

Kurdistan National Prayer Breakfast

The following is a brief overview of the event program over the four days. The Event Teams will continue to add more information.



Tuesday, April 22

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Welcome Dinner and Cocktail Reception

Location: Reception Tent | Divan

Dress Code: Business Casual

Wednesday, April 23

7:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Inaugural Kurdistan National Prayer Breakfast

Location: Main Hall Tent | Divan
Dress Code: Business

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Panel 1: Preserving People and Places: The Value of Cultural and Religious Heritage

Location: Grand Ballroom Inside

The preservation of religious heritage sites—an increasingly pressing priority in the region—is one that touches many sectors. There is great value in preserving and sharing these religious heritage sites, not only as a means of preserving the communities they represent but also for economic reasons. This panel will consider challenges facing existing heritage sites, the efforts being undertaken to preserve them, and the lessons learned for interfaith tolerance.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Panel 2: National-level Institutions Protecting International Religious Freedom

Location: Grand Ballroom Inside

This panel will explore various national-level institutions available to protect religious freedom across the Middle East North Africa region. Their effectiveness varies widely and, in many areas, they do not exist in any meaningful way. Nevertheless, they are an important set of tools to understand and utilize properly. This panel will consider what these institutions are, how to use them, and what happens if they break down.

**1:30 PM -
3:30 PM**

Lunch

Location: Main Hall Tent | Divan

**4:30 PM -
5:30 PM**

Panel 3: Good Governance with the Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy (GILPP)

Location: Grand Ballroom Inside

This panel, sponsored by the Geneva Institute for Leadership and Public Policy (GILPP), will focus on good governance methodologies for global leaders, enabling them to positively impact the poor in their countries. We will discuss enacting policies from an ethical standpoint that will enable the poor to generate income, enjoy edible food and clean water, be physically and emotionally well, and be properly educated. If the systems are in place, societies flourish. If not, there can and probably will be decay and an endless cycle of poverty and hopelessness.

4:30 PM -
5:30 PM

Panel 4: Ensuring Human Rights and Justice for Women and Girls in Conflict

Location: Divan Hall Inside

This panel addresses how armed conflict and war impact on women and girls, and recognizes the critical role they can and do play in prevention as well as resolution of conflicts and in peacemaking and peacebuilding processes. As global leaders, policymakers, and advocates unite to address the underlying causes and consequences of conflict-related sexual violence, it is essential to acknowledge the critical role of faith-based approaches in fostering healing, reconciliation, and sustainable peace as well as promoting peace and justice and offering essential tools for building resilience, restoring dignity, and supporting survivors.

5:30 PM -
6:30 PM

Panel 5: The Conditions of Religious Freedom in Kurdistan Amid Regional Conflicts: Challenges and Opportunities

Location: Grand Ballroom Inside

7:30 PM -
9:30 PM

Signature Dinner

Location: Main Hall Tent

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Cocktail Reception and Networking

Location: Bloo Lounge

Dress Code: Business Casual

Thursday, April 24

6:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Buffet Breakfast at all Hotels

9:00 AM -
4:00 PM

Erbil & Ankawa City Excursion

Explore the rich cultural, religious and architectural heritage of the city on this meaningful excursion. The day begins with a visit to the center for Christian life in Erbil, the historic Ankawa, home to churches representing 20 denominations. Guests will then explore the Syriac Heritage Museum and learn about the preservation of Syriac culture and art. We will also visit to a Christian-funded University, highlighting efforts in education and community development.

Lunch will be provided. Please bring socks.

6:00 AM -
4:00 PM

Nineveh Plains Excursion

Join us for an incredible excursion day-trip to the historic Nineveh Plains and Kurdish Countryside. Our journey begins with a visit to Lalish, the sacred Ezidi temple. We then travel to the ancient town of Alqosh to enjoy lunch and visit the 6th-century Rabban Hormizd Monastery, a spiritual landmark, and the revered Shrine of the Prophet Nahum, a treasured biblical location.

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**5:30 PM -
8:30 PM**

Dinner

Location: Citadel

8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Cocktail Reception and Networking

Location: Divan Hotel

Fri, Apr 25

6:00 AM

Buffet Breakfast

Location: Grand Ballroom Inside

Dress Code: Business Casual
