff Retreat, Obidos, Portugal:** Team-building activities, sports olympics, cultural activity, accommodation, transportation, meals, award ceremony.

17-23 June, Second Training KIFP Latin American Cohort, Sao Paolo, Brazil: Guest management, visa support, accommodation, transportation, meals, meeting venues, AV, interpretation, site visits.

21-27 June, Second Training KIFP Latin International Cohort, Bangkok, Thailand: Guest management, visa support, accommodation, transportation, meals, meeting venues, AV, interpretation, site visits.

#### **Online Events:**

03 June, Webinar "Measuring results in peacebuilding programmes": Arabic/English interpretation.

### Global KAICIID Dialogue Forum, Lisbon, Portugal:





3 hotels





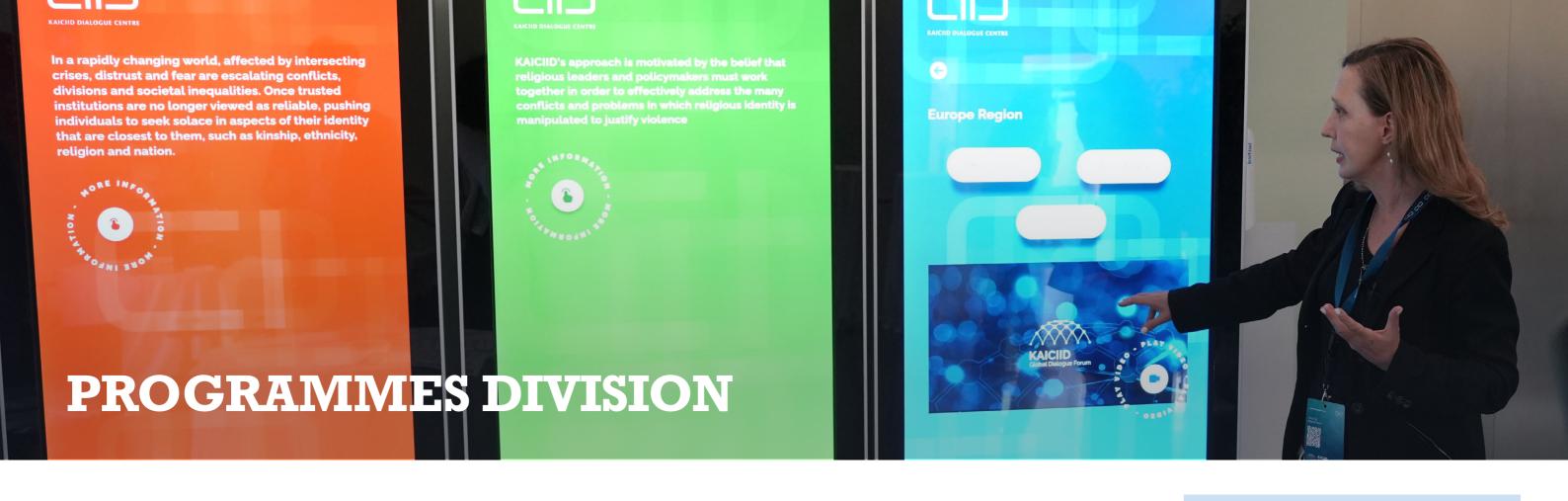
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Visa support



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The Programmes Division of KAICIID plays a pivotal role in advancing the Centre's mission of promoting dialogue and fostering peace across different regions of the world. Through strategic planning, efficient resource management, and dynamic project implementation, the division ensures the successful execution of KAICIID's initiatives globally. By collaborating with various stakeholders, including religious leaders, policymakers, and community organizations, the Programmes Division effectively addresses global challenges related to peace, inclusivity, and sustainability. Its efforts are instrumental in positioning KAICIID as a leader in interreligious and intercultural dialogue, thereby contributing to a more harmonious and peaceful world.

During the second quarter, the Programmes Division made significant strides in promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue across various regions. Through strategic events, impactful projects, and extensive training programmes, the division has successfully advanced KAICIID's mission, contributing to global peace and harmony. The detailed achievements and metrics outlined in this report highlight the division's crucial role in addressing global challenges and fostering a more inclusive world.



The KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, held in Lisbon on 14-16 May 2024 was a landmark event to foster peace, inclusivity and environmental sustainability through transformative dialogue.

It was attended by 120 global leaders from 36 countries around the world. A quarter of the participants were women and a total of eight different religions and faiths took part in the deliberations, including representatives from Bahai, Buddhism, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Mormon, Muslim and Sikh.

The Forum showcased KAICIID's convening power of bringing decision-makers and religious actors in a shared space: one-third of attendees were policymakers, followed by faith-based organizations (24%) and religious leaders (17%).

The KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum 2024 successfully highlighted the importance of transformative dialogue in promoting human dignity and addressing global challenges. Through the focused themes of peacebuilding, inclusive cities, and sacred ecology, the forum underscored the critical role of religious leaders and interfaith dialogue in fostering a more harmonious, inclusive, and sustainable world.

H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi's unwavering support in shaping and leading the Forum was instrumental in fostering a collaborative spirit, emphasising the shared responsibility towards future generations and positioning KAICIID in areas that are globally and locally critical.

The Forum's success lay in its ability to bring together and build synergies among diverse stakeholders, by creating spaces for their voices and perspectives to be heard and creating a platform for meaningful dialogue and actionable insights.

The Global Imperative on Human Dignity showcases KAICIID's commitment to the ethical demand to work along with partners in areas of common concern through transformative dialogue.

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The Mafra Dialogues, held at the Mafra National Palace on 2-3 May 2024, brought together academics, professionals, and leaders to discuss solutions to current conflicts and prevent future ones. This event emphasised the importance of peace, diplomacy and dialogue. Key discussions included the significance of Muslim-Jewish relations in Europe and successful interreligious dialogue endeavors in Africa. The event saw the participation of 60 representatives from various sectors, including African and Latin American embassies, international organizations, and local media.

During the last two consecutive years, KAICIID and Institute for the Promotion of Latin America and the Caribbean (IPDAL) partnered in the organisation of the Mafra Dialogues. The event, organised on a yearly basis, is a public diplomacy encounter aimed at discussing key global challenges related to peace and security. Imbued with the civic spirit and ethical conscience of Dag Hammarskjold, Mafra Dialogues is committed to Peace Diplomacy and Dialogues as the only way to overcome our differences.





In his opening remarks, Ambassador António de Almeida-Ribeiro mentioned the importance of the cooperation with IPDAL and the Camara Municipal da Mafra for KAICIID. Ambassador Almeida-Ribeiro highlighted how polarisation and intolerance are increasing in the global arena. Antonio stressed KAICIID's mandate and and mission globally continues to be extremely relevant; the current divisions and wars in modern society are a clear indicator that more should be invested in the promotion of dialogue and interreligious dialogue

For this year's 4th edition, KAICIID sponsored the participation of Rabbi Schlomo Hofmeister from the MJLC and Imam Antonio de Diego Gonzales from EuLeMa, to speak about the importance of dialogue in ensuring proper Muslim-Jewish relations in Europe. The panel was moderated by KAICIID Programme Officer for Europe, Mr. Tim Mortimer.

The event brought together around 60 representatives of African and Latin American Embassies, representatives of international organizations and NGOs and representatives of local media.





Ethics Education Fellowship, held on 23-25 April 2024, the 'Convening of Champions' meeting and closing of the pilot phase marked a significant milestone in the Ethics Education Fellowship collaboration. The gathering was attended by 70 participants from 17 countries, including senior representatives from Ministries of Education, UNESCO offices, partner organizations, as well as religious leaders.

Held in Abu Dhabi, UAE, the meeting was cohosted by the Muslim Council of Elders and the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, together with Arigatou International, Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace, KAICIID and UNESCO.

The meeting explored the Ethics Education Fellowship programme's transformative impact on children, teachers and the community. Launched in 2022 with the engagement of the Ministries of Education of Bangladesh, Indonesia, Kenya, Mauritius, Nepal and Seychelles, the programme sought to contribute to global citizenship and to build inclusive and peaceful societies.

The project involved 33 officials from the six ministries of education, reaching 324 teachers and benefiting 8,034 children and youth. During the meeting, the Ministries showcased the excellent results of the programme, discussed challenges and opportunities, explored its scalability and sustainability at the national level and looked into potential collaborations with diverse partners for 2024.







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### **Africa Region Programme**

### **Highlights from Nigeria:**

During this period, the team finalised phase 1 of the pilot project on the establishment of mechanism monitoring freedom of religion and belief (FoRB) in Northern and Southern Nigeria in collaboration with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and faith-based organizations The Kukah Centre (TKC) and Nasrul-Lahi-il Fathi Society of Nigeria (NASFAT). The project commenced in 2023, where 6 selected states (Sokoto, Osun, Edo, Kano, Plateau and Ebonyi) were targeted with a primary focus of assessing violations of FoRB among minority religious groups suffering high levels of religious discrimination.

The findings revealed the underlying ideology of dominance of a religious majority over the minority in most states. This is enforced through violent and non-violent means intended to hinder/deny/obstruct the practice and opportunities of minority groups to

- 1. access social services and amenities and equal education opportunities;
- 2. rights to worship through the construction of religious sites and religious attire;
- 3. representation in governance, leadership and decision-making spheres among others.

#### **Impact:**

During the second quarter the team continued providing support to 12 Interfaith Dialogue Units to serve as early warning and early response mechanisms in monitoring, reporting and addressing conflict at the state level.

The team also continued its support to the Pigba Primary School in IDP Camp providing interfaith education and mentorship to over 200 school students and capacity development of 5 teachers in the school•

Engaged in the preparation for the 5th Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP). Following the Kaduna Peace Conference that took place in February 2024, the General Assembly is set to take place in Abuja Nigeria on 30 June where, the IDFP will conduct an election and review constitution.

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### **Highlights from the Central African Republic** (CAR):

The Network of Journalists Sensitive to Conflict (RJSC) engaged the newly elected members of the High Council of Communication (HCC), an official body of the Ministry of Communication, on the importance of preventing and addressing hate-speech. The RJSC cooperated with the HCC for multiple years in the implementation of the National Action Plan against hate speech and they worked on increasing the knowledge of the new HCC staff, in order to ensure the continuation of anti-hate speech campaigns.

The Plateforme des Confessions Religieuses de Centrafrique (PCRC) is the KAICIID supported Interfaith Platform in CAR. In light of its pivotal role in advancing peace and reconciliation in the country, the PCRC has been granted 1 spot as member of the Commission Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation. The commission is an important element of the reconciliation process of the country, and the inclusion of the platform is a clear indicator of the importance interreligious dialogue gained in CAR and the relevance of the PCRC in the country's peace process.

### **Highlights from** West Africa:

Dissemination of the report on the launch of the Regional Citizens' Dialogue Programme to key stakeholders. The report contains a compilation of the main deliberations and outcomes of the official launch of the Regional Citizen's Dialogue Programme (RCDP) for preventing and responding to Unconstitutional Changes of Government (UCGs) in West Africa. The RCDP is a pioneering initiative officially launched in Abuja, Nigeria on 28 February 2024. Its overall goal is to contribute towards safeguarding constitutional order, democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, security, and good governance, as pathways to the achievement of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) vision 2050, and aspirations of the African Union (AU) Silencing the Guns by 2030 initiative, the AU Agenda 2063, and the UN SDGs. RCDP is designed to help foster a participatory governance environment where citizens are engaged in dialogue to prevent UCG.

### **Arab Region Programme**

### **Highlights from Dialogue360 Initiative:**

After the launch of the Dialogue 360 project at the end of March 2024, 25 bilateral meetings were organised with all the partners to coordinate and explain the implementation phase. All partners have started the implementation, and the progress rate varies between 25% and 70% based on the duration of the initiatives. So far, around 600 have benefitted from 50 training sessions on dialogue, peacebuilding, artistic creation, podcast design and production, and hate speech. The beneficiaries include migrant children and schoolteachers in Mauritania, school children in Tunisia, journalists and media students in Jordan and Palestine, women leaders of organizations in Morocco, and young people active in civil society in Morocco, Lebanon and Egypt. In addition, about 10 discussion sessions took place, that enclosed religious leaders in Egypt, Yemen, Somalia, and Iraq.

In Yemen, a policy paper about the role of Muslim religious leaders in social cohesion has been produced and discussed with the representatives of the Yemeni Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs.

In Somalia, 6 radio messages about countering hate speech have been broadcast on the national radio following 3 intra-Muslim round table discussions that gathered religious leaders and civil society actors.

In Iraq, in preparation for producing a research paper on the evaluation of teaching religion in the Iraqi curriculum, 10 interviews have been conducted in Al-Bashika city representing all religious spectrum and 10 focus group discussions that engaged teachers, civil society activists and representatives of the Department of Education.

In Kurdistan, one major workshop to monitor and evaluate the two critical legislative frameworks, namely, the «Law on the Management and Protection of Antiquities and Heritage in the Kurdistan Region» and «The Law for the Protection of the Rights of Components in Kurdistan-Irag» took place in the presence of the Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Culture.

In Egypt, 4 visits to sacred sites have been organised in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and Christian and Muslim religious

Moreover, as part of upgrading the knowledge and competencies of the partner organizations, 55 participants have completed the resultsbased Management course (at least 2 participants per partner) and 93 persons nominated by the partner organizations benefitted from the online capacity development organised on Initiatives' Monitoring & Evaluation, Strategies for engaging policymakers in projects, conflict analysis & resolution, and storytelling.

### The Dialogue360 project

launched in March 2024,

Facilitated 25 bilateral meetings





sessions

**600** individuals benefited from the Initiatives in Yemen, Somalia, and Iraq focused on countering hate speech and evaluating religious education. The project also involved extensive capacity building.



completing online courses.

Dialogue Journalism Fellowship (DFJ): As part of the Dialogue Journalism Fellowship programme, 30 journalists received small grants to implement Dialogue-Media initiatives aimed at enhancing interreligious and intercultural dialogue, diversity, and inclusiveness in Arab media outlets. Currently, 24 individual and joint initiatives are being implemented across 14 Arab countries. These initiatives apply the knowledge and skills obtained from training and workshops, in collaboration with religious institutions, policymakers, journalists, students, and academic media institutions. The goal is to strengthen the fellows' contributions to peace reporting at both local and national levels.

In Iraq, 80 academics and journalism students attended a workshop on the role of media in countering hate speech. This workshop was held in cooperation with "Imam Alkadhim University College" in Najaf province (particularly the Department of Media in the Faculty of Arts), and the Iragi Ministry of Youth and Sports. Additionally, five university students were awarded for their participation in a competition for producing the best videos addressing hate speech and misleading information in Iraq.

In Amman, Jordan, another significant cooperation took place with a prominent educational institution, the "Middle East University". This initiative, led by a graduated fellow who is also a professor at the university, aims to establish an interactive "Media Dialogue Club." Under the supervision of the fellow professor of journalism and media, the club aims to raise awareness among future journalists about the best way to cover news of religions, cultures, and minorities and enhance inclusiveness by presenting more humane stories. The club conducted sessions on dialogue journalism for 20 undergraduate media students and will subsequently produce news stories and reports that respect diversity in its various forms. As a result of this initiative, dialogue skills and dialogue journalism sessions have been adopted as extracurricular activities at the University.

On the aspect of strengthening the journalists' role in policy advocacy and raising awareness against hate speech in media, two policy

advocacy papers were produced focusing on hate speech in media against Syrian refugees. These papers encompass different aspects of media narratives and public discourse related to Syrian refugees in Jordan and Lebanon and provide recommendations to address this issue.

journalists, and policymakers, including religious leaders, to highlight the amount of hatred and discrimination promoted in media narratives against refugees in Lebanon and Jordan. They aim to encourage a commitment to combat hate speech and stigmatisation by defending refugees' rights and building bridges between refugees and host communities through Jordanian and Lebanese media.

The joint initiative will bring together media professionals, Syrian refugees, and policy stakeholders (NGOs, religious leaders, politicians) in two webinars to further discuss public sentiments and narratives towards Syrian refugees.

### **Dialogue Journalism Fellowship** (DFJ):

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Significant workshops and policy advocacy papers focused on countering hate speech and promoting refugee rights.

Initiatives in Iraq and Jordan demonstrated the impactful role of media in fostering dialogue and inclusivity.

### **Asia Region Programme**

During the second quarter, the Asia Programme supported the Youth in IRD/ICD Working Group in organising the first ASEAN Youth for Humanity Strategic Planning Workshop that will help explore the creation of a framework for youth The papers target media professionals, engagement through experiences, encounters and empowerment among and between young people in cities across the region. Youth in IRD/ICD Working Group emerged from the collaborative work of members of the Southeast Dialogue Cities Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand, in May 2023. Youth in IRD/ ICD Working Group is one of the three working groups (the other two are; Women in IRD and Research working groups) established to highlight the important role that IRD and ICD play in cities and to create a space for different stakeholders, including government, religious and interfaith actors and practitioners, with a special focus on women and youth, to come together regionally to explore how to improve the culture of dialogue in their respective cities.

> During this quarter the Asia Programme moved towards the finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation committing to a long-term collaboration on joint actions and activities on strengthening their collaboration on mutual understanding, tolerance, respect, peaceful coexistence, cooperation, development and a rapprochement of societies, ultimately contributing to a culture of peace.

> Additionally, the team also signed a Collaboration Agreement with de Davao University from the Philippines committing to a joint organisation of the second Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference, which will take place in Davao, the Philippines on 11-15 September 2024. The SEA Dialogue Cities Conference will draw from KAICIID's and Ateneo de Davao University's knowledge, experience and contacts and will be contextualised for the regional context and further adapted to meet the unique needs of the participants. The 2024 Conference will convene diverse actors from the following cities: Yoqyakarta, Davao, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and Bangkok.

### **Asia Region Programme**



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and finalised a Memorandum of Understanding with the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation.



This period also saw the signing of a Collaboration Agreement

## with Ateneo de **Davao University**

for the upcoming Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference.

### **Europe Region Programme**

Participation at the Fundamental Rights Forum: On 22 May in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, KAICIID provided a multitude of policymakers and human rights activists with the opportunity to meet with two young women community leaders in Warsaw and Frankfurt, one Muslim and the other Jewish. During the event, "Young Voices of Hope in Times of Division", the two women discussed how their friendship built trust and solidarity across their respective faith groups.

The event was organised by the KAICIIDsupported Muslim-Jewish Leadership Council (MJLC) - a trust-building platform gathering 23

Imams and 23 Rabbis in Europe. Approximately 60 representatives of local authorities, Muslim and Jewish communities, civil society and international organizations joined the event in the presence of the Mayor of Sarajevo, Ms. Benjamina Karić.

The event garnered significant national media attention from platforms such as N1 and Al Jazeera and marked two main achievements:

First, the launch of the second iteration of the MJLC Ambassadors' Programme, aimed at building up a network of young Muslim and Jewish European leaders, active in interfaith work in their cities with the intention of dispelling harmful stereotypes about their faiths and traditions and promoting solidarity and collaboration.

Second, the issuance of the Sarajevo Declaration, the second joint statement of the religious leaders from the MJLC Board showing how Muslim and Jewish leaders came together to cooperate across Europe at this difficult time and to condemn violence against civilians and violations of international laws. It re-affirms solidarity between Muslims and Jews in Europe, while calling on religious leaders to redouble their efforts to preserve and strengthen the freedom of expression, mutual respect and collaboration. In times of increasing divisions and polarisations, the MJLC and the Ambassadors Programme lead the way in renewing paths and spaces of trust and mutual understanding across faiths and generations, offering new insights into bringing hope and reconciliation.

Fifth Anniversary of the Network for Dialogue: On 24 May, the KAICIID-supported Network for Dialogue (N4D) celebrated the fifth anniversary of its establishment. The multicultural and multireligious city of Palermo hosted the anniversary and roundtable "Religion and Migration: Building Bridges of Inclusion across Europe". The discussion, which pooled the valuable experience of N4D members, a community of 28 faith-based and secular organizations active in 16 European countries that addresses the inclusion of refugees and migrants through interreligious and intercultural dialogue methods. The event offered the opportunity to explore why religion matters when developing and implementing

policies for the socioeconomic and cultural inclusion of refugees and migrants in European communities. Highlighting that this approach is particularly valuable towards a harmonious two-way process of mutual accommodation by all immigrants and residents in increasingly diverse European host societies.

In discussing worrying trends in the exclusion and discrimination of refugees and migrants in Europe, particularly those from religious and ethnic minorities, the 70 participants, ranging from policymakers, representatives of regional, international and civil society organizations as well as religious leaders and actors, agreed that renewed efforts are needed to foster a conducive environment where every member of the community can develop feelings of belonging, nurturing social cohesion and shared prosperity, particularly at the local level. The event concluded that religious leaders and actors have a critical role to play, a role that secular authorities should leverage more effectively. The conclusion offered the N4D members sources of reflection and inspiration to enhance their impact across Europe.





## Fifth Anniversary of the Network for Dialogue:



**28** faith-based and secular organizations active

in **16** European countries

## **Topic**

Inclusion of refugees and migrants through interreligious and intercultural dialogue methods.



## 70 participants,

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### **Europe Region Programme**

Significant events included the Fundamental Rights Forum in Sarajevo and the fifth anniversary of the Network for Dialogue in Palermo. These events focused on building bridges of inclusion and fostering social cohesion among refugees and migrants in Europe. The launch of the MJLC Ambassadors' Programme further strengthened interfaith collaboration.

## KAICIID International Fellows Programme (KIFP)

At the end of June, the two Fellows' cohorts met for their second training. The 14 fellows of the Latin American cohort met 17-23 June in Sao Paulo, Brazil, while the 16 fellows of the International cohort also met 21-27 June in Bangkok, Thailand. In total 30 Fellows from 24 Countries received training.

The second training was marked by a focus on the intersectionality between interreligious and intercultural dialogue and developing the practical skills necessary for planning and facilitating effective real-world dialogue, and experiential learning through the use of religious site visits as a pedagogical tool, achieved through a series of organised visits and presentations from local religious communities.

Plans are currently underway for the tenth anniversary of the Fellows Programme which will be initiated in 2024 and will continue into 2025, engaging alumni from around the world in a process of reflection and visioning for the next decade of the Fellowship.



### **KAICIID Fellows Programme**



The Fellows Programme saw its cohorts meeting in Brazil and Thailand for training focused on interreligious dialogue and practical skills development.



The upcoming tenth anniversary of the programme will engage alumni worldwide in a visioning process for the next decade.







### **E-Learning Programme**

### **E-Learning Courses:**

KAICIID E-Learning Unit convened 15 facilitated/instructor-led E-learning courses/cohorts (1-2 months long), 5 Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and a series of short self-paced online courses training in total over 552 participants (56% Male and 44% Female) from 73 countries globally.

### **Highlights:**

A course developed for The United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Faith for Earth programme, which incorporated KAICIID offered e-learning courses, for example the 'Faith, Environment and Climate Change', as a component/extension of their existing training programmes educational curriculum, as an extension of their existing training programmes educational curriculum. Participants included, 22 members of the Faith for Earth Youth Council and 9 Faith for Earth interns.

KAICIID completed its first moderated/instructor-led, e-learning course on "Engaging Faith Partners to Support Implementation of the SDGs" for school teachers in Kenya. The online Graduation ceremony was held on 25 April 2024, celebrating the achievements of 30 teachers who completed the course and are currently they organising events in their schools to introduce SDGs into their lesson plans and to strengthen their partnerships with faith actors and interreligious institutions. This collaboration will continue in Q3 2024 by request, hosting another teacher group of 81 participants from Kenya.



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Training over **552** 

participants globally. Highlights included a course for the UNEP Faith for Earth programme and a virtual graduation ceremony for teachers in Kenya.

#### Webinars:

KAICIID hosted two public webinars, "Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality: Transforming Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable EconomicSolutionsforAl,."and"ClimateChange and the Importance of Indigenous Knowledge: Shared Humanity for Transformative Action - A Bridge to Brazil." The first webinars focused on incorporating women's perspectives into the global development agenda. The event saw 38 participants from 23 countries, representing seven religions, with a 68% female audience. The recommendations from the event will be shared in a follow-up high-level webinar in August 2024. The second underscored the importance of Indigenous perspectives in climate action. This webinar attracted 47 participants from 28 countries and 8 religions, achieving near gender balance. All KAICIID thematic webinars are video recorded, stored and accessible on the KAIICID website as well as on the KAICIID YouTube Channel. (See the link <a href="https://www.kaiciid.org/events/webinars">https://www.kaiciid.org/events/webinars</a>)

### **Capacity Building Programme**

Consultations are taking place within the Programmes Division to better understand collective and individual training requirements of staff. Currently, a gender mainstreaming for programme design is being planned for the second half of 2024. Additionally, a pilot social media campaign is being developed for late 2024 with the World Organization of the Scout Movement focusing on the protection of sacred sites, integrating KAICIID's fellows in Latin America and Southeast Asia.







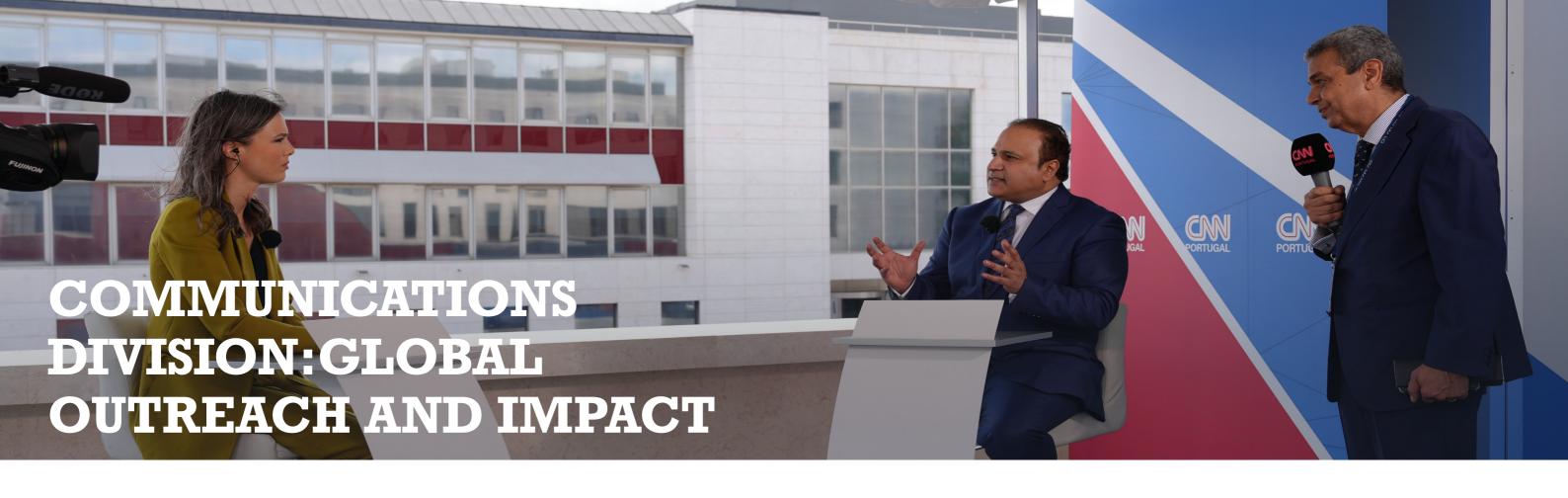


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The second quarter of 2024 has been a period articles, guizzes, polls, graphic design, and rich of remarkable media and digital engagements for KAICIID, driven by the dedicated efforts of the Communications Division. This quarter's highlight was the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, which brought together world leaders, presidents, and religious leaders to discuss and promote peace, sustainability, and human dignity. The event significantly bolstered our media presence and reinforced our mission across various platforms globally. Our strategic outreach efforts have engaged a broad audience, driving awareness and support for KAICIID's initiatives.

### **KAICIID Digital Presence**

In the second quarter of 2024, KAICIID's Digital Team focused extensive efforts on launching an awareness and engagement-mobilising campaign around the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum (KGDF). Starting from early April and throughout the three months, the digital team published over 1,500 posts on the theme of the Forum, apart from other programmatic coverage. The team invested significant efforts in diversifying the format of the social media content, with a variety of storytelling, video,

imagery pieces to engage our audience to participate in the Forum.

These substantial efforts have paid off in terms of audience engagement, the team was successful in reaching over 4 million views on the KGDF social media posts. In comparison with last year's campaign around the World Youth Day (which already saw exceptionally strong engagement due to the meeting between H.H. Pope Francis and H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi), we published 10x more social media posts and earned a remarkable 33x more post views (+3200%) in the KGDF campaign. We were especially effective in engaging our international English-speaking audience, which contributed to over 80% of all views and engagements of the KGDF campaign.

The documentary video of the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, produced by the Multimedia Unit and powered by an intensive digital promotion campaign, was instrumental in securing almost 2 million views across English and Arabic social media channels. Ahead of the Forum, the team also organised an email marketing campaign that reached over 4,000 people and contributed to over 25% of the Forum's online audience. To ensure that our audience had multiple opportunities to attend the Forum, the digital team:

- Oversaw the deployment of the Forum's official landing page to facilitate registrations and online promotion of the event;
- Coordinated the collaboration with the Interactio platform that allowed our audience to watch the live transmission of the Forum with interpretation in three languages (English, Arabic, and Portuguese);
- Deployed live streaming of the Forum on the YouTube platform, which contributed to over 1,400 real-time viewers.

On English-language social media channels, the team continued its robust commitment to provide a comprehensive and diverse representation of the Centre's work across our leadership engagements, programmes, partnerships, and other initiatives and events. In O2 2024, a total of 864 posts were published, marking a 45% increase from the same period last year and scoring an impressive 4.1 million post views from our audience. We also welcomed an increase of 3,700 new followers, expanding our English-speaking audience to almost 174,000 across our four channels.

KAICIID's Arabic channels maintained a solid base of 80,000 followers, publishing 531 posts and scored an impressive 700,000 views from KAICIID's audience, marking a 350% growth from the previous quarter. KAICIID's Arabic Twitter handle, @kaiciidar, also saw substantial growth in engagement. There were 1.46K mentions of @kaiciidar, representing an increase of 163% compared to the previous period. The most active locations for these mentions were Saudi Arabia and our hosting country, Portugal. This significant rise in Twitter engagement indicates a growing interest and active participation in KAICIID's initiatives and dialogues on social media, further amplifying our message and outreach. The increase in media mentions and social media engagement highlights KAICIID's expanding influence and the effective dissemination of our mission and programmes.

The notable presence in key countries within the Arab region reflects the successful efforts in fostering interreligious and intercultural dialogue, enhancing KAICIID's role as a pivotal player in promoting peace and understanding globally. These achievements underscore the importance of sustained efforts in media

engagement and social media strategies to maintain and further elevate KAICIID's visibility and impact in the Arab region and beyond.

Additionally, these results highlight the significant and growing interest in KAICIID's initiatives, demonstrating the strong performance of our digital channels. By employing an effective communication and engagement strategy, we are consistently amplifying the Centre's messages and increasing awareness of our work among a broader audience.

### **MULTIMEDIA OUTPUTS**

In the second quarter of 2024, the Multimedia Unitat KAICIID significantly enhanced the organization's visibility and impact through compelling visual storytelling. The Unit's dedicated efforts in training, video production, event documentation, and strategic support have played a crucial role in enhancing the organization's visibility and impact.



Enhanced Visibility: The visual storytelling and multimedia productions have significantly increased KAICIID's visibility among stakeholders, partners, and the broader public.



Multilingual Accessibility: Subtitling key videos in Arabic and producing multilingual event guides have expanded the Centre's reach and accessibility, allowing a wider audience to engage with our content.



Comprehensive Event Documentation:

Extensive event documentation efforts ensure that KAICIID's initiatives and milestones are effectively captured and communicated, supporting the organization's strategic objectives. By providing high-quality visual content for media outlets and internal use, the Multimedia Unit have supported KAICIID's strategic communication efforts, enhancing the overall impact of **High-Level** the organization's work.

Below are the key achievements and contributions, emphasising the extensive multimedia production and support provided to KAICIID's events, programmes, and strategic initiatives.

Training and Outreach: Conducted online training sessions for Fellows of the Latin and International cohorts in English and Spanish, focusing on visual storytelling and interreligious dialogue. Received very positive feedback from participants, highlighting the effectiveness of KAICIID's training methods and content.

### **Video Editing and Production:**

Event walkthroughs and subtitled videos: Produced walkthrough videos showcasing flagship event venues, which were instrumental for leadership and vendors. Created an Arabic subtitled version of the 50-minute «KAICIID in 2023» video, broadening our outreach to Arabicspeaking audiences.

Mafra Dialogue Event Documentation: Comprehensive photo and video documentation of the Mafra Dialogue event. Provided visual content to media outlets such as RTP and CNN, enhancing coverage of KAICIID Women and the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum (KGDF).

<u>Dedicated Coverage for Spanish TV: Produced</u> dedicated video coverage of the KGDF for the Spanish TV programme «Medina en TVE,» showcasing our initiatives to a broader Spanishspeaking audience.

### Script Development and Video Editing:

Developed 28 scripts for various KAICIID videos, including those for the KGDF and social media campaigns.

Edited 41 videos encompassing productions for the Network for Dialogue 5th Anniversary, Ethics Education Programme, KAICIID Knowledge Hub, and KGDF opening sessions.

Produced various videos documenting the KGDF, including a 5-minute short video with an Arabic version, a 15-minute video, and a 9-hour edit of the full event live stream.

Meeting **Documentation:** 

Documented high-level meetings with the Ambassador of Azerbaijan and the Secretary General's attendance at the North South Prize Award Ceremony of the Council of Europe. Ensured these significant interactions were visually captured for historical and promotional purposes.

**Pre-Event Production - Speech Recordings** and Event Guides: Recorded speeches of the Spokesperson and Chief of Programmes rate with over 2,000 online views and 500 printed for KAICIID global events. Produced an Arabic version of the KGDF CNN promo. Developed event voice guides in English and Arabic for the KGDF, facilitating smooth communication and engagement during events.

### **Event Coverage - Photography** and Videography:

Documented the EuLeMa Workshop in Brussels and the Network for Dialogue 5th Anniversary event in Palermo.

Provided comprehensive coverage of the Fellows 2nd Training in Sao Paulo and Bangkok, including the Latin and International cohorts over three days.

Documented the staff retreat through photo documentation and conducted in-depth interviews with prominent guests of the KGDF for Multimedia productions.

Contracted six photographers and six videographers for KAICIID's global events, resulting in approximately 5000 photos and 3000 videos captured.

### **PUBLICATIONS OUTPUTS**

The Publications Unit has effectively contributed to enhancing KAICIID's outreach and engagement through meticulous planning, execution, and collaboration. These efforts have not only improved the quality and consistency of KAICIID's publications but also ensured that key messages and achievements are communicated effectively to a global audience. The impact of these initiatives is evident in the increased engagement and positive feedback from stakeholders. Below is a detailed account of the achievements and impacts.

2023 Annual Report: Completion and distribution of the 2023 Annual Report, showcasing KAICIID's key achievements both visually and textually, was finalised and published. This crucial document was made available online and in print, ensuring wide dissemination at the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum and future

keynote events. Engagement Metrics: Following its release, the report has seen a high engagement copies distributed to stakeholders, enhancing awareness of KAICIID's initiatives.

KAICIID Factsheet: Update and publication of the English version of the KAICIID Factsheet, providing the most current information about the organization's activities and impact. The update process for the Factsheet in other Community of Practice (CoP) languages and Portuguese was initiated, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for a broader audience.

Support for the Global Dialogue Forum: Played an advisory role to the Programme Division (PROD) on the presentation of various publications, including the pivotal «Catalysing Change for Transformative Peace: KAICIID's Transformative Dialogue Approach» booklet. This guidance ensured that all materials presented were consistent, professional, and impactful, contributing to the overall success of the Forum.

Network for Dialogue Booklet: Assisted in the update of the Network for Dialogue booklet, which was a key highlight of the five-year anniversary event in May. This updated booklet has reached over 1,000 participants, reinforcing KAICIID's commitment to dialogue and peace.

Logo Consistency and Brand Integrity: Collaborated with other Communications Division colleagues to advise on the organizational logo updates. This effort focused on maintaining consistency and correct usage according to the established guidelines. Ensuring a unified visual identity has strengthened brand integrity and recognition across all KAICIID communications.

Future Publications Planning: Engaged in strategic discussions with the Programmes Department regarding upcoming publications for the remainder of 2024 and Q1 of 2025. One of the notable future projects includes preparations for the 10-year anniversary of the Fellows Programme, aimed at celebrating a decade of impactful work.

### **KAICIID MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS**

The Media Unit has played a pivotal role in amplifying KAICIID's message and initiatives through strategic media engagements. Our efforts have not only enhanced visibility but also fostered a positive narrative around KAICIID's mission and activities. The division's proactive approach to media relations and content dissemination has been instrumental in achieving this level of engagement and impact.

### **Key Highlights:**

Media Mentions: Globally, during this second quarter KAICIID's media presence has been significantly bolstered with a total of 952 media mentions across various online news outlets. This marks a 351% increase compared to the previous period, showcasing the effective strategies employed by the Communications Division. This increase signifies a robust engagement strategy and KAICIID's growing relevance in conversations related to the understanding of intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

Top Locations: The geographical spread of media engagements spans globally, with notable concentrations in 10 prominent locations. These regions have emerged as strategic focal points aligning with KAICIID's initiatives and target outreach areas. These include the Arab region, Europe, Africa, and North America, with specific emphasis on cities like Vienna, New York, Riyadh, Abuja, and Lisbon. These geographical spread underscores the global footprint of KAICIID's initiatives and the widespread interest in our work.

Mentions Trends: An analysis of the mentions trends reveals a significant spike in media coverage during key events hosted by KAICIID, particularly the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum in Lisbon. This event garnered extensive media attention, highlighting the relevance of KAICIID's work in promoting peace and dialogue. The forum was a monumental gathering that saw participation from heads of state, high-ranking officials, and influential religious leaders, further solidifying KAICIID's role as a global leader in fostering intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

Our communications outreach specifically in the Arab region has seen expansive growth. Out of

the overall 952 media mentions, 256 were from Egypt and 211 from Saudi Arabia, highlighting our significant reach in these countries. This extensive distribution was mainly attributed to the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum, which accorded us a potential total reach that extends to millions of individuals across the Arab region. These figures are a testament to the relevance and resonance of our work in the region, reflecting our growing influence and the successful distribution of our key messages into multiple Arabic-speaking countries. Through these articles, we have been able to share insights, stories, and developments from KAICIID, thereby greatly enhancing our visibility and the understanding of our mission within the Arab region.

KAICIID News Articles Distribution in the Arab region: KAICIID has achieved a significant increase in its visibility across the Arabic-speaking world. A total of 708 mentions of KAICIID were recorded in the Arabic news, published across more than 15 countries in the Arab region. This marks a remarkable 345% increase compared to the previous period. The countries where these mentions were recorded include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, United Arab Emirates, Morocco, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon, among others. These mentions had a potential total audience reach of 247,586,412, showcasing the extensive impact and growing recognition of KAICIID's efforts in promoting dialogue and understanding in the region.

KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum (KGDF) Media Coverage: The KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum received extensive media coverage, reflecting its global significance and the high level of interest in its outcomes. Key highlights include:

- CNN Portugal: Broadcasted live updates and analysis on the forum's proceedings. Featured multiple segments on the forum, including interviews with key speakers and coverage of the main sessions.
- Al Arabiya: Provided in-depth coverage in both Arabic and English, highlighting the forum's impact on intercultural and interreligious dialogue.
- Reuters: Published detailed reports and photo essays capturing the essence of the forum and its key moments.















## **Media Coverage**







### **TV Coverage:**

CNN Portugal; the official KGDF media partner broadcasted mutliple segments and live interviews, other media houses pesent included RTP, SIC, TSF, among others.

### Radio Coverage:

Rado Vaticana, Aid of the Chuch Need, Rádio Renascença among others: Coverage of key speeches from the KAICIID Forum.

#### Web/Online News:

Extensive coverage from local and international online news platforms, including BBC News, Vatican News, Azertac, News, Herald Malaysia Online, LUSA, DiariO de Noticais, Publicco, Observador, Ecclesia, 7 Margens

### **KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum** (KGDF) Media Coverage

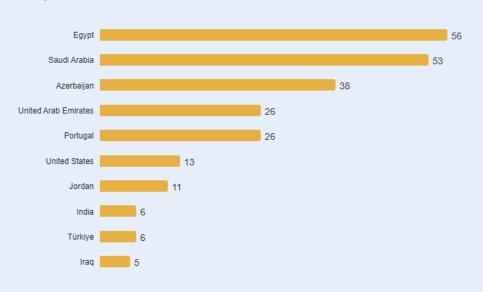


### **Pre-Event Coverage** 1 April-13 May 2024:

30 Countries

News items Languages

### **Top 10 Countries: Online News Mentions**





## **Event Coverage** 14-16 May 2024:

Countries

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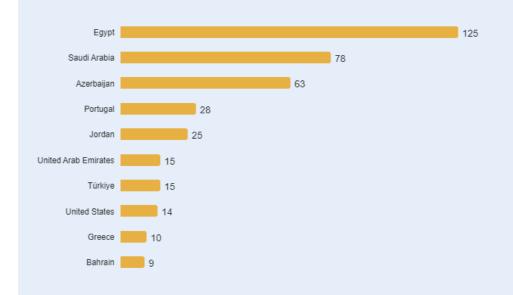
**29** 

**20** 

Media Houses Journalists

(including 22 Journalists, 2 Photographers, 5 Camera Operators)

### **Top 10 Countries: Online News Mentions**





### **Post-Event Coverage** 17 May-30 June:

35

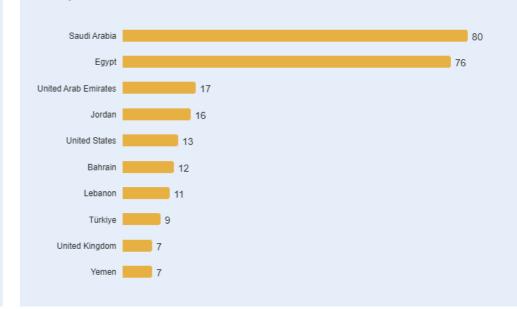
Countries

**292** 

Languages

News Items

**Top 10 Countries: Online News Mentions** 



**Overall Results Local Coverage:** 

Press Articles

Radio Segments

**1,113,675.16**Audience and Advertising Value (AAV)

11,901,660

### **Local Media Tires Clusters:**

Tier 1-3 Media Engagements:

**74** Tier 1 **5** Tier 2

**16** Tier 3

News Items

**74** Online News Articles TV Segments

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