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*We believe that the Mediterranean still is what it was:
an inexhaustible source of creativity, a lively and universal hearthstone
radiating the light of knowledge, the grace of beauty
and the warmth of fraternity to mankind.*

Giorgio La Pira

"Congresso Mediterraneo della Cultura" - February 19, 1960

FLORENCE MEDITERRANEAN MAYORS' FORUM

Florence, February 25-27, 2022

Mayors and delegates from Mediterranean countries
gathering together in Florence

The goal of the conference is to draw new attention to the Mediterranean area through the dialogue between its main cities, fostering and promoting actions to support cooperation and peace. Historically, the crossroad of Eastern and Western civilisations, of the North and the South of the world, the Mediterranean can play again the role of cultural bridge it has played in previous decisive historical junctures, this time thanks to the dialogue between its cities.

The conference will coincide with the Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI) annual event "Mediterranean frontier of peace" which, after the first edition in Bari in 2020, will continue the discussion between bishops of all Mediterranean Churches.

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and to the Minister of Public Health of Italy Roberto Speranza
for their support to the organization of the Forum.*

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Tenor and founder of Andrea Bocelli Foundation



Antonio Decaro
President of ANCI
(Italian National Association of Municipalities)



Antonio Vitorino
Director General of IOM
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Arnon Afek
Director of the Sheba General Hospital of
Ramat Gan, former Director General of the
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Audrey Azoulay
Director General of UNESCO



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Enzo Bianco
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(Italian National Association of Municipalities)
and Vice president of CIVEX (Commission for
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of the Regions)



Filippo Grandi
UN High Commissioner for Refugees



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President of ISPI



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Bishop of Marseille



Luciana Lamorgese
Minister of the Interior, Italy



Luigi Di Maio
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy



Maimunah Mohd Sharif
Executive Director UN Habitat



Marco Minniti
President of MedOr Foundation



Matteo Biffoni
ANCI's Delegate for Immigration
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Prof. Romano Prodi
Former President of the European Commission



Sting
Musician, singer, songwriter and actor



Tareq Abu Hamed,
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former Regional Director for Europe of the WHO



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Friday, February 25 - 2022

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALONE DEI CINQUECENTO

8.15 am | **Delegations' arrival and registration**

8.55 am | **Official opening, national anthem**

9 am | **Opening speeches**

Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence

Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO (IN STREAMING)

Antonio Decaro, Mayor of Bari and President of ANCI (Italian National Association of Municipalities)

9.30 am - 11.30 am

Session I - Moderated by Giovanna Pancheri (Anchor Sky TG 24)

Cultural development and cooperation between Mediterranean cities. How to support cultural development projects between cities and countries of the Mediterranean to foster Culture as a vehicle of economic and social growth, hence stability and peaceful coexistence

9.30 am: Keynote speech by **Prof. Romano Prodi** - Former President of the European Commission

9.40 am - 11.30 am: **"Urban dialogues"**, Mayors' open talk session

During this session mayors will be invited to discuss the topics addressed by the keynote speakers to debate priorities and share possible solutions.

11.30 am - 1.15 pm

Session II - Moderated by Liliana Faccioli Pintozi (Head of International News Sky TG 24)

Public Health Security and social protection. In times of pandemic, the main goal to start a dialogue between cities is to grant protection from COVID-19, which hasn't been reached in many Mediterranean areas yet. Vaccine campaigns international perspectives analysis

11.30 am: Keynote speech by **Zsuzsanna Jakab**, Deputy Director General of the WHO, former Regional Director for Europe of the WHO (in streaming)

11.40 am: Keynote speech by **Arnon Afek**, Director of the Sheba General Hospital of Ramat Gan, former Director General of the Public Health Ministry of Israel (in streaming)

12 pm - 1.15 pm: **"Urban dialogues"**, Mayors' open talk session

During this session mayors will be invited to discuss the topics addressed by the keynote speakers to debate priorities and share possible solutions.

1.15 pm: Photo Opportunity

1.30 pm: Light lunch - Sala della Musica di San Firenze, Piazza San Firenze

3 pm – 5.15 pm

Session III - Moderated by Luca Fraioli (la Repubblica)

Mediterranean Sea, water pollution, environment and hydric and energetic resources protection; policies to support a sustainable economic development based on a fair distribution of hydric and energetic resources; technology access for a sustainable energetic transition

3 pm: Keynote speech by: **HRH Charles Prince of Wales** (video contribution)

3.10 pm: Keynote speech by **Tareq Abu Hamed**, Executive Director, Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, Israel

3.20 pm: Keynote speech: by **Maimunah Mohd Sharif**, Executive Director UN Habitat (video contribution)

3.30 pm - 5.15 pm: **"Urban dialogues"**, Mayors' open talk session

During this session mayors will be invited to discuss the topics addressed by the keynote speakers to debate priorities and share possible solutions.

5.15 pm – 7 pm

Session IV - Moderated by Carlo Bonini (la Repubblica)

Migrations across Mediterranean shores. How cities can help defining new migration policies and cooperate for effective actions on fundamental human rights protection

5.15 pm: Keynote speech by **Marco Minniti**, President of MedOr Foundation

5.25 pm: Keynote speech by **Antonio Vitorino**, Director General of IOM (International Organisation of Migrations)

5.35 pm: Keynote speech by **Filippo Grandi**, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

5.45 pm – 7 pm: **"Urban dialogues"**, Mayors' open talk session

During this session mayors will be invited to discuss the topics addressed by the keynote speakers to debate priorities and share possible solutions.

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALA D'ARME

7 pm: Vernissage of the exhibition **"Amos Gitai - Promised Lands"** - In the presence of the artist

Special guest star: **Nathalie Dessay** (soprano) **Philippe Cassard** (piano)

Saturday, February 26 - 2022

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALONE DEI CINQUECENTO

With



9 am - 12 pm

Session I - Joint session for mayors and participants to the Italian Episcopal Conference

9 am: Introduction by **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence

Introduction by His Em. **Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Perugia - Città della Pieve and President of CEI

9.20 am: Address by co-chairs **Mons. Antonino Raspanti**, Vice President of CEI and **Enzo Bianco**, President of the National Council of ANCI (Italian National Association of Municipalities) and Vice president of CIVEX (Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs of COR - European Committee of the Regions)

09.30 am: Open session during which mayors and CEI participants will discuss the topics addressed by the keynote speakers

12 pm: Signing of the Florence Declaration by participants

12.15 pm: Photo Opportunity

12.30 pm: **Press Conference**; **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence and His Em. **Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Perugia - Città della Pieve and President of CEI meet the press

1.30 pm: Light lunch - Sala della Musica di San Firenze, Piazza San Firenze

2 pm: Transfer to the New Auditorium of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

NEW AUDITORIUM OF THE MAGGIO MUSICALE FIORENTINO

3 pm - 5.30 pm

Session II - Moderated by Maurizio Molinari, Editor in Chief "la Repubblica"

The Florence Declaration as a bridge between Europe and the Mediterranean Region: peace, social and economic development, culture and people to people relations.

Remembering David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament

A meeting with:

Luciana Lamorgese, Minister of the Interior, Italy

Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Amira Kalem and **Nadežda Mojsilović**, CEI - Rondine Cittadella della Pace

Jean-Marc Aveline, Bishop of Marseille

Giampiero Massolo, President of ISPI

Mayor **Mustafa Tunç Soyer**, Izmir; Mayor **Roberto Gualtieri**, Rome; Deputy Mayor **Chen Arieli**, Tel Aviv; Mayor **Benjamina Karic**, Sarajevo

Sting (video contribution)

Andrea Bocelli (video contribution)

5.15 pm: Signing of the '**Florence Declaration**' by **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence and His Em. **Cardinal Gualtiero Bassetti**, Metropolitan Archbishop of Perugia - Città della Pieve and President of CEI in the presence of Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

6.30 pm: Networking Cocktail

8 pm: Concert of the **Maggio Musicale Fiorentino Orchestra** conducted by **James Conlon**:

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Concert in D minor K. 466 for piano and orchestra

Gustav Mahler, Symphony No. 4 in G major for soprano and orchestra

James Conlon, Conductor

Saleem Ashkar, Piano

Sara Blanch, Soprano

Orchestra del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino

Sunday, February 27 - 2022

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALONE DEI CINQUECENTO

8.30 am: Meeting in the presence of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALA LEONE X

Greetings with Representatives of Capital Cities

PALAZZO VECCHIO, SALA D'ARME

The Holy Father, Pope Francis meets refugee families living in Florence

SANTA CROCE SQUARE

10.30 am: Mass and Angelus - The Holy Father, Pope Francis

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