



Under the patronage of H.E. Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi,
the Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq

TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR YAZIDIS & MINORITIES IN IRAQ & KRI

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMEMORATION OF THE YAZIDI GENOCIDE
THIS 2ND & 3RD OF AUGUST, 2021

COMMEMORATION PROGRAM





OPENING LETTER

Dear friends of the Yazidi Cause,

The seven-year mark since the onset of genocide by *Da'esh* is upon us. May we remember and honor the memories of the thousands of civilians who perished and who we are still missing dearly.

Importantly, we must look forward and continue to work hand in hand to enable a sustainable and safer future for all minority communities in Iraq and the KRI.

We are grateful to have all of you - global friends of the Yazidi Cause - with us in these two days. Our commemoration is dedicated to deeply-needed blunt and action-focused keynotes, plenaries, and panels, bringing together the enormity and complexities of the Yazidi Cause. We welcome the official patronage of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi on this occasion along with our communities and survivors, government officials, foreign representatives and diplomatic emissaries in Baghdad and Erbil, local and international civil society representatives, and leaders of religious communities on this August 2nd and 3rd, 2021.

Our two-day gathering will be hosted on Zoom and shared online on all Yazda social channels, which have over 100,000 followers from around the world.

Genocide against the Yazidi people in Iraq began on the 3rd of August, 2014, with organized military and community extermination efforts by *Da'esh*, resulting in acts of war and genocide including, mass crimes, massacres, systematic abductions, enslavement of women and children, forced conversion, and forced displacement of thousands of our people. Seven years later, the genocide continues with more than 2,900 Yazidis still missing in captivity, over 200,000 IDPs and refugees unable to return to their homes in Sinjar and the Nineveh Plains, and a destroyed homeland that continues to face political, security, economic, and social uncertainties.

Thank you for being with us in this most difficult time. Your solidarity, actions, and diplomacy are needed like never before.

In the name of peace for our Middle East,
With our deepest respects,



Haider Elias
President
Yazda Organization



Lynn Zovighian
Co-founder & Managing Director
The Zovighian Partnership



ABOUT YAZDA

www.yazda.org

Yazda is a global and multi-national organization, established to urgently respond to the Yazidi Genocide that was perpetrated by *Da'esh* in 2014. The global team strives to bring justice, sustenance, healing, and rejuvenation in support of the Yazidi ethno-religious minority and other vulnerable groups. Yazda's main branch is registered in the United States under Article 501(c)(3). Yazda is also registered in Iraq, Kurdistan Region of Iraq, Germany, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Australia.

Yazda-US operates out of both Houston and Lincoln in the United States. Yazda-Iraq consists of the main office, a women's center, a documentation facility in the city of Dohuk, Kurdistan Region-Iraq, a mobile clinic in northern Sinjar, and a base office in Sinone, Sinjar.

Today, Yazda has incubated and manages a portfolio of humanitarian and community development projects for the global Yazidi community. Projects are all survivor-centered and community-centric in design and implementation. This portfolio includes the Yazidi Survivor Network, case management, mobile clinics and medical team capacity-building, education programs, household sustenance campaigns, economic development with special attention to enabling SMEs and economical development, as well as advocacy and justice-seeking efforts, including lobbying for the recognition of the Yazidi Genocide and acknowledging *Da'esh* crimes in Iraq and Syria, ensuring strong testimony management for court cases against former *Da'esh* fighter, and documentation of the Yazidi Genocide in Iraq.

We would like to thank all of our government, institutional, and private partners for championing and deeply supporting the Yazidi Cause over the last six years. We would not be here without your generosity, deep solidarity, and humanity.

DAY 1 | Acknowledging the barriers to genocide response

August 2, 2021 | 16:00-19:30 Iraq time / 9:00-12:30 Eastern time

We will examine the challenges and obstacles curtailing efforts to respond to and end the Yazidi Genocide incited by *Da'esh* since 2014.

Masters of Ceremony

Mr. Haider Elias | Co-founder & President, Yazda Organization

Ms. Lynn Zovighian | Co-founder & Managing Director, The Zovighian Partnership

Opening keynote speakers

16:00-17:00 Iraq time / 9:00-10:00 Eastern time

Mr. Haider Elias | Co-founder & President, Yazda Organization

H.E. Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi | Prime Minister, Republic of Iraq

Sayyed Ammar Al-Hakim | Head, The National Wisdom Movement

Ms. Salwa Saido | Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network

H.E. Ambassador Matthew H. Tueller | Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Iraq

H.E. Minister Salar Abdul Sattar Muhammad | Minister of Justice, Republic of Iraq

First Plenary

Prioritizing Inclusion: The Challenges to Equitability for Minorities in the IDP Camps

17:00-17:20 Iraq time / 10:00-10:20 Eastern time

In our first plenary, we will examine and debate the decision-making process and priorities for re-locating and provisioning services to displaced families in Sinjar. Our speakers will address current efforts and pertinent threats to ensuring a safe environment for all internally displaced communities.

Mr. Karim Al-Nouri | Deputy Minister of Displacement & Migration, Republic of Iraq

Mr. Mirza Dinnayi | 2019 Aurora Prize Laureate for Awakening Humanity & Head, Luftbrücke Irak (Air Bridge Iraq)

First Panel

Humanizing Security: The Urgent Need for Bold Political Will and Action

17:20-18:20 Iraq time / 10:20-11:20 Eastern time

Our first panel brings together diverse perspectives on key matters of security, including public administration, the women peace and security agenda, and accountability. Our speakers will highlight the imperative for agile cooperation to achieve the stability and sustained existence of minorities in Iraq and KRI.

Moderator

Mr. Sa'ad Salloum | Director, Masarat Foundations & Founder, Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue

Mr. Joey Hood | Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs,
United States Department of State

H.E. M.P. Saib Khidir | Member of Parliament, Republic of Iraq

Ms. Sarab Barakat | Director General for Survivors' Affairs, Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs, Republic of Iraq

Ms. Natia Navrouzov | Legal Advocacy Director, Yazda Organization

Second Plenary

Inaction and Destitution: The Limitations of International Diplomacy

18:20-18:40 Iraq time / 11:20-11:40 Eastern time

Our second plenary will critically examine the response efforts of international actors on the ground. Our speakers will present necessary priorities to fill the gaps in humanitarian aid and opportunities for strategic re-development.

Ms. Nadine Maenza | Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)

Mr. Murad Ismael | Co-founder & President, Sinjar Academy

Closing keynote speakers

18:40-19:30 Iraq time / 11:40-12:30 Eastern time

Ms. Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert | Special Representative of the Secretary General, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)

H.E. Ambassador Mark Bryson-Richardson | Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Republic of Iraq

Ms. Pramila Patten | Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict & Under Secretary General, United Nations

H.E. Ambassador Michel Rentenaar | Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Republic of Iraq

DAY 1 | Acknowledging the barriers to genocide response

Opening keynote speakers

Mr. Haider Elias

Co-founder & President, Yazda Organization



Mr. Haider Elias is the Co-founder and the President of Yazda Organization. He previously worked for the U.S. government in Iraq as a translator and cultural advisor. Haider lost his younger brother in the attack against the Yazidi people in August 2014. He then became involved in helping the victims and in advocating to prevent future genocides against minorities. He co-founded Nadia's Initiative in December 2015, dedicated to rebuilding communities in crisis and globally advocating for survivors of sexual violence. He has been travelling around the world to raise awareness of the Yazidi Cause.

H.E. Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi

Prime Minister, Republic of Iraq



H.E. Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi is the 43rd Prime Minister of the Republic of Iraq. He is the former director of the Iraqi National Intelligence Service, as well as a former columnist and editor of the Iraqi version of *Al-Monitor* and former senior editor of *Newsweek* Magazine in Iraq.

Sayyed Ammar Al-Hakim

Head, The National Wisdom Movement



His Grace, Mr. Ammar Al-Hakim, President of The Coalition for National State Power. Sayyed Ammar al-Hakim is an Iraqi cleric and politician, the President of the Iraqis Alliance and the Leader of the National Wisdom Movement. He is the son of Sayyed Abdulaziz al-Hakim, and the grandchild of Imam Sayyed Muhsin al-Hakim, leader of the Shiite community in Iraq and the world at his time. He has led the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq, and has taught Arabic, Islamic jurisprudence, logic, philosophy and the science of the Qur'an. He established the al-Hakim Foundation under the supervision of his uncle, Ayatollah Sayyed Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim.

Ms. Salwa Saido

Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network



Ms. Salwa Saido is a Yazidi activist and member of the Yazda Yazidi Survivor Network (YSN), advocating for the rights of survivors of Yazidi and minority communities. Salwa was 17 years old when she was enslaved by Da'esh fighters. She spent five years in captivity. Before the genocide began, Salwa was a student with simple dream to become a doctor in her small town of Telqasab in southern Sinjar. Until today Salwa's mother, brother, and sister are still missing.

H.E. Ambassador Matthew H. Tueller

Ambassador of the United States to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Matthew H. Tueller is the U.S. Ambassador to Iraq. He previously served as Ambassador to Yemen, Ambassador to Kuwait, Deputy Chief of Mission in Cairo, Political Counselor in Baghdad, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kuwait, Political Counselor in Riyadh, Chief of the U.S. Office in Aden, Deputy Chief of Mission in Doha, Political Officer in London, Political Officer and Consular Officer in Amman.

H.E. Minister Salar Abdul Sattar Muhammad

Minister of Justice, Republic of Iraq



H.E. Minister Salar Abdul Sattar Muhammad has served as Minister of Justice for the Republic of Iraq since June, 2020. He earned his BA in Law from the University of Baghdad.

First Plenary

Prioritizing Inclusion: The Challenges to Equitability for Minorities in the IDP Camps

Mr. Karim Al-Nouri

Deputy Minister of Displacement & Migration, Republic of Iraq



Mr. Karim Al-Nouri is an Iraqi politician that has held the position of Deputy Minister of Migration and Displacement since September 14, 2020. He holds a master's degree in political science from the University of Baghdad.

Mr. Mirza Dinnayi

2019 Aurora Prize Laureate for Awakening Humanity & Head, Luftbrücke Irak (Air Bridge Iraq)



Mr. Mirza Dinnayi is the 2019 Laureate of Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity; Human Rights Activist; Founder of the German based NGO (Air Bridge Iraq) and Head of (Yezidi Relief Fund) to support vulnerable women, children, and terror victims; Former Advisor to the Iraqi President for the Affairs of Non-Muslim Minorities and KRG Advisor for the Disputed Areas; Expert in Iraqi Minority affairs; 2016 Laureate of the Golden Stauffer-Medaille of the State Baden-Württemberg.

First Panel

Humanizing Security: The Urgent Need for Bold Political Will and Action

Mr. Sa'ad Salloum

Director, Masarat Foundations & Founder, Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue



Mr. Sa'ad Salloum is an Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of Political Science at Al-Mustansiriya University, Co-founder of the Iraqi Council for Interfaith Dialogue 2013, the National Center for Countering Hate Speeches 2018, the Institute for Religious Diversity Studies 2019, and the Institute for Diversity Journalism in Iraq 2020. He chairs the MASARAT Foundation for Cultural and Media Development, an institution specializing in diversity and interfaith dialogue. He has authored 18 books on various issues of diversity and genocide.

Mr. Joey Hood

Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs, United States Department of State



Mr. Joey Hood is the Principal Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs. He has served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Iraq and in Kuwait, as well as Consul General and Principal Officer in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Hood was previously Acting Director of the Office of Iranian Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and he has also served in Riyadh, coordinating U.S.-Saudi military cooperation, and acting as liaison to rebel leaders from Sudan's Darfur region.

H.E. M.P. Saib Khidir

Member of Parliament, Republic of Iraq



H.E. M.P. Saib Khidir is a member of the Iraqi Parliament, representing the Yazidis and sitting on the Parliamentary legal committee.

Ms. Sarab Barakat

Director General for Survivors' Affairs, Ministry of Labour & Social Affairs, Republic of Iraq



Ms. Sarab Barakat is a human rights activist who was recently appointed General Director of the Directorate General for Survivors' Affairs at the Iraq Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs. She previously worked for UNITAD in the Sexual Violence Crimes and Crimes Against Children Department. In Iraq, she has contributed to and participated in a variety of activities involving survivors, Genocide victims, mass graves, and minority rights.

Ms. Natia Navrouzov

Legal Advocacy Director, Yazda Organization



Ms. Natia Navrouzov is Legal Advocacy Director at Yazda Organization and is heading Yazda's Documentation Project, where she has successfully built cases in Germany with the support of Human Rights Lawyer, Ms. Amal Clooney. As a Yazidi herself, Natia has extensive knowledge about the Yazidi community. She is on the Justice Rapid Response (JRR) Expert Roster. She recently trained 15 Yazidi survivors on Transitional Justice and Reparation in Iraq and helped to set up the Yazidi Survivors Network (YSN). Natia is an International Lawyer admitted before the Parisian Bar.

Second Plenary

Inaction and Destitution: The Limitations of International Diplomacy

Ms. Nadine Maenza

Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)



Ms. Nadine Maenza is a noted speaker, writer, and policy expert with more than two decades of experience as an advocate for working families and a champion for international religious freedom. She is currently serving as the Chair of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and has also been Vice Chair during her two terms on the Commission. Nadine is the President of Patriot Voices and serves on the Board of Directors for the Sinjar Academy, the Institute for Global Engagement, and Freedom Research Foundation, as well as on the Board of Advisors for In Defense of Christians.

Mr. Murad Ismael

Co-founder & President, Sinjar Academy



Mr. Murad Ismael is Co-founder and former Executive Director of Yazda, and was part of a Yazidi delegation to high-level meetings at the White House when ISIS carried out a genocidal attack against the Yazidi in 2014. This resulted in the U.S. intervention to authorize airstrikes targeting ISIS locations and the dispatch of humanitarian airdrops to thousands of Yazidis that were trapped on Mount Sinjar. Murad co-founded Sinjar Crisis Management Team and Nadia Murad Initiative, managing Nadia's campaign and laying the foundation for her Nobel Peace Prize award.

Closing keynote speakers

Ms. Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert

Special Representative of the Secretary General, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)



Ms. Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert of the Netherlands assumed the role of Special Representative for Iraq of the United Nations Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) in December 2018. Ms. Hennis-Plasschaert brings over 20 years of political and diplomatic experience, having served in several high-level positions. She was Minister for Defence of the Netherlands (2012-2017), the first woman to be appointed in that role. Ms. Hennis-Plasschaert also served as a member of the House of Representatives of the Netherlands and the European Parliament.

H.E. Ambassador Mark Bryson-Richardson

Ambassador of the United Kingdom to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Mark Bryson-Richardson is the current UK Ambassador to Iraq. Prior to returning to Iraq in July 2021, he served as the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office's Director covering the UK's development and humanitarian programmes, and heading up the UK's Stabilisation Unit. Mark started his career in the UK's Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and went on to his first stint in Sudan, which was interrupted to support the British Government's expansion in Pakistan and Afghanistan after 11 September, 2001. He has also worked in the UK on the Middle East Peace Process and Libya.

Ms. Pramila Patten

Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict & Under Secretary General, United Nations



Ms. Pramila Patten was appointed as the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict in 2017. She was on the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Chairperson of the Working Group on General Recommendation No. 30, "Women in Conflict Prevention, Conflict and Post-Conflict situations." She was a member of the High-Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and the Advisory Panel for the African Women's Rights Observatory (AWRO).

H.E. Ambassador Michel Rentenaar

Ambassador of the Netherlands to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Michel Rentenaar is a seasoned diplomat of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, currently serving as the Netherlands Ambassador to Iraq. He previously served as Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO in Brussels, Netherlands Climate Envoy, and acting Director for Environment, Climate, Energy and Water in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to this, he was the Civil-Military Interface Advisor at the NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe. He has extensive field experience, as he has co-commanded the Netherlands led Task Force.

DAY 2 | Joining forces with an action plan for Sinjar

August 3, 2021 | 16:00-19:20 Iraq time / 9:00-12:20 Eastern time

We will explore actionable solutions that the Yazidi people, key stakeholders, and friends of the cause can jointly achieve.

Masters of Ceremony

Mr. Haider Elias | Co-founder & President, Yazda Organization

Ms. Lynn Zovighian | Co-founder & Managing Director, The Zovighian Partnership

Opening keynote speakers

16:00-17:00 Iraq time / 9:00-10:00 Eastern time

H.E. Falah Mustafa Bakir | [Representative of H.E. President Nechirvan Barzani] Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, Kurdistan Region

Ms. Zinah Khallat Sulaiman | Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network

Mr. David Mandel-Anthony | Acting Director, Office of Global Criminal Justice at the United States Department of State

H.E. Administrator Samantha Power | Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

H.E. M.P. Michelle Rempel Garner | Member of Parliament, Canada

Second Panel

Enabling Equitability: Collectively Ensuring Services and Investments for Sinjar

17:00-18:00 Iraq time / 10:00-11:00 Eastern time

Our second panel recommends potential paths for the rebuilding of Sinjar that will give way to a sustainable future for minorities. Our speakers will present multiple perspectives for collaborative action, including socio-economic development, authentic reconstruction, and rule of law.

Moderator

Ms. Siobhan Simojoki | Deputy Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM)

H.E. M.P. Rezan Dler Mustafa | Member of Parliament, Republic of Iraq

Dr. Ali Al Bayati | Member, Iraqi High Commission For Human Rights

Ms. Reine Hanna | Director, Assyrian Policy Institute

Third Plenary

Housing and Dignity: Building Homes for a Sustainable Future

18:00-18:20 Iraq time / 11:00-11:20 Eastern time

In our final plenary, we will present a call to action for the ethical and responsible reconstruction of Sinjar. Our speakers will demonstrate the need for urgent humanized planning and action led by community self-determination.

Ms. Lynn Zovighian | Co-founder & Managing Director, The Zovighian Partnership

Ms. Zena Haji | Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network

Closing keynote speakers

18:20-19:20 Iraq time / 11:20-12:20 Eastern time

Sheikh Dr. Anas Al-Esawi | Imam & Preacher, Gilani Mosque

H.E. Ambassador Paula Ganly | Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of Iraq

H.E. Ambassador Ulric Shannon | Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Iraq

H.E. Ambassador Bruno Aubert | Ambassador of France to the Republic of Iraq

Cardinal Louis Raphaël I Sako | Patriarch, Babylon of the Chaldeans

DAY 2 | Joining forces with an action plan for Sinjar

Opening keynote speakers

H.E. Falah Mustafa Bakir [Representative of H.E. President Nechirvan Barzani]

Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, Kurdistan Region



H.E. Minister Falah Mustafa Bakir is the Senior Foreign Policy Advisor to the President, Kurdistan Region. He previously served as the first Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG), where he administered the KRG's foreign policy and bolstered the Region's relations with the international community. He held positions such as a Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister of the KRG and Deputy Head of the Kurdistan Democratic Party's (KDP) Public Relations Office.

Ms. Zinah Khallat Sulaiman

Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network



Ms. Zinah Khallat Sulaiman is a Yazidi activist and member of the Yazda Yazidi Survivor Network (YSN), advocating for the rights of survivors of Yazidi and minority communities. Zina was enslaved by Da'esh when she was 18 years old when she was enslaved by Da'esh fighters, and was held in captivity for three years. Before the genocide began, Zina was a student with ambitions to become a pharmacist and one day manage her own pharmacy in her little town of Hurdan in northern Sinjar. Until today, Zina's parents and two brothers are still missing.

Mr. David Mandel-Anthony

Acting Director, Office of Global Criminal Justice at the United States Department of State



Acting Director, Office of Global Criminal Justice: David Mandel-Anthony is a recognized foreign policy and national security leader with over ten years of experience. As a senior policy advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues at the U.S. Department of State, and currently the Acting Director of the Office of Global Criminal Justice, David formulates U.S. foreign policy around multilateral relations, democracy and governance, atrocity prevention, international humanitarian law, development, conflict prevention and peacebuilding.

H.E. Administrator Samantha Power

Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)



H.E. Ambassador Samantha Power was sworn in as the Administrator of USAID in 2021. Power served in the Obama Administration as the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations and on the National Security Council staff as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights. An immigrant from Ireland, Power began her career as a war correspondent in Bosnia. She was the founding executive director of Harvard's Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, and has been recognized as one of Time's "100 Most Influential People."

H.E. M.P. Michelle Rempel Garner

Member of Parliament, Canada



H.E. M.P. Michelle Rempel Garner is a Canadian Member of Parliament and serves as the Shadow Minister for Health, the key role in responding to the COVID-19 crisis. She has served in Canada's federal cabinet as the Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification, and as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. Her previous roles in opposition include serving as the Shadow Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, and the Shadow Minister for Industry and Economic Development, and as Vice Chair of the House Standing Committees on both Industry and Immigration. She has been named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by the Women's Executive Network.

Second Panel

Enabling Equitability: Collectively Ensuring Services and Investments for Sinjar

Ms. Siobhan Simojoki

Deputy Chief of Mission, International Organization for Migration (IOM)



Siobhan Simojoki is IOM's acting Deputy Chief of Mission (DCoM) in Iraq, based in Erbil. Siobhan has spent the past decade working on humanitarian and stabilization issues in the Middle East and North Africa, supporting the response to crises in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Turkey. In her current capacity, Siobhan is deeply involved in the recovery effort in Sinjar, heading the "new Kocho" village project and overseeing IOM programmes to support the Government of Iraq to implement the Yezidi Survivor's Law.

Dr. Ali Al Bayati

Member, Iraqi High Commission For Human Rights



Dr. Ali Al-Bayati is an Iraqi activist from the Turkmen community. He is a neurologist and served as a manager for Dar Al Islam Medical City. Dr. Al Bayati is the Founder and Head of Turkmen Rescue Foundation. In August 2016, he was nominated by the US State Department International Religious Freedom office as a hero of human rights. He has been a member of Iraqi High Commission for Human Rights since 2017. He is a spokesperson of the commission as well. He heads the national committee on the Elimination of Discrimination and is a member of the Higher National Committee on Missing Persons.

Ms. Reine Hanna

Director, Assyrian Policy Institute



Ms. Reine Hanna is the director of the Assyrian Policy Institute. She has visited conflict areas in the Middle East to conduct fact-finding missions and has authored human rights reports highlighting issues affecting Assyrians.

H.E. M.P. Rezan Dler Mustafa

Member of Parliament, Republic of Iraq



H.E. M.P. Rezan Dler Mustafa is a Human Rights activist and a member of the Iraqi Parliament. She sits on the Parliament Women, Children and Family Committee, and is a member of Iraq Women Parliamentary Network. Rezan is also member of Kurdistan Association for Lawyers.

Third Plenary

Housing and Dignity: Building Homes for a Sustainable Future

Ms. Zena Haji

Member, Yazda Yazidi Survivors Network



Ms. Zina Haji is a Yazidi activist and member of the Yazda Yazidi Survivor Network (YSN), advocating for the rights of survivors of Yazidi and minority communities. Zina was 17 years old when she was enslaved by Da'esh fighters. She spent three years in captivity. Before the genocide began, Zina was a student and dreamed of becoming a biology teacher in her small town called Dogre in northern Sinjar. Zina's father is still missing.

Ms. Lynn Zovighian

Co-founder & Managing Director, The Zovighian Partnership



Ms. Lynn Zovighian is a business and peace builder. She is the Managing Director of The Zovighian Partnership, which she co-founded with her father in 2013. A family-owned social investment platform, The Zovighian Partnership is also home to the Public Office, a peace-building platform the team established in 2015, with Yazda Organization as its first pro bono client and partner. Lynn is also a columnist in Lebanon-based pan-regional newspaper, *An-Nahar*, and Emeritus Director of NEXUS Global.

Closing keynote speakers

Sheikh Dr. Anas Al-Esawi

Imam & Preacher, Gilani Mosque



Sheikh Dr. Anas Mahmoud Khalaf Jrad Al-Esawi is a professor of the noble Prophet's Hadith in Al-Iraqia University, Baghdad. Religious cleric, Friday sermon Imam, member of the Bureau of Sunni Waqf's affiliated Iraqi Scholarly Council, and president of the Baghdad branch of Sufi Scholar Academy of London.

H.E. Ambassador Paula Ganly

Ambassador of Australia to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Paula Ganly is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently the Executive Director, Diplomatic Academy. Her career reflects a wealth of experience in diplomatic security, consular policy and ministerial support, having worked in DFAT and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. She has previously served overseas in London, Beijing, Hong Kong, Prague, Seoul, Dhaka and Caracas.

H.E. Ambassador Ulric Shannon

Ambassador of Canada to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Ulric Shannon has been serving as the current Canadian Ambassador to Iraq since 2019. Before his appointment, he was consul general in Istanbul from 2016 to 2019, country director for ARK, a stabilization consultancy in Istanbul from 2014 to 2016, and spent two months in 2012 as Canada's first representative to the Syrian opposition. Overseas, he served as political and public affairs officer in Cairo from 2004 to 2006, senior political officer in Ramallah from 2006 to 2008 and first secretary in Islamabad from 2008 to 2010.

H.E. Ambassador Bruno Aubert

Ambassador of France to the Republic of Iraq



H.E. Ambassador Bruno Aubert is the current Ambassador of France in Iraq. He previously served as Ambassador in Khartoum, Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa at the Foresight Directorate / Center for Strategic Analysis and Forecasting, Councilor for Cooperation and Cultural Action in Rome, Minister Counselor in Rabat, among others. He has received the decorations of Knight of the National Order of Merit and Knight of the Legion of Honour.

Cardinal Louis Raphaël I Sako

Patriarch, Babylon of the Chaldeans



His Beatitude Cardinal Louis Raphaël I Sako is the Patriarch of Babylon of the Chaldeans. He carried out his pastoral service at the Cathedral of Mosul, and was part of the Patriarchal Seminary in Baghdad. He is currently member of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches. He speaks six languages, and he has published books and articles on the Fathers of the Church.



ABOUT THE ZOVIGHIAN PARTNERSHIP

www.zovighianpartnership.com

The Zovighian Partnership is a family-owned social investment platform, established by father and daughter in 2013. Deeply invested in R&D, we are committed to delivering ethical, inclusive, and innovative design, research, and prototypes. Our methodologies apply homegrown and sustainable frameworks, models, and mechanisms.

Our team of researchers, strategists, and analysts serve communities, nation-builders, organizations, and governments. We are commissioned at every step of your journey, from early-stage ideas to already-established impact initiatives, programs, and ventures.

The R&D team of research analysts, fieldwork experts, and data scientists are committed to building information power with integrity. All commissioned research is scientific with customized deep-listening methodologies that safeguard strong participation and self-determination, all to deliver meaningful and ethical data.

Our venture and the family re-invest our financial, political, and intellectual capital into The Zovighian Partnership Public Office, our growing peace-building impact portfolio for communities and cities in crisis.

We are committed to delivering significant resources to bringing grounded methodology, sound governance, and rigorous strategic thinking to our Public Office clients. We hold ourselves accountable to giving voice to the diversity of views that are central to long-term and sustainable peace and socio-economic enablement.



A Yazidi woman in the Sharya internally displaced persons camp.
21st of August, 2017 | near Dohuk, KRI