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# LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL

**ESTEEMED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL OF PARTIES,  
DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,**

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the third quarter of 2024, it is clear that KAICIID's work continues to grow in both scope and impact: Our outreach missions, partnerships, and strategic alignment with global priorities underscore the Centre's unwavering commitment to interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

This newsletter, therefore, aims to provide you with an overview of key accomplishments, bilateral engagements, programmatic developments, and operational milestones achieved in the third quarter of 2024. From high-level missions to New York, Cairo, and Brasilia to the approval of the Strategic Plan 2024-2027, KAICIID has remained at the forefront of global efforts to foster dialogue, peace, and social cohesion.

The third quarter has been a period of substantial growth and international engagement for KAICIID. Our participation in the High-Level Political Forum at the United Nations reaffirmed our central role in promoting dialogue-driven solutions within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and furthered KAICIID's goal to become a UN General Assembly observer.

In parallel, our engagements in Cairo and Brasilia solidified and expanded KAICIID's reach into different geographic areas, bringing our message of peace and intercultural understanding to critical platforms in the Arab world and Latin America. Moreover, the approval of our Strategic Plan 2024-2027 by the Council of Parties solidifies our long-term vision for advancing dialogue across diverse regions and cultures.

Looking ahead, I am confident that KAICIID will continue to strengthen its partnerships, deepen its programmatic impact, and remain a pivotal actor in global dialogue. With the commitment of our dedicated team, the support of our partners, the engagement of religious and cultural leaders worldwide, and under the auspices of our Governing Bodies, we are well-positioned to contribute to a more peaceful and inclusive future.

Sincerely,  
**Dr. Zuhair Alharthi**  
Secretary General







# EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

## MAJOR OUTREACH MISSIONS AND HIGH-LEVEL ENGAGEMENTS

### High-Level Political Forum, New York, 14–19 July 2024

During its mission to New York (NY), KAICIID was prominently represented at the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF), where the Secretary General (SG) attended and actively participated in high-level meetings and bilateral engagements.

Noteworthy among these was the SG's participation in a special session on **"Interfaith Collaboration as a Model for Other Sectors"** on 16 July 2024. The session organised by the Multifaith Advisory Council to the UN Interagency Taskforce on Religion and Sustainable Development (MFAC-IATF) and co-hosted by KAICIID, focused on consolidating recommendations for deeper integration of religious actors into UN policy frameworks. These recommendations will be integrated into a Plan of Action that will be disseminated globally, ahead of the upcoming Kofi Annan Faith Briefing to ensure their visibility and impact.

The Plan of Action aimed at policymakers, civil society organizations, and religious communities, based on the consolidated recommendations, will outline how to more fully integrate faith-based organizations (FBOs) into the policy and programmatic framework of the United Nations (UN).

### Bilateral Engagements with UN Officials

The SG conducted high-level meetings with key UN officials, including:

- H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative of the UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), and his team. These meetings culminated in the decision to renew the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between KAICIID and UNAOC during the November 2024 Global Forum in Cascais.





- H.E. Ms. Alice Wairimu Nderitu, Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, expressed her intent to revive the Group of Friends initiative with KAICIID as a key partner in preventing mass atrocities.

These meetings reaffirmed KAICIID's critical role in global efforts to foster peace through dialogue.

### **9th Annual Global Fatwa Conference, Cairo, 29–30 July 2024**

At the invitation of Dr. Shawki Allam, Grand Mufti of Egypt, the SG participated in the 9th Annual Global Fatwa Conference. The conference's theme, **"Fatwa and the Ethical Foundation in an Accelerating World,"** resonated with KAICIID's strategic objectives of addressing ethical dilemmas and promoting peace through dialogue.

### **Bilateral Engagements**

The SG met with influential stakeholders in Egypt to discuss potential long-term partnerships, including:

- His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, Pope of Alexandria, to explore areas of cooperation in promoting interreligious dialogue in the region.
- Rev. Dr. Andrea Zaki, President of the Evangelical Community in Egypt, strengthening KAICIID's partnership with the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS).
- His Eminence the Grand Mufti of Egypt, with whom the SG discussed future collaborations aimed at addressing pressing ethical and religious challenges in the Arab world.

KAICIID's mission to Cairo further underscored the Centre's influence in the Arab world, particularly in advancing ethical discussions around Islamic jurisprudence and its role in responding to contemporary global challenges.

### **G20 Interfaith Forum and Programmatic Expansion into Latin America, Brasilia, 18–22 August 2024**

In August, KAICIID's attendance at the G20 Interfaith Forum in Brasilia was pivotal in expanding its strategic partnerships and regional focus.

#### *International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)*

During the G20 Interfaith Forum, PaRD held its General Assembly of Members on 19 August 2024. As one of the PaRD's co-chairs, KAICIID played a significant role in the discussions centered on PaRD's role in addressing the nexus between religion and sustainable development and how KAICIID's expertise can further amplify these efforts globally. Putting words into actions, KAICIID organized a high-level online meeting, "Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality," in collaboration with PaRD. This meeting explored the intersection of gender equality, sustainable development, and religious empowerment, reinforcing the Centre's role in addressing global gender dynamics.

#### *Latin America and the Caribbean as a Programmatic Focus:*

Seizing the opportunity provided by the G20 Interfaith Forum being held in Brasilia, the SG announced Latin America and the Caribbean as the fifth region in KAICIID's regional focus and programmatic portfolio.

This decision followed a productive gathering of KAICIID Fellows from across the region, reaffirming the Centre's commitment to addressing regional challenges such as food security, social inequality, and religious polarisation.

#### *Bilateral engagements*

The SG met with key stakeholders in Brasilia, including:

- Ms. Iya Gilda, General Coordinator for Freedom of Religion, to discuss the ongoing expansion of KAICIID's activities in Brazil.
- Mr. Elias Szczytnicki, Regional Secretary General of Religions for Peace, to explore further collaborations in the field of interreligious dialogue in Latin America.

### **Report on H.E.'s Mission to New York: Council of Parties Outreach and Strategic Engagement**

As part of the Secretariat's ongoing commitment to achieving key institutional goals, the Secretary General, H.E. Dr Zuhair Alharthi conducted a significant outreach mission to New York from 24-28 September 2024 during the UN General Assembly (UNGA) High-Level Week. This mission was in line with the Secretariat's vision to implement targeted interventions aimed at expanding the membership of the Council of Parties and securing United Nations (UN) Observer Status. Additionally, it aimed at further enhancing the Centre's international visibility on the global stage.

H.E.'s mission was pivotal in aligning the Council of Parties' objectives with emerging global priorities. Through this engagement, the Secretariat aims to further position the Centre as a key player in global discussions and ensure its strategic priorities are reflected in international frameworks. Additionally, significant strides were made toward broadening the Council's membership base, enhancing collaboration with member states, and promoting the Centre's initiatives on international platforms.

### **H.E.'s Participation at the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Group of Friends High-level Meeting**

During H.E. the Secretary General's (SG) outreach mission to New York, he participated in the 2024 United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Group of Friends High-level Meeting. Since 2019, KAICIID has been a part of this community, which promotes intercultural and inter-civilizational dialogue. At the meeting, H.E. the SG delivered a statement commending UNAOC's leadership, specifically highlighting their efforts to foster dialogue within and beyond the UN system. He also acknowledged the contributions of UNAOC supporters and member countries.

H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for UNAOC, presented the UNAOC Plan of Action for 2024-2026, detailing key achievements since the last meeting in September 2023. The upcoming 10th UNAOC Global Forum,

scheduled for 25-27 November 2024 in Cascais, Portugal, was also discussed, with Portugal and UNAOC outlining the latest preparations and anticipated outcomes.

On the sidelines of the meeting, H.E. the SG held bilateral discussions with Permanent Missions of the Council of Parties (CoP), the MFAC-IATF Members, and senior UN officials. These interactions focused on enhancing high-level and programmatic relations, renewing, or establishing new formal cooperation agreements with the UN system.

#### *Key figures present during the meeting included:*

- H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for UNAOC.
- H.E. Mr. Martin Chungong, Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
- H.E. Mr. Sayit Yusuf, Deputy Secretary General of the International Organization of Turkic Culture (TURKSOY).
- H.E. Mr. Pedro Roque, Vice President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).
- H.E. Amb. Mehmet Paçacı, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).





## EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

### *Enhancing Institutional Partnerships through Strategic Relations*

KAICIID continues to deepen relationships with permanent missions to the United Nations and prominent global stakeholders. Notable engagements included high-level bilateral meetings with representatives from Saudi Arabia, Spain, Austria, and the Holy See. These discussions focused on strengthening KAICIID's international presence and securing political support for the Centre's ongoing initiatives.

### *Co-sponsorship of the Side-Event during the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)*

As part of its ongoing commitment to promoting the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leveraging key intergovernmental platforms, KAICIID co-sponsored a significant side event during the 2024 United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). This initiative reinforced KAICIID's role as a pivotal actor in advancing interreligious dialogue (IRD) and intercultural dialogue (ICD) within the global framework for peace, development, and human rights.

### Engaging with Global Frameworks and the Pact for the Future:

This year's UNGA marks a critical milestone, with UN Secretary General António Guterres calling for action to build upon foundational frameworks such as the UN Charter, Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, culminating in the adoption of an action-oriented Pact for the Future (Resolution 76/307). As part of the Summit of the Future held on 22-23 September 2024, KAICIID co-sponsored a Consultation titled "Reflections on the Interreligious Imperative for the Pact for the Future and a Multilateralism based on Human Fraternity", held on 23 September in New York.

Through this event, KAICIID emphasized the importance of interreligious collaboration in shaping a multilateralism rooted in human fraternity, advocating for shared values that foster peace, social cohesion, and sustainable development. This aligns with KAICIID's mission

to use dialogue as a tool for addressing global challenges, particularly within multilateral institutions like the UN.

### Partnerships for Sustainable Development and Human Fraternity:

The event was organized by the Trilateral Partnership of Regional Faith-based Networks for the SDGs, which includes the Africa Faith Leaders Initiative on SDGs (AFLI), the Pacific Faith-Based Coalition for Sustainable Development (APFC), and the Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean. KAICIID's co-sponsorship alongside other key organizations such as Religions for Peace, Arigatou International, and World Vision further highlights its strategic partnerships aimed at promoting the role of faith-based organizations in achieving the SDGs. By fostering collaborations with these regional networks, KAICIID helped facilitate a platform for diverse voices to discuss the role of religious leaders in supporting the Pact for the Future. These partnerships underline KAICIID's commitment to SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), demonstrating its proactive efforts in bringing together faith-based actors to support multilateralism and sustainable development.

### Strengthening Interreligious Dialogue for a Multilateral Future:

The focus of the side event on the interreligious imperative for the Pact for the Future highlights KAICIID's core belief in the power of religious dialogue to shape peaceful and inclusive futures. By bringing together faith-based actors from diverse regions and traditions, the event provided a platform to discuss how religious principles and interfaith cooperation can contribute to a multilateralism that is inclusive, just, and centered on human dignity. KAICIID's co-sponsorship of this event also reflects its commitment to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by promoting peaceful coexistence and inclusive dialogue. The event's theme of multilateralism rooted in human fraternity aligns with KAICIID's belief that faith-based organizations can be instrumental in fostering a global framework that prioritizes shared values, cooperation, and sustainable development.

### Building on Past Successes and Expanding Global Impact:

The side event built on KAICIID's successful implementation of a similar initiative during last year's UNGA, where the organization, together with its partners in the Trilateral Partnership, championed the role of regional faith-based networks in advancing the SDGs. By continuing this engagement, KAICIID strengthens its presence at key global events and enhances its capacity to influence international discussions on religion, development, and human rights. KAICIID's co-sponsorship of the side event during the UNGA 2024 underscores its leadership in promoting interreligious dialogue as a key tool for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and shaping a more inclusive multilateral future. Through its strategic partnerships and engagement with global frameworks, KAICIID continues to play a vital role in fostering cooperation, peace, and sustainable development in alignment with the UN's broader objectives for a better future.

### Strengthening Partnerships for Sustainable Development through PaRD

KAICIID's participation in the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) General Assembly of Members (GAM) and Leadership Meeting in August 2024 underscores the organization's commitment to leveraging multistakeholder partnerships to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



### Engaging in Future-Oriented Discussions on PaRD's Role

On 19 August, KAICIID actively participated in the General Assembly of Members of PaRD, a platform that works at the intersection of religion and sustainable development. The 2024 GAM focused on re-evaluating PaRD's role and value in a rapidly evolving global landscape. Members explored critical questions, such as "What is PaRD's added value?" and "Who would miss PaRD if it didn't exist?" These discussions aimed to ensure that PaRD remains an effective and relevant network, capable of addressing the pressing global challenges related to sustainable development.

KAICIID's involvement in these discussions reflects its commitment to shaping future-oriented strategies and promoting multistakeholder dialogue to foster inclusive solutions that contribute to achieving the SDGs. This participation aligns with SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), demonstrating how KAICIID supports collaboration across sectors to strengthen the impact of religious actors on sustainable development efforts.

### Leadership in PaRD: Co-Chairing the Steering Board

On 23 August, KAICIID played a key role as one of the co-chairs of PaRD, participating in the Leadership Meeting alongside other members of the PaRD Steering Board. This internal leadership gathering, which included co-leads of PaRD's workstreams and task forces, provided an opportunity to reassess PaRD's strategies and operational frameworks. The meeting aimed to enhance PaRD's effectiveness as a platform for advancing SDG-related initiatives that are inclusive, collaborative, and responsive to current global issues.

KAICIID's position as a co-chair demonstrates its leadership in promoting interreligious dialogue and its commitment to enhancing the role of religious communities in sustainable development. By leading discussions that shape the direction of PaRD's work, KAICIID contributes to ensuring that religious actors are recognized as crucial partners in achieving sustainable development, peace, and justice worldwide.



## Ensuring PaRD's Relevance and Impact

The discussions at both the GAM and Leadership Meeting highlighted the need for PaRD to continually reassess its ways of working to ensure it remains relevant and aligned with global priorities. KAICIID's input in these conversations, particularly regarding the network's added value, ensures that PaRD remains synchronized with global challenges and that its work has a meaningful impact on sustainable development initiatives.

KAICIID's role in these key PaRD events reflects its ongoing commitment to fostering dialogue, collaboration, and partnerships that support the achievement of the SDGs. By engaging with other global stakeholders, KAICIID is helping to build an inclusive and effective network that enhances the contributions of religious and faith-based actors in addressing critical global issues.

## External Relations and Partnerships UNGA Engagement Highlights:

### Key Side Events During UNGA High-Level Week 2024

During the UNGA High-Level Week, KAICIID engaged in two significant side events that focused on global peace, ethics, and sustainability:



### "Faith, Ethics & AI: Shaping a Future for Global Peace" (25 September 2024)

Held at the Bahá'í International Community's UN Office in New York, this event was organized by the Multifaith Advisory Council's Peace and Security Working Group. The discussion centered on the intersection of artificial intelligence (AI) and religion, with a focus on developing policies that ensure global peace and security. Speakers, including Mr. Zeshan Zafar, Executive Director of the Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, highlighted efforts like the Rome Call for AI Ethics, uniting religious leaders from the Vatican, UAE, and Israel in addressing the ethical implications of AI.

### "Faith in Restoration: Aligning Faith Action and Advocacy Across the Rio Conventions" (26 September 2024)

This side event, in preparation for COP16 of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification, aimed to align faith-based advocacy with global efforts in land and ecosystem restoration. Organized by several global institutions, the event launched a global Call to Action and focused on strengthening collaboration across the Rio Conventions, with faith-based organizations playing a key role.



## LOCAL OUTREACH AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN LISBON

KAICIID continues to build strong relationships with Lisbon-based stakeholders, enhancing its local outreach and diplomatic engagement. The leadership's interactions with key figures in July 2024 reflect KAICIID's commitment to fostering dialogue and strengthening ties with various diplomatic and intergovernmental entities in the region.

### High-Level Diplomatic Engagement with Kazakhstan

On 4 July 2024, KAICIID Secretary General H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi held a high-level meeting with H.E. Ambassador Batrashev Dautlet of Kazakhstan. During this meeting, the Ambassador invited KAICIID to participate in the XXI meeting of the Secretariat of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions to be held in Astana on 8-9 October 2024. This invitation underscores KAICIID's growing influence in international religious dialogue and its strategic role in shaping global discussions on interfaith cooperation.

### Collaborating with Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs

On 5 July 2024, KAICIID's Deputy Secretary General (DSG) led a working meeting with officials from the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), including Pedro Monteiro and Paulo Rodrigues. The meeting focused on preparations for the upcoming UN Alliance of Civilizations (UNAoC) Global Forum, with KAICIID playing an instrumental role in supporting the organization of this significant international event. This collaboration enhances KAICIID's local engagement while contributing to global efforts to promote intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

By engaging with the MoFA and supporting the UNAoC Forum, KAICIID contributes to SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by promoting inclusive dialogue and mutual understanding.

### Building Relationships with Portuguese-Speaking Countries

On 10 July 2024, H.E. Dr Alharthi held a high-level meeting with H.E. Mr. Zacarias Albano da Costa, the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), at the CPLP Headquarters in Lisbon. During the meeting, KAICIID expressed its intention to enhance dialogue with the Lisbon-based diplomatic community, particularly Portuguese-speaking countries, through regular meetings and thematic receptions. This outreach underscores KAICIID's efforts to build stronger relationships with local and regional stakeholders, fostering deeper ties within the Lusophone world.

These engagements reflect KAICIID's broader commitment to regional cooperation and diplomatic dialogue, ensuring that religious and cultural diplomacy plays a key role in building peaceful and inclusive societies.

### Engagement with the Imamat Ismaili Community

In addition to these diplomatic meetings, KAICIID leadership participated in a reception hosted by the Imamat Ismaili Community in Lisbon. This event highlights KAICIID's ongoing engagement with diverse religious communities in Portugal, further solidifying its role in promoting interreligious dialogue and fostering understanding among various faith groups at the local level.

KAICIID's local outreach in Lisbon during July 2024 demonstrates its commitment to fostering strong diplomatic relationships and engaging with diverse stakeholders. Through high-level meetings with diplomatic representatives, collaborations with the Portuguese government, and outreach to religious communities, KAICIID continues to play a pivotal role in promoting dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding both locally and internationally.



## AUGUST 2024 ENGAGEMENTS WITH LISBON-BASED STAKEHOLDERS

In August 2024, KAICIID leadership continued to strengthen its relationships with key diplomatic and institutional partners in Lisbon, focusing on advancing interreligious and intercultural dialogue and fostering cooperation on capacity-building initiatives. These engagements reflect KAICIID's ongoing commitment to building strong partnerships that promote peace, dialogue, and sustainable development both locally and internationally.

### Strengthening Ties with Türkiye

On 16 August 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi, KAICIID's Secretary General, held a high-level meeting with H.E. Ambassador Haldun Koç, the Ambassador of Türkiye to Portugal. The meeting centered on discussing mutual priorities in the field of interreligious and intercultural dialogue. This engagement reinforced the importance of Türkiye's role in regional and global dialogues, highlighting KAICIID's commitment to fostering collaboration with key partners in the Middle East and Europe to promote mutual understanding and peace.

### Expanding Institutional Cooperation with the Council of Europe's North-South Centre

On 26 August 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi met with Ms. Pilar Morales, Executive Director of the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe. This high-level meeting focused on exploring opportunities for institutional cooperation, particularly in capacity building and in the context of KAICIID's Europe and Arab regions programmes. The discussion emphasized the need for coordinated efforts to enhance capacity-building initiatives aimed at promoting intercultural dialogue and social cohesion across Europe and the Arab world.

This partnership with the Council of Europe's North-South Centre aligns with SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by fostering collaboration between regional and international organizations to build capacity and promote dialogue as a tool for peacebuilding.

KAICIID's diplomatic engagements in August 2024 demonstrate its continued efforts to strengthen partnerships with both national and international actors. By engaging with Türkiye and the Council of Europe's North-South Centre, KAICIID reinforces its leadership in promoting interreligious dialogue and capacity building, contributing to global peace, social cohesion, and sustainable development. Through these strategic partnerships, KAICIID is poised to further its mission of fostering dialogue across cultures and faiths to create more inclusive and peaceful societies.

## SEPTEMBER 2024 ENGAGEMENTS WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

KAICIID's leadership continued its strategic outreach in September 2024 by engaging with key local figures and organizations in Lisbon and beyond. These engagements focused on fostering collaboration in areas related to inclusion, democracy, and interreligious dialogue, further solidifying KAICIID's role as a leader in promoting peace and social cohesion at both local and global levels.

### Collaborating with Cascais for Inclusive Cities and Dialogue

On 5 September 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi, KAICIID Secretary General, held a high-level meeting with Mr. Carlos Carreiras, the Mayor of Cascais. The meeting focused on exploring potential collaborations in the framework of the European Policy Dialogue Forum (EPDF) and the Cities for Inclusion Workshops, as well as KAICIID's Network for Dialogue projects. These initiatives aim to promote intercultural dialogue, social inclusion, and peaceful coexistence within cities. By partnering with Cascais, KAICIID strengthens its SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) efforts, working to foster inclusive urban environments where dialogue and collaboration are key tools for addressing social challenges.

### Engagement with DYPALL for the Winter Democracy Academy

On 18 September 2024, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi met with Mr. Bruno António, Executive Director of DYPALL (Developing Youth Participation at Local Level), to discuss potential collaboration on organizing the second edition of the Winter Democracy Academy. This initiative, focused on youth engagement and democratic education, aligns with KAICIID's mission to promote SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by empowering young people to become active participants in democratic processes and interreligious dialogue. Through this partnership, KAICIID aims to expand its capacity-building efforts, particularly in the area of youth engagement and promoting democratic values.

### Participation in Malta's National Day

On 19 September 2024, KAICIID participated in the National Day of Malta celebrations, demonstrating its commitment to maintaining strong diplomatic relationships with key partners in Europe. Malta, as a strategic location for interreligious dialogue in the Mediterranean region, plays a vital role in advancing shared objectives related to peace, tolerance, and mutual understanding.

KAICIID's engagements in September 2024 highlight its commitment to promoting interreligious dialogue, social inclusion, and youth engagement through collaboration with local governments, organizations, and diplomatic partners. By working with the Mayor of Cascais, DYPALL, and engaging with Malta, KAICIID continues to build strong partnerships that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and the creation of more peaceful, inclusive societies.





## Capacity Building and Gender Empowerment

### Enhancing Women's Voices for Sustainable Development

KAICIID, in partnership with the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) and its Gender Equality and Empowerment Workstream, organized a High-Level Online Meeting (HLOM) on 7 August 2024 titled "Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality: Transforming Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Economic Solutions for All". This important initiative was designed to promote gender equality, provide solutions for economic empowerment, and support women's voices in global development efforts.

#### Promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment:

The focus of this High-Level Online Meeting was on examining the outcomes of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68) and developing concrete recommendations to address the barriers that hinder progress on women's empowerment. KAICIID brought together diverse partners and stakeholders to discuss how religious communities and multilateral organizations can contribute to gender equality and provide sustainable economic solutions for women. This event aligns with SDG 5 (Gender Equality) by promoting discussions that aim to overcome challenges women face in achieving economic independence, leadership roles, and equitable participation in society.

#### Collaborative Partnerships for Global Impact:

The HLOM was co-organized by KAICIID in collaboration with PaRD and supported by a wide range of influential partners, including the Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNITED SIKHS UK, World Vision International, Arigatou International, and the African Union Citizens and Diaspora Directorate (CIDO). This broad coalition of organizations demonstrates the global commitment to addressing gender inequality and the role that religious

communities can play in supporting women's empowerment. By collaborating with these diverse international partners, KAICIID strengthens its role as a global actor in promoting dialogue and ensuring that religious communities are at the forefront of efforts to achieve gender equality.

#### Addressing Structural Barriers to Empowerment:

A central theme of the meeting was the need to redress the structural barriers that prevent progress on women's empowerment. The discussions focused on practical, actionable recommendations that can transform existing challenges into opportunities for creating sustainable economic solutions for women around the world. By engaging religious and faith-based organizations in these discussions, KAICIID underscored the importance of addressing cultural and societal norms that hinder women's participation in economic and social life.

#### Contributing to Global Development Goals:

The outcomes of this High-Level Online Meeting will contribute to ongoing global efforts to achieve gender equality and economic empowerment for women. KAICIID's leadership in organizing this event reflects its commitment to addressing inequalities and promoting SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities) by ensuring that women's voices are heard and their contributions to sustainable development are recognized.

KAICIID's **High-Level Online Meeting** on gender equality and women's empowerment is a testament to its commitment to promoting inclusive dialogue and addressing the challenges that women face globally. By collaborating with key international partners and focusing on actionable recommendations, KAICIID continues to play a critical role in advancing **women's voices** and ensuring that gender equality remains central to global development efforts. Through initiatives like this, KAICIID strengthens its impact on promoting **sustainable economic solutions** and fostering a more equitable world for all.

## Partnerships for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the MoU with the International Center for Law and Religious Studies (ICLRS)

The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between KAICIID and the International Center for Law and Religious Studies (ICLRS) underscores KAICIID's commitment to advancing global peace and inclusion through partnerships that promote religious freedom and interreligious dialogue. This collaboration highlights KAICIID's strategic approach to leveraging academic expertise to foster sustainable development, peacebuilding, and social cohesion.

#### Promoting International Religious Freedom and Dialogue:

The partnership with ICLRS, a global academic leader in international religious freedom, aligns with SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). KAICIID recognizes the importance of religious freedom as a cornerstone of peaceful, inclusive societies, and this MoU enhances efforts to promote dialogue on law and religion, further fostering environments that support human dignity and fundamental rights.

#### Cross-Sectoral Cooperation for Broader Impact:

KAICIID and ICLRS are well-positioned to strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation by combining academic expertise with practical, dialogue-driven approaches. This collaboration allows both institutions to expand their reach and impact by addressing complex global challenges related to religious diversity, tolerance, and the role of religion in governance. Together, they can influence policies and promote inclusive frameworks that contribute to achieving the SDGs.

#### Fostering Global Engagement through Academic Partnerships:

KAICIID's partnership with ICLRS also promotes SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals) by bringing together academia and international organizations to address shared objectives. Through joint research, capacity-building programs, and global dialogues, this MoU enhances the ability to engage stakeholders from diverse backgrounds in meaningful discussions on religious freedom and sustainable development. The signing of the MoU with ICLRS is a testament to KAICIID's strategy of building strong partnerships that contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. By aligning with a global academic leader in religious freedom, KAICIID is not only enhancing its influence in interreligious dialogue but also contributing to the broader global effort to promote peace,







## GOVERNING BODIES

### Strengthening Institutional Governance and Strategic Planning

KAICIID's Governing Bodies plays a crucial role in ensuring the organization's continued leadership in promoting interreligious dialogue and capacity building. This quarter KAICIID's governance efforts focused on aligning the Centre's mission with global goals, enhancing organizational credibility, and preparing for future challenges.

### Virtual Onboarding of the Board of Directors

On 11 July 2024, KAICIID's Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General welcomed the newly elected **Board of Directors** during an informal virtual onboarding meeting. This meeting provided an opportunity for Board members to meet for the first time, learn about

KAICIID's mission, and familiarize themselves with its unique governance structure. The session highlighted the importance of collaboration within the Board, setting the stage for effective governance and strategic decision-making. This onboarding process is crucial for ensuring that KAICIID's leadership remains united in its efforts to promote SDG 16 (Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions) by fostering inclusive dialogue and governance structures that contribute to global peacebuilding efforts.

#### Governance Milestones:

#### Council of Parties Special Session (13 September 2024)

A **Special Session of the Council of Parties** held on 13 September 2024 addressed several key governance issues, including the future direction of the Centre and the reinforcement of its commitment to institutional excellence. The Council reviewed the legal and administrative procedures for opening the door to membership for new countries to join the Council of the Parties, most notably

Portugal. The session also provided a platform for member states to engage in discussions that will shape the Centre's ongoing efforts to promote interreligious dialogue, enhance institutional credibility, and ensure the Centre is prepared for future challenges.

#### KAICIID's Efforts Toward Obtaining UN Observer Status

KAICIID is making significant progress in its pursuit of Observer Status at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). During the recent Council of Parties meeting held in Lisbon on 13 September 2024, discussions focused on the Centre's strategic efforts to strengthen partnerships with key UN entities and expand its membership, beginning with Portugal.

This initiative aligns with KAICIID's Strategic Plan (2024-2027), which prioritizes the organization's repositioning as a global leader in interreligious and intercultural dialogue (IRD/ICD). Achieving Observer Status at the UNGA is a critical goal, allowing KAICIID to participate more formally in UN sessions and further its mission of fostering global dialogue and peace.

The Secretary General has led high-level engagements, including outreach missions to New York and meetings with key UN stakeholders, to garner support for this endeavor. KAICIID's involvement with the United Nations aligns with its contributions to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals. The Centre has fostered numerous collaborations with UN entities such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), further reinforcing its role in global peacebuilding initiatives.

#### Approval of the Strategic Plan 2024-2027

The **Strategic Plan 2024-2027**, approved by the Council of Parties on 20 August 2024, is structured around four key pillars:



**Pillar 01** Build Alliances and Facilitate Dialogue



**Pillar 03** Build Credibility and Increase Awareness



**Pillar 02** Promote Learning, Generate Knowledge, and Build Capacity for Dialogue



**Pillar 04** Ensure a Fit-for-Purpose Organization

**A peaceful world where people of different religions and cultures live together in harmony, recognising their shared humanity and working towards common goals**

The Plan aligns closely with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, reinforcing the Centre's role in global dialogue and peacebuilding.





# OPERATIONS DIVISION: ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

This quarter has seen the Operations Division reinforce its role as a one of the pillars of KAICIID, ensuring that all key organizational functions, from technology to human resources and event management, are carried out with precision and foresight.

Through strategic infrastructure upgrades, a revitalised monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system, and a focus on improving the overall work environment, the Operations Division has not only supported the Centre's broader mission but has also created a sustainable platform for future success, achieving advanced capabilities and the heightened efficiency in Q3 of 2024.

***“Operations Division created a sustainable platform for future success”***

## MONITORING, EVALUATION AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

### Monitoring and Evaluation Framework: Implementation of KAICIID's Strategic Plan 2024-2027

In alignment with KAICIID's Strategic Plan 2024 - 2027, the M&E Section has developed a cutting-edge results-based management system. This system is designed to capture key performance indicators (KPIs) and outcomes, providing senior leadership with the data required to monitor progress against strategic goals in real-time. This innovative platform consolidates qualitative and quantitative data, offering user-friendly dashboards that inform decision-making processes across the organization.

Once fully populated, the M&E system will provide a real-time dashboard for senior management, offering clear insights into progress and enabling data-informed decision-

making across all Divisions. Throughout Q3, the M&E Section has focused on capacity-building efforts across organizational units, offering guidance and training to ensure accurate data capture and robust evaluation processes.

With continuous oversight and support, this monitoring framework will enhance transparency and allow management to track organizational performance with pinpoint accuracy, a shift that is expected to bring lasting improvements to programme execution and operational outcomes across KAICIID.



### Comprehensive Learning Plan and Data Integrity

In Q3, the M&E Section rolled out the first phase of its system-wide training, ensuring that all organizational units are equipped to capture data accurately and efficiently. As part of this rollout, the Section also initiated a series of learning sessions aimed at identifying best practices and lessons learned, ensuring that KAICIID remains adaptive and forward-thinking.

Beyond the technical aspects of the new system, the M&E team is embedding a culture of data integrity and continuous learning within the Centre. This includes a structured plan for capacity-building sessions in all divisions, focusing on data accuracy, programmatic evaluation, and the ability to link operational activities directly to organizational impact.

These efforts are laying the groundwork for deeper organizational learning, enabling staff across the Centre to drive improvements based on evidence and informed by clear data analysis. This cultural shift toward results-based planning is already bearing fruit, with several divisions reporting more streamlined reporting processes and enhanced clarity in their operational outcomes.



## TECHNOLOGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### Laptop Upgrades: Boosting Operational Efficiency and Reducing Downtime

The Operations Division, through its Technology Section, has undertaken a significant project aimed at modernising KAICIID's technical infrastructure. Many staff members had been working with devices that were over 10 years old, well beyond their replacement cycle, leading to inefficiencies and operational challenges. In response, the Technology Section executed a phased rollout of new laptops, prioritising divisions where technical needs were most urgent.

This transition has been meticulously planned to avoid disruptions to daily operations, with staff trained on new software and collaboration tools during the upgrade. As of Q3, nearly 60% of legacy laptops have been replaced, significantly reducing downtime, boosting operational efficiency and improving workflow across divisions. This hardware upgrade, made possible through prudent budget management, has been financed without exceeding the Centre's existing technology funds, showcasing the Division's commitment to financial discipline while improving operational efficiency.

### Enhanced Digital Collaboration Tools

In parallel with the hardware updates, the Technology Section has introduced enhanced digital collaboration platforms. These tools include advanced cloud storage solutions and integrated communication platforms that facilitate teamwork across KAICIID's global offices. Staff have been trained to optimize these tools, enabling better cross-divisional collaboration, streamlined project management, and more efficient data-sharing practices. The outcome is a more connected and agile workforce, capable of responding to emerging challenges and opportunities with greater speed and precision.

## HUMAN RESOURCES ACHIEVEMENTS

### Strengthening Workforce Stability and Diversity

As KAICIID continues to solidify its operational presence in Lisbon, the Human Resources (HR) Section has been central in managing the organization's workforce, ensuring both diversity and stability. Between January and September 2024, HR successfully managed the recruitment of seven new full-time positions and seven consultancies, supporting the Centre's ongoing expansion and operational needs.

The HR team's efforts to stabilise the workforce have yielded measurable results. Turnover rates have decreased significantly as staff find increasing opportunities for career development and professional growth within the organization. Moving forward, the HR Section will focus on creating a more comprehensive learning and development framework, providing staff with targeted training opportunities aimed at enhancing their leadership capabilities and performance management skills. This shift in focus ensures that KAICIID remains competitive in attracting and retaining top talent, while continually improving the capacity of its existing workforce.

### Diversity and Inclusion as a Recruitment Pillar

With 55 staff members representing 26 countries across five continents, KAICIID has upheld its commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive work environment. Gender parity has been achieved across several departments, and the HR Section has been lauded for its ability to attract talent from a broad range of religious and cultural backgrounds. This diversity directly reflects KAICIID's values, reinforcing the Centre's credibility as a global convener of interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

As HR looks ahead to Q4, the team is already designing initiatives aimed at deepening employee engagement and fostering a sense of inclusion. This includes a focus on improving staff retention through targeted professional development initiatives, while also addressing the broader goal of strengthening KAICIID's reputation as an employer of choice within the international development sector.

## EVENT MANAGEMENT AND LOGISTICS

### Efficient Coordination of Global Events

Q3 saw the Operations Division take on a critical role in the coordination and execution of several high-profile in-person and virtual events, ensuring seamless logistical support across the board. These events spanned multiple regions, bringing together diverse stakeholders to engage in dialogue, capacity building, and knowledge sharing.

### Fellows Regional Meeting and Celebration at IF20/PaRD Annual Forum, Brasilia, Brazil, 16–23 August 2024

This event brought together over 120 Fellows and stakeholders, requiring intricate guest management, accommodation coordination, and visa support. The flawless execution of this event not only strengthened KAICIID's regional networks but also positioned the organization as a critical player in the PaRD Annual Forum, advancing our dialogue agenda at a strategic level.

### Catalysts 4 Cohesion Workshop, Ohrid, North Macedonia, 10–14 September 2024

KAICIID successfully organised this capacity-building workshop, which involved over 80 participants. The logistical complexity of the event – ranging from visa facilitation to on-site supervision – was handled with precision, enabling participants to fully engage in the workshop's content without operational disruptions. This event further solidified KAICIID's role in supporting grassroots dialogue initiatives across Europe.

### Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference, Davao, Philippines, 10–14 September 2024

The Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference, held from 10-14 September 2024, brought together over 60 experts from the region, with KAICIID providing crucial logistical support including guest management, venue preparation, and media coordination. The event's success has already led to several follow-up initiatives focused on urban dialogue planning, showcasing KAICIID's long-term impact in the region.

### University of Youth and Development, Mollina, Spain, 18–23 September 2024

KAICIID provided logistical and operational support for the University of Youth and Development, an annual event focused on empowering young peacebuilders. With over 150 attendees from across Europe, the Division's guest management and supervision capabilities were integral to the event's success. The smooth execution of this event further bolstered KAICIID's reputation as a leading convener of youth dialogue initiatives.

### Online Events and Interpretation Support

The Operations Division also supported key online events, including providing interpretation services for critical meetings and webinars. This included the 11 July **"Introductory Session for the New Board of Directors,"** with live Arabic-English interpretation, and the 2 September **"Talking Faith Online"** webinar, which focused on religious literacy in digital media. These virtual engagements underscored the Division's ability to adapt to the changing dynamics of event management in a digital world, ensuring that all stakeholders could participate meaningfully.

### Building Repairs and Infrastructure Improvements

To safeguard the Centre's operational environment, significant building repairs were initiated following water damage caused by leaks during the rainy season. This involved working closely with building management to implement waterproofing solutions and conducting thorough inspections to ensure the Centre's facilities remain functional and free from future water damage. These repairs are near completion, ensuring a safe and efficient workspace for all staff.

Additionally, aesthetic improvements have been made to the building's façade, with the enhancement of the Centre's flags and signage significantly boosting the visibility of KAICIID's headquarters. These branding upgrades have been aligned with the organization's new visual identity guidelines, reinforcing a consistent and professional image both within Lisbon and globally.





# PROGRAMMES DIVISION

As we conclude the third quarter of 2024, KAICIID's regional and global programmatic interventions continue to demonstrate meaningful impact. Through our dedicated efforts, we have fostered a more effective, more transformative dialogue for peaceful coexistence, and supported social cohesion across diverse cultural contexts. Particularly, we leveraged the results of the KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum and strengthened our programmatic interventions in the areas of sacred ecology, inclusive cities, and peacebuilding.

This report provides a detailed narrative of these efforts. By leveraging our global network and fostering sustainable collaborations, we have elevated our capacity to address contemporary challenges.

KAICIID's third-quarter achievements illustrate the organization's growing influence in furthering its mandate, not only by contributing to resolving immediate conflicts but has also in a long-term perspective, with an unwavering commitment to promote transformative dialogue as a major tool for conflict prevention.

## AFRICA REGION PROGRAMME

### Citizens' Forum on Democracy and Institutional Resilience, Accra, Ghana, 22 July 2024

In July 2024, KAICIID, in partnership with the African Union's Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC), facilitated the Citizens' Forum on Democracy and Institutional Resilience in Accra. This forum gathered over 250 African civil society organizations, including faith-based entities, to critically engage in discussions around democracy, governance, and institutional resilience. The forum became a vital platform for articulating responses to Africa's democratic challenges, particularly in the context of rising threats to constitutional governance. Religious leaders played a pivotal role in these discussions, providing value-driven approaches to reinforcing social stability.

The strategic inclusion of KAICIID's initiative on Preventing and Responding to Unconstitutional Changes of Government demonstrated the importance of leveraging religious leadership to mediate political and social conflicts. Notably, the forum resulted in actionable policy recommendations that will be submitted to the African Union for further deliberation. This is a landmark achievement that emphasises KAICIID's influence in shaping policy dialogues at the continental level, reinforcing the interconnectedness of democracy, governance, and social cohesion in Africa.



### Key Achievements



**100**  
participants

- The event attracted over 100 participants, including religious leaders, policymakers, and civil society organizations, creating a dynamic space for dialogue on governance.



- Religious leaders underscored their responsibility in advocating for constitutional adherence and democratic principles, contributing to long-term social cohesion in fragile African states.



## Collaboration Agreement with the Central African Republic's Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs

In August 2024, KAICIID signed and launched a collaboration agreement with the Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs and National Reconciliation of the Central African Republic (CAR). The partnership focuses on strengthening Local Peace and Reconciliation Committees, which are integral to CAR's peace architecture. These committees, present in local, regional, and national levels, are tasked with managing inter-community tensions and conflicts. KAICIID's involvement has been instrumental in not only enhancing the operational capacities of these committees but also in facilitating inclusive dialogues that bring marginalised voices, including women and youth, to the forefront of peace processes.

Since the inception of this collaboration, 10 local peace initiatives have been successfully rolled out, contributing to a marked reduction in community-level tensions in conflict-affected regions of CAR. Feedback from community leaders underscores the sustainable impact of these initiatives, with local actors reporting improved mechanisms for conflict prevention and management.

### Key Achievements:



- The agreement strengthened grassroots mechanisms for conflict prevention, empowering local leaders and communities to mediate and resolve tensions.



**200**  
community members

- More than 200 community members received training on peacebuilding and dialogue facilitation, equipping them to handle local conflicts and support long-term reconciliation.

## Freedom of Religion and Belief Project, Abuja Nigeria, 23 July 2024

The launch of the Freedom of Religion and Belief Project Report in Abuja on 23 July signalled a major milestone in advancing religious freedom in Nigeria. Organised by The Kukah Centre and Nasrul-lahi-l-Fatih Society, with support from the National Human Rights Commission and KAICIID, the report's public presentation convened a diverse array of stakeholders, including government representatives, civil society, faith-based organizations, and the media. This initiative also facilitated two community-level sensitisation workshops, held in Benin and Jos, which garnered widespread engagement from local communities.

This project's implementation has fostered a more inclusive environment for religious dialogue and has directly influenced the discourse on religious tolerance within Nigeria's policy framework. Communities that have experienced long-standing religious conflicts are now reporting significant improvements in interfaith relations, reflecting the effectiveness of the project's bottom-up approach.

### Key Achievements



**150**  
community members

- Through these workshops, over 150 community leaders were equipped with practical tools to navigate emerging religious tensions and address the root causes of intolerance.



- Engaged key stakeholders, including government officials, NGOs, and FBOs, in discussions about religious tolerance and freedom of belief.



- Encouraged community-based dialogue through sensitisation workshops, resulting in commitments to address religious tensions at the grassroots level.

## ARAB REGION PROGRAMME

### Development of the Dialogue Journalism Charter

On 4 July 2024, KAICIID's Arab Region Programme took a bold step by initiating the Dialogue Journalism Regional Charter. Through the efforts of 56 fellows from 15 Arab countries, the programme is crafting a code of ethics that will redefine how journalists in the region engage with interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Over the course of the quarter, fellows participated in seven online workshops, facilitated by KAICIID, focusing on key themes such as countering hate speech, interreligious dialogue, and ethical reporting.

This initiative is expected to culminate in the finalisation of the charter by the end of September 2024, creating a foundational framework for fostering responsible journalism that promotes peace and social cohesion. The fellows' media initiatives across the region have already started bearing fruit. Their efforts have directly contributed to a more nuanced portrayal of religious and cultural issues in mainstream Arab media, with several fellows reporting increased collaboration with local media houses to counter divisive narratives.

### Key Achievements



**41** media-dialogue initiatives



**56**  
KAICIID fellow



**15**  
Arab countries

Fellows leveraged lessons from 41 media-dialogue initiatives implemented by 56 fellows across 15 Arab countries to develop the Charter, which is poised to become a critical tool for advancing dialogue journalism in the region, including in:

- o Institutionalising best practices in dialogue journalism.
- o Enhancing the capacity of media professionals to promote peaceful narratives.
- o Fostering cross-regional collaboration among fellows.

## The Ithraa Award, Yemen

The Ithraa Award, launched on 3 May 2024, stands as a testament to the resilience of dialogue initiatives in challenging contexts. This award - part of an initiative spearheaded by KAICIID and the Electronic Organisation for Humanitarian Media - honours Yemeni journalists who produce media content promoting interreligious and intercultural dialogue. With 61 submissions received, the overwhelming response underscores the critical need for dialogue-centred media in Yemen's conflict-ridden environment.

Following a rigorous selection process, two winners were announced in August. Their works, which now serve as exemplars of dialogue journalism, have had a significant impact on reshaping public conversations around tolerance, coexistence, and peace in Yemeni society. Moreover, the initiative's collaborative spirit, particularly between the 2022 and 2023 dialogue journalism fellows, has strengthened intergenerational networks, thereby ensuring the sustainability of dialogue media efforts in the region.

### Key achievements



- The Ithraa Award initiative fostered stronger collaboration among Yemeni journalists, promoting dialogue and diversity in a conflict-affected media landscape.



- The recognition of journalistic efforts in promoting peace has set a new standard for media content in Yemen, encouraging ongoing engagement in dialogue journalism.



## Advancing Peacebuilding through Inter-Religious Research and Dialogue in Iraq

KAICIID's ongoing commitment to promoting inter-religious dialogue and peacebuilding is exemplified through its research and dialogue initiatives in conflict-affected regions like Iraq. The organization has played a pivotal role in producing impactful research aimed at fostering understanding and coexistence among ethnic and religious minorities.

### Promoting Interfaith Dialogue through Research:

KAICIID, in collaboration with Mercy Hands, produced a groundbreaking research study titled Advancing Peacebuilding through Inter-Religious Research and Dialogue in Iraq. The study focused on promoting dialogue among religious and ethnic minorities in Bashiqa. By conducting 10 Key Informant Interviews (KIs) with local religious leaders and 9 Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) involving relief workers, retired teachers, and government officials, the research provided critical insights into the local dynamics of interfaith relationships.



### Improving Education for Interfaith Coexistence:

A key focus of KAICIID's work is the role of education in fostering inter-religious understanding. The research in Iraq assessed how primary and secondary education can promote dialogue between different faiths. The study proposed improvements in cooperation with government departments and highlighted three critical areas:



- The impact of religious content in educational curricula on promoting interfaith dialogue and coexistence.



- The role of non-formal education in fostering religious tolerance.



- Suggestions for improving curricula to encourage religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

These findings underscore KAICIID's broader goal of integrating peace education and inter-religious dialogue into formal and informal educational systems.

### Collaboration with Local Authorities:

In partnership with the Nineveh Department of Education, KAICIID and Mercy Hands held a policy briefing aimed at addressing the educational challenges faced by minorities. Education managers and officials were engaged in interactive workshops, led by experts who shared strategies to improve the educational quality for marginalized communities. This initiative highlights KAICIID's influence in shaping policies that support inclusive education and ensure that minority communities are not left behind in peacebuilding efforts.

### Impact on Local Communities:

By addressing the religious content of curricula and improving the ways education fosters interfaith understanding, KAICIID's efforts in Iraq have had a direct impact on both educators and communities. The collaborative approach with local government departments and educational authorities has not only improved the quality of education but also enhanced participants' ability to address the needs of diverse communities, thereby contributing to lasting peace and coexistence. KAICIID's research and dialogue initiatives in Iraq reflect the organization's broader mission of fostering peace through education, dialogue, and collaboration, showcasing its lasting impact in regions where religious and ethnic tensions remain a challenge.

## A Dialogue360 Project:

### Navigating Diverse Implementation Methodologies and Reinforcing Links with National Policymakers

KAICIID's Dialogue360 initiative exemplifies its mission to promote inter-religious understanding and peacebuilding through diverse methodologies. This project reflects KAICIID's ability to engage with local actors and national policymakers to foster lasting societal change.

### Common Existence:

#### Bridging Art and Spiritual Dialogue in Tunisia

As part of the Dialogue360 project, Common Existence, led by Tunisian artist Khaled Zaghdoud, demonstrates the power of art in fostering interfaith dialogue. In collaboration with the Tunisian Ministry of Culture, Zaghdoud organized an art exhibition in August at the renowned City of Culture. The exhibition featured 12 thought-provoking artworks that visually interpreted Quranic verses, highlighting themes of peaceful coexistence and the essential role of women in society.

Zaghdoud's pieces served not only as artistic expressions but as a platform for societal reflection. By grounding his work in Quranic teachings, he bridged spirituality and contemporary issues, inviting visitors to engage in discussions about peace, tolerance, and gender equality. The exhibition became a vibrant space where dialogue on pressing topics, such as violence and hate speech against women, was actively encouraged. Visitors were transformed from mere spectators into participants, reflecting KAICIID's ethos of using dialogue to address societal challenges.

### Engaging Youth through Educational Peacebuilding:

Taking the initiative beyond the gallery, Zaghdoud expanded Common Existence by integrating art-based peacebuilding programs into two primary schools in vulnerable areas of Tunis, with support from the Ministry of Education. These extracurricular activities were designed to use art as a tool for teaching empathy, tolerance, and non-violence to young students.

This approach aligns with KAICIID's broader focus on integrating inter-religious dialogue into education systems, as seen in previous projects. By engaging children in creative exercises centered around peaceful coexistence, the initiative sought to instill values of unity and understanding at a critical developmental stage. The program's success illustrates the transformative power of art in shaping a more harmonious and inclusive society, echoing KAICIID's goal of using education to nurture interfaith tolerance from a young age.

### Reinforcing Links with National Policymakers:

Common Existence further highlights the importance of national policy engagement in KAICIID's projects. By securing the backing of the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Education, the initiative reinforced the link between grassroots peacebuilding efforts and national policy frameworks. This partnership allowed for broader dissemination of the initiative's goals, ensuring that the values of coexistence and tolerance were echoed at institutional levels.

KAICIID's support of projects like Common Existence reflects its overarching commitment to fostering peace through multi-level engagement, from local communities to national policymakers. By using creative and educational approaches to interfaith dialogue, the organization continues to have a lasting impact on both individuals and societies, showcasing its ability to navigate diverse methodologies while aligning with national peacebuilding efforts.





## ASIA REGION PROGRAMME

### Dialogue Cities Southeast Asia (SEA) Conference, Davao, Philippines, 12–14 September 2024

The Dialogue Cities Southeast Asia Conference, held from 12-14 September 2024 in Davao, brought together over 60 experts and policymakers from cities, including Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, and Yogyakarta. This three-day event, organised in partnership with the Al Qalam Institute, provided a platform for urban leaders to exchange best practices on integrating interreligious and intercultural dialogue into city planning and governance.

The conference resulted in several groundbreaking initiatives, most notably the formation of a regional network of “Dialogue Cities” that will work collaboratively on youth and women’s empowerment in urban development. The impact of this conference extends beyond the event itself, as city representatives are already formulating policy proposals that incorporate dialogue principles into urban planning, ensuring that interreligious dialogue becomes a key driver of sustainable urban growth.

#### Key Achievements

 **7** working groups

Seven working groups were tasked with addressing specific themes, including ethics in journalism, interreligious dialogue, and media practices that foster social cohesion.



Participants from cities such as Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore shared best practices and developed strategies to address social inequality and gender-based violence through dialogue.



Commitments were made to integrate these initiatives into ongoing urban development programmes across Southeast Asia.

### Capacity Building Programme for ASEAN Officials

KAICIID, in collaboration with the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR), conducted the second phase of its capacity-building programme for ASEAN officials, focusing on interfaith and intercultural dialogue. This round of training utilised a tailored manual adapted to the ASEAN context, reinforcing KAICIID’s commitment to regional cooperation. The signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between KAICIID and ASEAN-IPR marks a pivotal moment in institutionalising this collaboration.

Officials trained under this initiative have demonstrated enhanced capabilities in addressing complex intercultural and interfaith issues, particularly in the areas of youth and women’s participation in peacebuilding. This partnership has positioned KAICIID as a key player in the region’s dialogue architecture.

#### Key Achievements



Several ASEAN member states have already integrated the training outcomes into their national dialogue strategies.



Strengthened the ability of ASEAN officials to engage in meaningful interfaith and intercultural dialogue, contributing to the region’s peacebuilding efforts.



### Social Media Space for Dialogue Initiative

KAICIID’s Social Media Space for Dialogue initiative exemplifies the organization’s commitment to promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue (IRD/ICD) through innovative and digital approaches. This initiative showcases KAICIID’s ability to adapt to the evolving digital landscape, engaging youth and communities in meaningful dialogue across cultural and religious divides.

#### Empowering Trainers through Grants in Pakistan and India:

Building on the success of the National Training of Trainers (ToT) session held in Lisbon in 2022, KAICIID awarded small grants to trainers from Pakistan and India as part of the Social Media Space for Dialogue initiative. These grants enabled the trainers to engage young people in their respective countries, providing them with tools to explore creative and innovative approaches to IRD/ICD within digital platforms. The trainers, empowered by KAICIID’s support, utilized these funds to develop programs that introduced participants to new methods of dialogue, helping them navigate religious and cultural differences through social media and digital platforms. The initiative has created opportunities for young people to engage in peacebuilding discussions, using technology to promote tolerance, understanding, and coexistence.

#### Expanding Digital Dialogue Across Asia:

KAICIID’s Social Media Space for Dialogue initiative doesn’t just stop with the current grant activities. Looking ahead to 2025, the Asia Programme plans to expand the initiative by fostering research and promoting new practices for IRD/ICD across South and Southeast Asia. This expansion reflects KAICIID’s strategic approach to scaling its impact, focusing on research to better understand the dynamics of inter-religious dialogue in digital spaces and integrating this knowledge into future projects. By promoting new methodologies and fostering dialogue across broader digital platforms, KAICIID aims to address the challenges posed by misinformation, intolerance, and religious

conflicts that often arise in social media spaces. The organization’s approach aligns with the growing global recognition of the need for peacebuilding efforts to adapt to digital environments where youth are increasingly active.

#### Leveraging Digital Spaces for Peacebuilding:

The Social Media Space for Dialogue initiative highlights KAICIID’s foresight in recognizing the critical role of social media in shaping inter-religious and intercultural dialogue. By supporting trainers in Pakistan and India, KAICIID has laid the groundwork for innovative digital peacebuilding projects that can reach broader and more diverse audiences. Through this initiative, young people are not only learning about tolerance and coexistence but also gaining the skills to use social media as a force for positive change. As KAICIID continues to expand this initiative across Asia, its influence will grow, reinforcing the organization’s mission of fostering dialogue in the digital age. By leveraging social media, KAICIID is pioneering new pathways for IRD/ICD that are timely, relevant, and essential in today’s interconnected world.





## EUROPE REGION PROGRAMME

### Through Our Eyes Project – Croatia and Greece

KAICIID's Network for Dialogue initiative continues to be a vital platform for fostering intercultural dialogue and inclusion, particularly through its microgrant scheme. One of the impactful projects supported by this initiative is Through Our Eyes: Exploring Identity and Integration through Intercultural Dialogue, which ran from November 2023 to May 2024.

#### Empowering Migrants and Refugees through Creative Expression:

The Through Our Eyes project was a collaborative effort between two faith-based organizations: the Center for Cultural Dialogue in Croatia and the Synparxis-Ecumenical Refugee Programme in Greece. These organizations, operating in the complex socio-religious landscapes of the Balkans–Croatia being predominantly Catholic and Greece predominantly Orthodox–used creative expression as a means of exploring identity and integration.

The project focused on promoting the inclusion of young refugees and migrants through intercultural communication, offering them a platform to express their stories and experiences. Exhibitions held in both Zagreb and Athens featured personal stories and photographs by the participants, providing a powerful lens through which to view the challenges and triumphs of integration.

#### Addressing Xenophobia and Promoting Social Inclusion:

One of the project's central aims was to combat rising xenophobic rhetoric by fostering mutual understanding between diverse groups. Through workshops, exhibitions, and community engagement, Through Our Eyes successfully facilitated positive relationships, helping to break down barriers between native populations and migrant communities. The project's activities not only showcased the creative talents of young refugees but also

encouraged intercultural dialogue in a way that highlighted shared human experiences, emphasizing empathy and understanding. By promoting intercultural communication, this initiative created safe spaces where participants could share their stories, helping to address critical issues of social inclusion and integration in both Croatia and Greece. These spaces were essential in nurturing positive connections between local citizens and newcomers, underscoring KAICIID's mission to promote dialogue as a tool for peace and understanding.

#### Workshops and Engagement

##### Rooted in Policy Research:

The project's preparation and execution were heavily informed by the findings of the EPDF (European Policy Dialogue Forum) Policy Briefs, which address key issues related to migration and integration. By incorporating these findings, Through Our Eyes ensured that its activities were aligned with broader policy frameworks, making the initiative not only creative but also strategically impactful. The workshops held in both Zagreb and Athens offered participants an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue, and through these interactions, fostered a deeper understanding of the complexities of identity and belonging.

##### A Lasting Impact on Dialogue and Inclusion:

By engaging young refugees and migrants in Croatia and Greece, Through Our Eyes addressed a pressing need for initiatives that bridge cultural divides and promote social cohesion. The exhibitions and workshops helped participants express their identities, while also enhancing mutual understanding within the wider community. This project serves as a powerful example of how intercultural dialogue can be used to foster social inclusion, particularly for vulnerable populations. KAICIID's support of this initiative highlights its commitment to creating inclusive societies through dialogue and cultural exchange. The Through Our Eyes project, by promoting positive relationships between diverse groups, exemplifies the transformative power of creative expression in fostering understanding, unity, and peace.

The exhibitions held in Zagreb and Athens provided a platform for marginalised communities to engage in intercultural dialogue, challenging rising xenophobic rhetoric in both countries. Over 500 people attended these exhibitions, and the project's success has led to continued funding for similar initiatives.

#### *Key Achievements:*



- Provided young refugees with a platform to share their experiences and fostered positive relationships between refugee communities and local citizens.



- Contributed to combating xenophobic rhetoric and promoting social inclusion in the Balkans.

### United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) Summer School on Migration and Human Rights

The participation of KAICIID's Europe Region Unit (ERU) in the UNICRI Summer School on Migration and Human Rights on 11 July 2024 in Rome highlights the organization's active role in promoting interreligious dialogue as a tool for migrant and refugee integration. This initiative reflects KAICIID's dedication to addressing migration-related challenges through collaboration, education, and policy advocacy.

#### Promoting the Role of Religion in Migration and Integration:

At the UNICRI Summer School, KAICIID delivered two key lectures focused on the role of religion in migrant and refugee integration and the importance of interreligious dialogue in migration policymaking. These lectures

underscored how religious communities can play a pivotal role in supporting migrants and refugees by fostering inclusion, offering emotional and social support, and providing platforms for intercultural exchange. KAICIID emphasized that religion is often a core part of migrants' and refugees' identities, and integrating this aspect into migration policies ensures more comprehensive and empathetic approaches to inclusion. The organization advocated for the inclusion of interreligious dialogue in migration policy discussions, presenting it as a vital tool for building cohesive societies where diverse communities can coexist harmoniously.

#### Disseminating Policy Recommendations for Migrant Inclusion:

Through its participation, KAICIID helped disseminate policy recommendations from the European Policy Dialogue Forum (EPDF), which focuses on migrant inclusion and the role of religious communities in supporting the integration process. By aligning these recommendations with the themes of the Summer School, KAICIID contributed to a more informed conversation on how religious and cultural dialogue can inform migration policies at both national and international levels. These efforts highlighted KAICIID's commitment to ensuring that religious perspectives are integrated into broader discussions on migration, encouraging policymakers to consider the positive role that faith-based organizations and religious leaders can play in supporting migrant communities.





## Fostering International Collaborations:

KAICIID's involvement in the UNICRI Summer School also marked an important step in strengthening partnerships with international organizations. By collaborating with UNICRI, the United Nations entity focused on crime and justice, KAICIID expanded its influence within the international community on migration-related issues. This collaboration not only facilitated knowledge exchange but also reinforced KAICIID's role as a leading advocate for interreligious dialogue in migration policy discussions. The partnership with UNICRI opens new avenues for joint initiatives aimed at addressing the complex challenges of migration, human rights, and social integration.

## Enhancing KAICIID's Role in Global Migration Discourse:

KAICIID's participation in the Summer School reflects its broader strategy to engage in global migration discourse. By focusing on the intersections of religion, human rights, and migration, the organization positions itself as a key player in advocating for inclusive and dialogue-driven approaches to migrant integration. The lectures delivered by KAICIID at the UNICRI Summer School helped raise awareness about the essential role that religion and interreligious dialogue play in fostering social cohesion, offering a unique perspective that complements traditional migration policymaking. This contribution enhances KAICIID's profile as a thought leader on the importance of interfaith collaboration in resolving migration-related challenges.

In conclusion, KAICIID's involvement in the UNICRI Summer School on Migration and Human Rights illustrates its ongoing efforts to advocate for migrant inclusion through the lens of interreligious dialogue, foster collaboration with international bodies, and shape policies that promote peace, coexistence, and human dignity.

### *Impact:*



- Provided young refugees with a platform to share their experiences and fostered positive relationships between refugee communities and local citizens.



- Contributed to combating xenophobic rhetoric and promoting social inclusion in the Balkans.

## **KAICIID FELLOWS PROGRAMME**

On 18 August, KAICIID organized a landmark regional meeting with 16 International Fellows from nine Latin American countries, held in conjunction with the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) in Brasilia, Brazil. This gathering was the first in a series of regional events celebrating the tenth anniversary of KAICIID's International Fellows Programme, a milestone that will continue to be marked through 2025. Additionally, this meeting signaled the launch of KAICIID's expanded programmatic outreach in Latin America, a region where interreligious dialogue is increasingly crucial.

### **Strengthening Interfaith Networks in Latin America:**

The regional meeting brought together KAICIID Fellows from diverse religious backgrounds, fostering a platform for collaboration and dialogue among faith leaders across Latin America. These Fellows are part of the International Fellows Programme, which has been instrumental in promoting interreligious dialogue worldwide. By connecting these leaders, KAICIID aims to strengthen interfaith networks and empower local communities to address social challenges through dialogue. The event marked a significant step in KAICIID's outreach efforts in Latin America, reinforcing its commitment to supporting interfaith initiatives that promote peace, social cohesion, and sustainable development in the region. By focusing on Latin America, KAICIID is addressing a key area where religion plays a central role in societal dynamics, including migration, environmental concerns, and social justice.

## **Launch of Programmatic Outreach in Latin America:**

This meeting not only celebrated the tenth anniversary of the International Fellows Programme but also served as the launch for KAICIID's enhanced programmatic efforts in the Latin American region. The Centre aims to further engage with local religious leaders, policymakers, and civil society organizations to promote interreligious dialogue as a tool for conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and social integration. By expanding its presence in Latin America, KAICIID is positioning itself to address the unique challenges faced by the region, such as migration, indigenous rights, and social inequality, all while fostering interreligious cooperation.

### **Celebratory Dinner and Strengthening Partnerships:**

Following the meeting, KAICIID's Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Zuhair Alharthi, hosted a celebratory dinner attended by the Fellows, as well as representatives from KAICIID partner organizations such as Religions for Peace Latin America. Stakeholders from the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) also participated in the event, reflecting the growing collaboration between faith-based organizations and international development bodies. This dinner further solidified KAICIID's partnerships with key regional and global actors in the interfaith

and sustainable development fields. These collaborations are vital in ensuring that the principles of interreligious dialogue and peacebuilding are integrated into broader efforts to achieve sustainable development goals, particularly in Latin America.

## **CELEBRATING A DECADE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAMME**

The event in Brasilia is part of a series of celebrations to commemorate the tenth anniversary of KAICIID's International Fellows Programme. Since its inception, the programme has trained religious leaders and dialogue facilitators from around the world, equipping them with the skills to promote peace, tolerance, and mutual understanding in their communities. The celebrations will continue into 2025, highlighting the programme's global impact and its role in building bridges between religious and cultural communities. In conclusion, KAICIID's regional meeting with its International Fellows from Latin America marks a significant milestone in the Centre's efforts to promote interreligious dialogue in the region. By launching programmatic outreach and strengthening partnerships with regional stakeholders, KAICIID continues to make strides in fostering peace, inclusion, and sustainable development through dialogue across Latin America.





## GLOBAL CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

KAICIID's capacity-building initiatives in Q3 2024 focused on youth leadership and engagement, particularly through the Young Peacebuilders Programme held in Singapore and the University of Youth and Development in Spain and strategic partnerships with the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), North-South Centre and the Temasek Foundation in Singapore. These programs trained over 500 young leaders in interreligious dialogue, significantly increasing youth participation in peacebuilding efforts globally. These programs highlight KAICIID's commitment to fostering the next generation of peacebuilders, with several youth-led initiatives now underway in Africa, Asia, and Europe.

### Young Peacebuilders Programme/Dialogue for Peace Training in Singapore

From 26 July to 2 August, KAICIID co-organized the Young Peacebuilders Programme/Dialogue for Peace Training in partnership with the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Temasek Foundation in Singapore. This initiative aimed to enhance capacity building and youth outreach by equipping young participants with the tools and skills to foster dialogue and promote peace within their communities.

The training provided youth leaders with comprehensive knowledge and practical techniques to engage in interfaith and intercultural dialogue. By focusing on the role of young peacebuilders, this programme empowered participants to be agents of change, promoting mutual understanding and tolerance. This initiative aligns with KAICIID's mission to create future leaders who can navigate religious and cultural differences to build more cohesive and peaceful societies.

### Engaging Youth Leaders at the 43rd World Scout Conference in Cairo



KAICIID also took part in the 43rd World Scout Conference held in Cairo, Egypt, from 17 to 23 August. This conference is the highest governing body of World Scouting, bringing together national leadership delegations from across the globe to discuss the movement's policies, standards, and global impact.

KAICIID's involvement in the conference emphasized its focus on youth engagement, leadership development, and effective decision-making. By participating in this international event, KAICIID contributed to shaping discussions that promote personal growth, youth participation, and a commitment to fostering dialogue for peace. The conference provided an ideal platform for KAICIID to collaborate with WOSM and engage with young leaders committed to global peacebuilding efforts.

### Supporting the North-South Centre at the 23rd University of Youth and Development

From 18 to 23 September, KAICIID conducted Interreligious Dialogue (IRD) Training for Youth Leaders at the 23rd University of Youth and Development in Mollina, Spain. The event, one of the flagship youth platforms in Europe, brings together youth leaders, young policymakers, and representatives from non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations (NGOs and INGOs) to discuss critical global issues.

KAICIID's training session provided youth leaders with essential dialogue skills to promote interreligious understanding and peace. By supporting the North-South Centre, KAICIID played a key role in fostering dialogue among young leaders, contributing to their development as inclusive decision-makers capable of addressing complex social challenges. The platform also enabled KAICIID to strengthen its relationship with European youth networks and expand its influence in promoting intercultural dialogue.



### Expanding KAICIID's Global Reach through Youth-Focused Engagements

KAICIID's capacity-building programmes in Q3 underscored the Centre's commitment to empowering youth and fostering peace through dialogue. By partnering with global organizations like WOSM and the North-South Centre, KAICIID continues to extend its global reach and influence in the realm of youth leadership development and interreligious dialogue.

These youth-focused engagements have not only enhanced the skills of young peacebuilders but also contributed to creating a global network of youth leaders equipped to lead interfaith dialogues and build inclusive communities. By prioritizing capacity-building initiatives, KAICIID reaffirms its role in nurturing the next generation of leaders dedicated to peace, tolerance, and mutual respect.

In conclusion, KAICIID's capacity-building efforts through youth-focused programmes have made a significant impact in advancing interreligious dialogue and peacebuilding. By collaborating with key international partners and engaging with young leaders, KAICIID continues to empower youth to drive positive change in their communities and beyond.

### KAICIID: E-Learning Programme

In the third quarter of 2024, KAICIID made significant strides in promoting interreligious dialogue, intercultural communication, and religious literacy through its comprehensive E-Learning Programme. By delivering 11 courses and organizing key webinars, the initiative not only expanded its outreach to global faith communities but also empowered women and advanced the discussion on the role of faith actors in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

#### Delivering E-Learning Courses for Global Impact:

KAICIID's E-Learning courses in Q3 focused on critical topics, including interreligious dialogue, intercultural communication, religious literacy, and the role of faith actors in implementing the SDGs. One notable collaboration was with the Lutheran World Federation, where KAICIID provided these courses, culminating in a virtual graduation ceremony for the second cohort of the Teachers4SDGs programme in Kenya. This program emphasized the importance of equipping teachers with the knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development through faith-based approaches, underscoring KAICIID's commitment to the SDGs.

Through these courses, KAICIID continues to build the capacity of faith leaders, educators, and community actors, enabling them to navigate religious and cultural diversity in their work, while also contributing to the global effort to meet the 2030 SDG agenda.



## Focusing on Women's Empowerment through High-Level Discussions;

KAICIID also organized two key webinars that focused on women's empowerment and religious literacy, adding vital dimensions to the E-Learning Programme. On 7 August, KAICIID held a high-level online meeting titled Women's Voices Series: Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality: Transforming Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Economic Solutions for All. This event, in collaboration with the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), specifically highlighted the perspectives of women of faith in addressing global challenges.

The webinar explored ways to transform challenges into opportunities for sustainable economic solutions, with a special focus on women's empowerment. By engaging women faith leaders, KAICIID provided a platform to discuss innovative solutions that promote economic inclusion and gender equality, reflecting the Centre's broader commitment to empowering marginalized voices within faith communities.

## Promoting Religious Literacy in Digital Spaces:

On 2 September, KAICIID organized another significant webinar, Religious Literacy Series: Talking Faith Online: Navigating Religious Literacy in Digital Media, in observance of the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief. This webinar addressed the critical need for religious literacy in the digital era, particularly as online spaces are increasingly used for dialogue and advocacy.

By focusing on how religious literacy can shape meaningful conversations and combat misinformation in digital media, KAICIID once again highlighted the essential role that faith communities play in fostering understanding and combating violence based on religion or belief. The session underscored the importance of creating online environments where faith-based discussions can promote peace and respect for diverse beliefs.

## Expanding KAICIID's Reach through Virtual Platforms:

Through its E-Learning Programme and webinars, KAICIID successfully expanded its virtual presence and engaged a wide range of participants from different regions, faiths, and sectors. The programme's accessibility allows for the dissemination of critical knowledge and dialogue tools to faith leaders, educators, and community organizers, fostering greater understanding and cooperation in addressing global challenges.

The focus on empowering women and promoting religious literacy within digital spaces adds a dynamic layer to KAICIID's work, ensuring that the Centre remains at the forefront of addressing contemporary issues through the lens of interreligious dialogue and cooperation.

In conclusion, KAICIID's E-Learning Programme in Q3 not only advanced interreligious dialogue and faith-based approaches to achieving the SDGs but also placed a strong emphasis on women's empowerment and religious literacy in digital spaces. These efforts highlight the organization's continued leadership in using education and dialogue to build more inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable societies worldwide.

## Interreligious Dialogue (IRD) Course in Arabic – Dialogue 360 & Dialogue Journalism Fellowship (11 July 2024)

On 11 July, KAICIID launched a Welcome and Orientation Session for its IRD course in Arabic, attended by 56 participants from the Dialogue 360 and Dialogue Journalism Fellowship programs. The session, held via Zoom, introduced participants to the course structure, goals, and expectations, setting the stage for an intensive learning experience on interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

As part of the Teachers4SDGs initiative, KAICIID hosted a session to mark the World Day for Youth Skills Day on 17 July. The session featured speakers, including Mo and Audrey Ferrer, KAICIID International Fellows from the 2022

cohort, who delivered an inspiring presentation to educators on integrating IRD principles into classroom teaching.

## E-Learning Courses and Women's Empowerment Initiatives

KAICIID delivered 11 e-learning courses on topics including interreligious dialogue, intercultural communication, and the role of faith actors in advancing the SDGs. Additionally, two high-level webinars were organized, focusing on 'Women's Voices' and 'Religious Literacy'.

**11 e-learning courses**

**2 high-level webinars**

over **200 participants** trained from around the world, enhancing their capacity to promote IRD/ICD in their respective contexts.

Fostered global collaboration on **women's empowerment** and religious literacy, addressing issues of inequality and discrimination.

**Women's Voices Webinar Series**  
Organised by: **CIID** **PaRD**  
**Turning the Tide on Women's Inequality**  
Transforming challenges and opportunities for sustainable economic solutions for all  
Recommendations to redress dynamics that hinder progress on women's empowerment  
A HIGH LEVEL ONLINE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024  
2PM LISBON/UTC  
Co-sponsored by: **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**, **ARIGATOU INTERNATIONAL**, **African Union**, **World Vision**, **UNITED SIKHS**

**Teachers4SDGs**  
Celebrating UN World Youth Skills for Peace & Development  
**Experiential Learning Toolkit**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
Audrey Ferrer  
Director, The Mary Ward Centre for Education, Spirituality & Justice  
KAICIID International Fellow 2022  
Toolkit adapted from the Toronto Catholic District School Board (2019)  
Nurturing Our Catholic Community and Curriculum Leadership & Innovation Team





# COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION: GLOBAL OUTREACH AND IMPACT

The third quarter of 2024 has been a period of substantial growth and impactful achievements for the KAICIID Communications Division. Across all units - Publications, Multimedia, Digital, and Media - the team has worked diligently to enhance the Centre's global outreach, reinforce brand identity, and strategically promote its mission of intercultural and interreligious dialogue.

A key focus this quarter has been supporting high-level international engagements, particularly those involving the SG, through extensive multimedia production, editorial updates, strategic media placements, and targeted digital campaigns.

The result has been an impressive amplification of KAICIID's leadership on global stages, including high-profile events like the G20 Interfaith Forum, the Global Fatwa Conference, and the 10th Anniversary of the Fellows Programme. Each of these initiatives has been extensively covered and promoted across digital and traditional media channels, reinforcing KAICIID's reputation as a leading voice in dialogue and peacebuilding.

## **KAICIID'S DIGITAL PRESENCE**

In the third quarter of 2024, KAICIID's Digital Unit has continued to drive an ambitious agenda aimed at maximising global awareness of the Centre's initiatives and leadership through strategic engagement with our growing global audience.

### **Secretary General's High-Level Engagements**

The Digital Unit's Q3 activities were centred around amplifying the visibility of the SG's participation in several high-profile international engagements, showcasing the Centre's expanding influence and partnerships.

### **United Nations Engagements in New York:**

Extensive coverage was provided for the SG's mission to New York, where key discussions were held with senior UN officials, diplomatic representatives, and critical stakeholders.

### **Fatwa and Ethical Foundations Conference in Cairo:**

Digital storytelling techniques were utilised at the Fatwa and Ethical Foundations in a Rapidly Changing World conference to underscore the importance of ethical frameworks in intercultural dialogue, resonating with both Muslim communities and broader global audiences.

### **G20 Interfaith Forum & PaRD Annual Forum in Brazil:**

The Digital Unit meticulously covered the SG's contributions, focusing on the role of interreligious dialogue in addressing global economic and social inequalities.

*KAICIID's strategic partnerships in our host country* was highlighted through the SG's bilateral meetings with diplomatic missions in Portugal, as well as engagements with the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP). Through

real-time updates, visually engaging content, and targeted messaging, these meetings were featured across our digital platforms to emphasise the depth of our collaboration with international stakeholders.

### **Targeted Digital Campaigns and Strategic Growth Initiatives**

Beyond high-level engagements, the Digital Unit launched a series of targeted digital campaigns, showcasing KAICIID's thematic areas of influence. These campaigns were designed to ensure widespread visibility of KAICIID's work and to drive increased engagement with key stakeholders and the general public:

### **UNICRI Summer School on Migration and Human Rights:**

A comprehensive digital campaign spotlighted KAICIID's participation in the UNICRI Summer School, emphasising our pivotal role in advocating for migrant and refugee integration through dialogue.



### AU-ECOSOCC Citizens' Forum:

Promoting the Africa team's active involvement in the AU-ECOSOCC Citizens' Forum was a central focus of our Q3 campaigns. This forum, which concentrated on interreligious and intercultural dialogue in African policymaking, allowed KAICIID to position itself as a significant player in Africa's peacebuilding landscape. The digital campaign amplified these efforts by showcasing key insights from the Forum and raising awareness among African policymakers and thought leaders.

### World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM):

In Q3, the Digital Unit ran campaigns promoting KAICIID's training programmes for young leaders in Asia, as well as participation in the 43rd World Scout Conference held in Egypt. These campaigns highlighted the growing influence of youth in global peacebuilding efforts and KAICIID's role in fostering leadership among the next generation.

### 10th Anniversary of the Fellows Programme:

A key highlight of our Q3 activities was the campaign marking the 10th anniversary of the KAICIID Fellows Programme, celebrated in

Brazil. This campaign used a variety of content formats; including interviews, testimonials, and infographics to showcase the enduring impact of the Programme on global peacebuilding, and to celebrate its Alumni network of peacebuilders over the last decade.

### Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference:

In parallel, the Digital Unit promoted the Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities Conference through dynamic multimedia content that emphasised the critical role of dialogue in fostering social cohesion in urban settings. By focusing on urban challenges, the campaign reached stakeholders across Southeast Asia and beyond, positioning KAICIID as a leader in dialogue for sustainable urban development.

### Webinars and Capacity-Building Resources:

In an effort to enhance knowledge sharing and capacity building, the Digital Unit ran dedicated campaigns for KAICIID's webinars and e-learning courses. These campaigns effectively raised awareness of KAICIID's diverse portfolio of training programmes and encouraged active participation from target audiences.



# PERFORMANCE METRICS AND STRATEGIC IMPACT

The extensive digital efforts in Q3 have yielded tangible results, demonstrating both the reach and engagement of KAICIID's online presence:



### **Content Distribution:**

A total of 371 English-language posts were published across our platforms, covering a wide array of activities, events, and resources. These posts reached an impressive 1.07 million views, marking a 60% growth compared to the same period in 2023. This increase is indicative of the success of our targeted content strategies and the growing global interest in KAICIID's work.



**371**  
English-language posts



**1.07**  
million views,  
marking a  
**60%** growth



### **Social Media Growth:**

The number of KAICIID's followers across the four major social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram) grew to a combined total of 177,000, further expanding our online community and amplifying our digital influence. This growth reflects the effectiveness of our engagement strategies, which included both organic and paid promotional efforts.



### **Engagement and Interaction:**

In addition to the growth in audience size, there was a significant uptick in user interaction. Comments, shares, and likes saw a noticeable increase, with specific posts tied to high-profile events such as the SG's international missions, generating substantial interest and discussion.



**177,000**  
followers across the  
four major social  
media platforms



# KAICIID SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT FOR THE ARAB REGION

In the third quarter of 2024, KAICIID's social media platforms saw a significant boost in engagement, particularly across its Arabic-language channels.

**11,865,435 users**, showcasing the platform's capacity to extend KAICIID's messages to a diverse, global audience.

## Twitter Coverage (@KAICIIDar)

During the reporting period, KAICIID's Arabic Twitter handle, @KAICIIDar, demonstrated strong engagement, contributing substantially to the Centre's overall digital outreach. The following key metrics illustrate Twitter's effectiveness as a communication tool:

**Engagement:** The KAICIIDar account saw a total of **608 mentions, retweets, and interactions** between July 1 and September 23, 2024. This level of activity underscores the high level of interest in KAICIID's content and initiatives.



**608**  
mentions, retweets,  
and interactions

**Content Highlights:** KAICIID's Twitter posts primarily covered key initiatives, including interreligious dialogue efforts, international partnerships, and participation in high-level conferences. These tweets sparked active discussions, were widely shared, and contributed to fostering stronger engagement with both global and regional stakeholders.

## Instagram Coverage (KAICIIDar)



KAICIID's Arabic Instagram account also garnered substantial engagement during the reporting period. Instagram, with its focus on visual storytelling, has been particularly effective in showcasing KAICIID's work and events.

**18.13%**  
Engagement Increase



## Facebook Coverage: (KAICIIDar) **18.14%** engagement rate

Facebook also served as a significant platform for engaging audiences during the reporting period, especially in promoting KAICIID's initiatives, partnerships and event participation to a broad and diverse audience.

**Top Performing Content:** The top-performing post on Facebook achieved an impressive **18.14%** engagement rate, highlighting the platform's potential to capture audience attention. Other notable posts, such as KAICIID's involvement in the Global Fatwa Conference, also performed well, with engagement rates reaching 16%.

**Content Highlights:** Posts included a mix of event coverage, partnerships, and strategic collaborations, providing followers with a well-rounded view of KAICIID's activities.

## Overall Arabic Social Media Impact

Across all platforms—Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook—KAICIID's Arabic-language social media presence saw a significant uptick in engagement during the third quarter of 2024. Key takeaways include:



• **Twitter:** Played a critical role in amplifying KAICIID's messages, with nearly **12 million** potential users reached.



• **Instagram:** Demonstrated high engagement levels, particularly for visually driven content around key events, with rates up to **18.13%**.



• **Facebook:** Proved effective in driving interaction around KAICIID's partnerships and event participation, with the top post achieving an **18.14%** engagement rate.

**Engagement Rates:** Engagement rates for Instagram posts ranged from 4.93% to 18.13%, indicating strong interaction levels with the content. High engagement rates were seen for posts covering major events like the KAICIID Fellowship Programme and international dialogues.

**Content Highlights:** Posts featured vibrant, visually appealing content focused on KAICIID's high-profile activities, such as the **Fellowship Programme and key dialogues**.



## KAICIID MULTIMEDIA UNIT

In the third quarter of 2024, the KAICIID Multimedia Unit delivered extensive support across a broad range of activities, focusing on high-impact events and strategic engagements to bolster the Centre's global presence. This quarter was marked by a strong emphasis on visual storytelling and multimedia production, ensuring that KAICIID's initiatives were not only documented but amplified across digital and broadcast platforms.

### High-Profile Video Productions and Impact

A key achievement for the Multimedia Unit this quarter was the production of 14 high-quality videos in both English and Arabic, reflecting KAICIID's growing global audience. These productions were instrumental in documenting the SG's participation in several high-profile missions, events, and initiatives, as well as capturing key moments in KAICIID's programming.

#### G20 Interfaith Forum & PaRD Annual Forum (Brazil):

Two videos (English and Arabic) were developed to showcase the SG's strategic participation in these critical global platforms. The videos provided comprehensive coverage of KAICIID's role in advancing dialogue-driven solutions in Latin America, marking the Centre's growing influence in the region.

10th Anniversary of the Fellows Programme (Brasilia):

The Unit produced two commemorative videos (English and Arabic) documenting the SG's meeting with KAICIID Fellows in Brasilia. These productions celebrated the legacy of the Fellows Programme, by highlighting the profound impact of the Fellows network in fostering global dialogue and peacebuilding.

#### Diplomatic Mission to New York:

Four videos (English and Arabic) were produced in both long and short formats, providing coverage of the SG's diplomatic efforts during his visit to New York. These videos documented

key bilateral meetings, particularly focusing on the SG's interactions with international leaders and UN officials, thereby reinforcing KAICIID's role in global peacebuilding diplomacy.

#### 9th Annual Global Fatwa Conference, Cairo, July 2024:

In support of the SG's mission to Cairo, two videos (English and Arabic) were created to highlight KAICIID's participation in the conference focused on ethical foundations for dialogue. The content emphasised KAICIID's commitment to addressing contemporary ethical challenges through dialogue between religious and cultural communities.

#### Saudi Media Forum:

The unit developed two additional videos (English and Arabic) to capture KAICIID's presence at the Saudi Media Forum, underscoring our expanding engagement in global media dialogue. The videos spotlighted key moments where the Centre's influence was prominently featured, thus furthering our outreach efforts.

### Event Support and Strategic Archival Contributions

- **Global Initiatives - International Youth Day:** As part of our commitment to youth engagement, the Multimedia Unit produced two videos (English and Arabic) in celebration of International Youth Day. These videos showcased KAICIID's contributions to empowering youth through leadership, dialogue, and global peacebuilding efforts. Featuring KAICIID staff, these videos provided insights into the organization's strategies for engaging young leaders, thereby aligning our multimedia efforts with the broader youth engagement initiatives of KAICIID.
- **World Scout Conference (WOSM):** For the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) 43rd World Scout Conference in Cairo, the Multimedia Unit delivered 22 videos featuring KAICIID's training initiatives and dialogues. These videos were critical in

highlighting KAICIID's collaboration with youth movements globally and served as a pivotal resource for media reports on the Centre's work in youth empowerment and dialogue.

- **Evergreen Content Updates:** To ensure the continued relevance of KAICIID's online resources, the Multimedia Unit updated 28 evergreen videos in both landscape and square formats, ensuring content consistency and enhancing user engagement across digital platforms. These updates were aligned with KAICIID's evolving messaging and were designed to strengthen the Centre's visual identity.
- **Strategic Plan Photography:** In addition to video outputs, the unit curated a selection of photographs for the Strategic Plan Publication, providing visual support that effectively communicated the Centre's long-term goals and operational strategies.
- **Multimedia Database Enhancement:** A significant achievement this quarter was the ongoing curation of the Multimedia Unit's Video Database. This centralized repository now serves as a streamlined resource for KAICIID's internal and external partners, allowing for improved content sharing and enhanced visibility of our key videos. This initiative is critical for ensuring that KAICIID's multimedia assets are easily accessible for future use.

### Visual Documentation of High-Level Meetings

Throughout Q3, the Multimedia Unit actively documented several high-level meetings, providing visual assets that were key to both internal archives and external communications. This included:

- **Six high-level meetings at KAICIID headquarters:** The SG's bilateral meeting with the Executive Secretary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) at CPLP headquarters.
- The SG's meeting with the Mayor of Cascais at City Hall, Portugal.

- These visual documentations have been instrumental in showcasing KAICIID's strategic engagements and reinforcing our partnerships across Portugal and internationally.

### Event Photography and Videography Support

The Multimedia Unit managed extensive multimedia coverage for various KAICIID events, including both in-person and remote engagements:

- Seven photographers and six videographers were directed and coordinated to capture KAICIID's events, resulting in a total of over 4,000 photos and numerous hours of video footage. This documentation will not only support KAICIID's immediate communications needs but will also serve as a valuable archival resource for the future.

### Day-to-Day Multimedia Requests

In addition to major projects and events, the Multimedia Unit continued to address daily multimedia requests. These day-to-day tasks are critical in maintaining KAICIID's dynamic online presence and ensuring the consistency of the Centre's visual identity across all platforms. From video editing to ad-hoc content creation, the team remained responsive to the organization's ongoing programmatic needs.



**7**  
photographers



**6**  
videographers



**>4,000**  
photos



## KAICIID PUBLICATIONS UNIT

In the third quarter of 2024, the KAICIID Publications Unit made significant progress across several key projects, reflecting our ongoing commitment to enhancing the Centre’s communication tools and resources. This quarter focused on updating and refining foundational KAICIID publications to better align with the Centre’s evolving mission and outreach strategies. The Publications Unit’s meticulous attention to detail and collaboration with various KAICIID divisions has ensured that these documents continue to strengthen KAICIID’s visibility, brand consistency, and impact.

### About KAICIID

One of the primary achievements of Q3 was the initiation of the long-awaited update to the “About KAICIID” document, which serves as a cornerstone of KAICIID’s communication strategy. Following a comprehensive review by the Communications Division, the outline for the update has been approved, marking a significant step forward. The new version of this critical document will feature:



- A thorough overhaul and renewal of its structure and content, designed to better articulate KAICIID’s mission, objectives, and global impact.



- A clear focus on specific target audiences, ensuring that the content resonates with stakeholders ranging from policymakers to academic institutions and civil society organizations.



- A modernised content framework, allowing for easier updates and flexibility in addressing new areas of focus and strategic priorities.

## KAICIID Factsheets

In conjunction with the “About KAICIID” document, the Publications Unit also undertook a comprehensive review of the “KAICIID Factsheets”. These multilingual documents, which serve as quick reference guides to the Centre’s work, have been restructured into a more concise and accessible brochure-style format. Key improvements include:

- A sharper focus on clarity and brevity, ensuring that key information is immediately accessible.
- A reorientation of the content to better reflect KAICIID’s most recent achievements and strategic areas of focus, thereby ensuring that our message is both current and relevant.



## KAICIID Identity Guidelines

Another significant achievement for the Publications Unit this quarter was the initiation of the update to KAICIID’s Identity Guidelines. This critical document, which outlines the appropriate use of KAICIID’s visual identity and logo, will ensure:

- Clear guidelines for internal and external stakeholders, including KAICIID staff and organizational partners, to maintain brand consistency across all digital and physical platforms.

- Stronger brand coherence by setting clear parameters on the use of KAICIID’s logo, typography, colours, and other visual elements. This will not only help in preventing misuse but will also enhance recognition and visibility of the Centre’s brand.

The updated guidelines serve as an essential tool for ensuring that KAICIID’s brand is presented uniformly across all communications, reinforcing our professional and respected image globally.



## Support for Other KAICIID Projects

The Publications Unit provided editorial and content development support to various KAICIID initiatives, working closely with both the Communications and Programmes teams to refine and enhance key materials. Significant projects this quarter include:

- **Network for Dialogue Booklet:** The Unit supported the updating of the Network for Dialogue booklet. This booklet serves as an important resource for stakeholders involved in dialogue and integration initiatives across Europe, particularly those working with migrant and refugee populations.

- **Fellows 10-Year Anniversary Publication:** In collaboration with the Fellows Team, the Publications Unit initiated the development of a celebratory publication to mark the 10-year anniversary of the Fellows Programme. This publication will highlight the impact of the Fellows network by showcasing the stories and achievements of the Fellows, and serve as a testament to the long-term impact of KAICIID’s capacity-building efforts.

## Broader Impact and Strategic Contributions

The work of the Publications Unit in Q3 has had a far-reaching impact on KAICIID’s overall communications and engagement efforts. The meticulous updates and developments of core publications ensure that KAICIID is well-positioned to:

- Present a unified, professional image to global audiences.
- Enhance the Centre’s ability to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders, from policymakers and diplomats to community leaders and academic institutions.
- Maintain a consistent and compelling narrative about KAICIID’s work and achievements, fostering greater awareness of our contributions to global peace and dialogue.

The updated publications also play a critical role in ensuring that KAICIID’s mission and objectives are clearly understood by audiences who are unfamiliar with our work. As KAICIID continues to expand its partnerships and projects around the world, having up-to-date, high-quality materials will be essential for informing and engaging new audiences.







## KAICIID MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

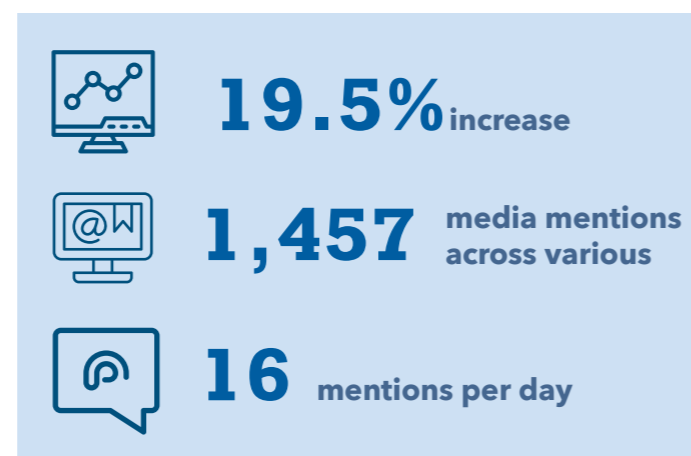
The third quarter of 2024 has been a significant period for KAICIID’s media presence, marked by steady growth in global engagement and reach. This report delves into detailed insights reflecting on the volume, sentiment, geographic reach, and thematic impact of KAICIID’s media presence. Notably, KAICIID’s interfaith efforts in regions such as the Arab regions, Europe, Africa, and Asia garnered widespread attention, further reinforcing the organization’s position as a global leader in fostering dialogue and understanding among religious communities.

KAICIID’s prominent feature in the media stems from its active role and leadership in key global discussions on interreligious and intercultural dialogue. The Centre’s involvement in high-level events, strategic partnerships with international organizations, and its ongoing efforts to promote peace and combat extremism have placed it at the forefront of these conversations. Additionally, KAICIID’s initiatives, such as its push for UN Observer Status and expansion into new regions like Latin America, have further attracted media attention, highlighting its growing influence

and commitment to fostering global dialogue and cooperation. These factors combined have naturally positioned KAICIID at the center of media coverage.

### Mentions Trend and Volume

During this the third quarter KAICIID received 1,457 media mentions across various platforms, representing a 19.5% increase compared to the previous quarter (April - June 2024). The average daily mention volume stood at 16 mentions per day, with notable spikes around key events and initiatives.



## JULY:

**345** mentions

The 9th **Fatwa and Ethical Foundations Conference** held in Cairo, Egypt, recorded 345 mentions during this period, driven by discussions on the role of religious leaders in fostering peace amidst geopolitical tensions saw KAICIID at the centre of these discussions.

## AUGUST:

**270** mentions

The Citizens’ Forum on Democracy and Institutional Resilience held in Ghana facilitated by African Union’s Economic, Social, and Cultural Council in partnership with KAICIID garnered great visibility for the regional programme the ongoing partnership between KAICIID and regional partners like the African Union (AU) and the AU ECOSOCC have focused on empowering faith leaders and supporting interfaith collaboration and reconciliation efforts in conflict-torn regions and countries. In countries such as Ethiopia and countries in the Sahel generated 270 mentions, primarily from African and European media outlets.

## SEPTEMBER:

**191** mentions

Coverage of the KAICIID Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities in Davao, Philippines, which focused on interfaith cooperation in addressing climate change and explore the critical role of interfaith, intercultural, and interreligious dialogue in fostering inclusive and resilient urban communities. This event saw a surge of 191 mentions, particularly from outlets in Southeast Asia, highlighting growing regional interest.

### Content Clusters

Our Media analysis revealed several thematic clusters that drove media conversations about KAICIID during Q3 2024. The most prominent themes were:

**214** Mentions

- **Peacebuilding in Conflict Zones:** A cluster around KAICIID’s engagement in peace negotiations in regions such as ‘CAR and Nigeria’ and partner initiatives in ‘Ethiopia, Mali, and South Sudan’, was the most influential. This cluster included 214 mentions and social media posts, predominantly in English, Arabic, and French, reflecting strong interest from African, Middle Eastern, and European outlets. These stories were bolstered by coverage from major outlets like Al Jazeera, The Guardian, and France 24.

**178** mentions

- **Interfaith Dialogue for Climate Action and Inclusive Cities:** KAICIID’s work on interfaith collaboration to combat climate change, particularly in Southeast Asia, gained significant traction. With 178 mentions in this cluster, the coverage focused on how religious leaders are shaping climate discourse in countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

**145** mentions

- **Advancing Religious Freedom and Tolerance in Europe:** In ‘Western Europe’, particularly in Germany, Austria, and Spain, KAICIID’s efforts to address rising tensions between different religious communities were discussed widely. This cluster, consisting of 145 mentions, highlighted how KAICIID is supporting grassroots interfaith organizations to promote religious tolerance and reduce Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.



## Top Keywords and Entities

The analysis of keywords across the media mentions reinforced KAICIID's influence on global interfaith dialogue and peacebuilding efforts. The top keywords included



Prominent personalities and institutions linked to KAICIID, featured in the same article, significantly boosted media engagement during this period:

- Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot (President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue)
- African Union (AU)
- African Union's Economic, Social, and Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC)
- Sheikh Abdullah bin Bayyah (prominent Islamic scholar)
- Patriarch Bartholomew I (Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)

These mentions suggest that KAICIID continues to work with leading religious and political figures to shape peacebuilding efforts globally.

## Geographic Reach - Top Locations

KAICIID's media mentions spanned six continents during this period, reflecting the organization's global reach. The top five regions that generated the most media activity were:

### Middle East and North Africa (MENA):

**425** mentions

were recorded in this region, particularly from Saudi Arabia, UAE, Jordan, Egypt, and Morocco, driven by KAICIID's participation in the 9th Fatwa and Ethical Foundations Conference in Cairo and ongoing efforts in fostering interfaith dialogue in the Arab world.

### Europe:

**385** mentions

originated from Germany, Austria, and Spain, with significant attention given to KAICIID's efforts to combat religious intolerance and promote pluralism in these countries.

### Sub-Saharan Africa:

**319** mentions

particularly from Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Nigeria, reflected KAICIID's increasing focus on peacebuilding in conflict-affected African nations. Media outlets in Kenya, South Africa, and the Sahel region also extensively covered KAICIID's partnership with the AU.

### Southeast Asia:

**211** mentions

were generated from The Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities conference and the interfaith climate action initiative like Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines.

### North America:

**117** mentions

While the United States and Canada had a relatively lower volume of mentions (approximately 117), there was consistent coverage from outlets focusing on international diplomacy and religious freedom saw KAICIID mentioned among global leaders in interfaith dialogue initiatives.

## Sentiment Analysis

The overall sentiment around KAICIID's mentions remained overwhelmingly positive:

**74%** positive

Primarily from articles praising KAICIID's role in conflict resolution, peacebuilding, and environmental advocacy.

**22%** neutral

These mentions were largely objective news stories covering events and announcements without editorial bias.

**4%** negative

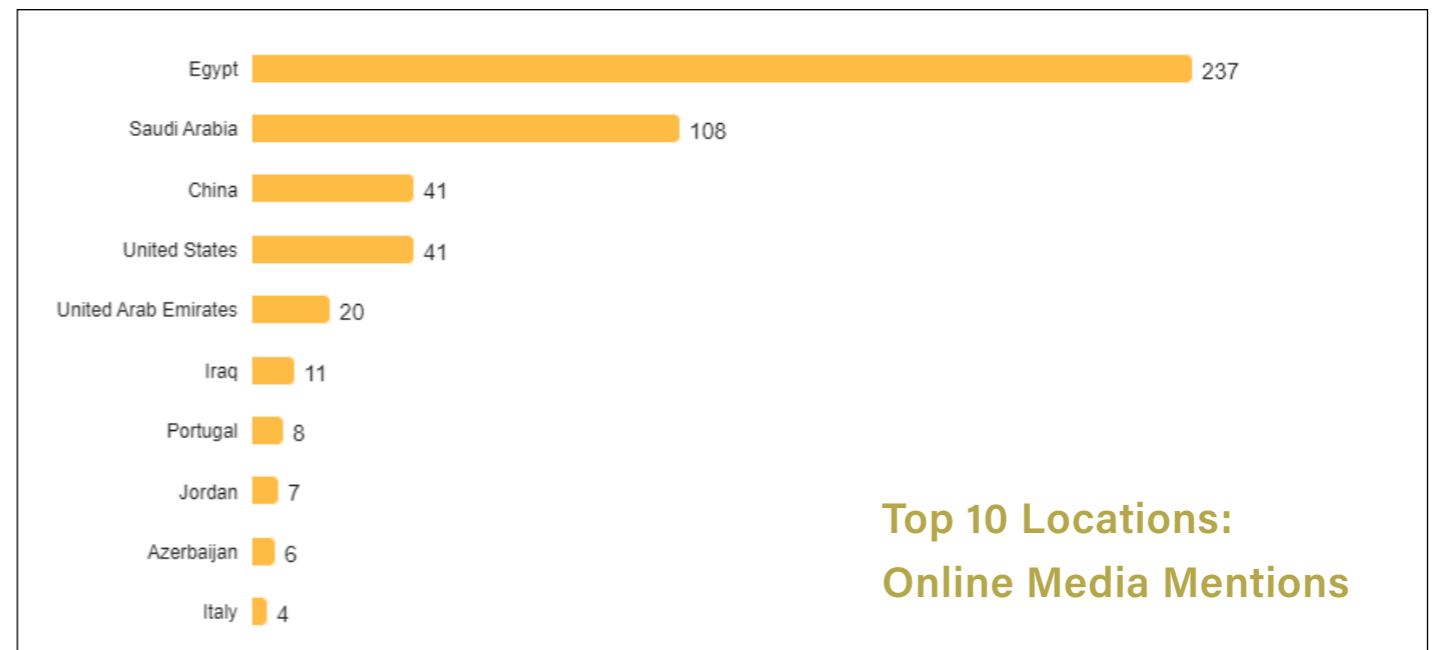
A minor portion of the mentions raised questions or criticisms, mainly surrounding political dynamics in conflict zones like Ethiopia, where peacebuilding efforts are often met with resistance.

**The positive sentiment was particularly strong in Europe and Africa, where KAICIID's peacebuilding and interfaith initiatives have been widely recognized.**

## Strategic Impact and Reach

KAICIID's media reach during this quarter extended across 'more than 50 countries', reflecting the organization's global resonance. High-impact events like the 9th Fatwa and Ethical Foundations Conference, the partnership with the AU, and the Southeast Asia Dialogue Cities conference have solidified KAICIID's position as a central actor in international interfaith dialogue.

- In Europe, media coverage of KAICIID's initiatives around combating 'religious intolerance' and supporting 'migrant communities' contributed significantly to the discourse on religious pluralism.
- In 'Africa', the partnership with the 'African Union' positioned KAICIID as a key player in conflict resolution in regions like the 'Horn of Africa' and the Sahel.
- Southeast Asia emerged as a growing hub for interfaith dialogue, especially with KAICIID's focus on religious leaders addressing climate change.



**Top 10 Locations: Online Media Mentions**



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