

## WORKING GROUPS

1. There are three Working Groups and **they constitute the substantive heart of the Forum:**

**Working Group 1: (English/ Spanish)**

- Moderators: Nicolas Borsinger (Fondation Nicolas Puech) and Imad Karam (Initiative of Change)
- Rapporteurs: 2 youth

**Working Group 2: (Spanish/French)**

- Moderators : Patrice Brodeur (KAICIID) and María Jesús Viguera (Fundación Paradigma Córdoba)
- Rapporteurs: 2 youth

**Working Group 3: (French /English)**

- Moderators: Nadia Mimouni (AISA International) and Olivier Vodoz (Fondation Ousseimi)
- Rapporteurs: 2 youth

They meet on Day 2 of the Forum, which is also the **UN International Day of Living Together in Peace: May 16<sup>th</sup>**, from 11h00 to 17h00 with a luncheon pause from 13h00 to 14h30.

The choice of group is free and depends mainly on the languages used in each group. Please, remember to fill the form that you will find with your documentation, indicating which group you will attend. It is recommended that delegations that have more than one member spread themselves in different groups. Ideally, each group should host about a third of the participants.

2. All groups have the same two objectives:

Objective 1:

- To identify the obstacles and analyse the conflicts facing the promotion of convivence;
- to describe the different means used to overcome those obstacles;
- to share experiences and thus be inspired by the success of others;
- to coordinate efforts to make a concrete contribution to a world in which convivence is universal.

Objective 2: To identify concrete ways of implementing the objectives of the “International Day of Living Together in Peace”.

- 2.1. Meeting objective 2 should end up with a collection of ideas (already practiced or not) on how to celebrate this worldwide day which, according to the UN, is meant to:

- *Underline that the International Day of Living Together in Peace constitutes a means of regularly mobilizing the efforts of the international community to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity, and to express its attachment to the desire to live and act together, united in differences and diversity, in order to build a sustainable world of peace, solidarity and harmony;*
- *Invite all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Living*

*Together in Peace in accordance with the culture and other appropriate circumstances or customs of their local, national and regional communities, including through education and public awareness-raising activities;*

- *Invite all Member States to further promote reconciliation to help to ensure peace and sustainable development, including by working with communities, faith leaders and other relevant actors, through reconciliatory measures and acts of service and by encouraging forgiveness and compassion among individuals;*

2.2. The approach to meeting objective 1 is exposed in paragraph “Principles of the Forum” presented in the document “Introduction to the Forum”:

*“The practice at the Forum will be a version of “diapraxis” that builds its dialogue on positive – and therefore inspiring– action-oriented “success stories”. The focus of the Cordoba Forum is not only what each participant brings to it but also what they take home from it and what it contributes to their work when back at base, as well as the bi- or multilateral links established at the Forum between participants.*

1. *The Cordoba Forum aims at collecting, sharing, discussing and disseminating concrete « success stories » of contributions towards a world of greater convivence, of better living together in peace and harmony. It aims at constituting a thriving network of such examples and also functioning as a public loudspeaker for them.*
2. *The Forum does not aim at taking resolutions of a general nature on any subject (including convivence) unless there is an urgent consensus amongst its participants to take such a decision, to be then taken without opposition.*
3. *Participants to the Cordoba Forum are invited to see themselves first and foremost as members of a network in which they are encouraged to create bi-or multi-lateral links and even adopt collective projects, learning from each other’s positive experiences. Negative experiences are only to be shared if important general lessons can be learnt from them.*
4. *The sharing of positive experiences at the Forum is encouraged to take the form of audio-visual presentations that can be later shared on the web; but this is not a prerequisite for a sincere oral testimony can be equally inspiring.*
5. *What matters in and with the Cordoba Forum is what each participant takes home from it and then puts into practice in its own sphere of influence, be it alone or jointly with one or more members of the network.”*

3. Ideally, all participants in each Working Group should be able to take the floor absolutely freely, either presenting an experience of his or her own (or of its Institution), or expressing reaction to the words of another participant, or on the subject of the International Day Living Together in Peace.

4. In order to try and harmonize the presentation of their three independent reports the rapporteurs will endeavour to distribute them under the following headings:
- a. Conflicts
  - b. Education
  - c. Culture
  - d. Youth contribution
  - e. Integration (migration)

Their reports will not mention names of the participants but just the essence of their stories and reflexions. If general trends or –to the contrary– oppositions take form, they will be reported upon.