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Président de la République Tunisienne

Conférence internationale sur
LE DIALOGUE DES CIVILISATIONS ET LA DIVERSITÉ CULTURELLE
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The OIF and ISESCO rally the international community to dialogue among civilizations and cultural diversity

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At the invitation of the Tunisian Government, a high-level international conference will be convened by the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF) and the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), over the period from 2 to 4 June 2009 in Kairouan (Tunisia), capital of Islamic culture for 2009, under the theme “Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultural Diversity.” It is expected to bring together a host of political figures and experts in the areas of culture, education, and media.

As a major international event, the Kairouan Conference will be placed under the high patronage of His Excellency Mr Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, President of the Tunisian Republic, and will be marked by the presence of H.E Abdou Diouf, Secretary General of the OIF of and H.E Abdulaziz Othman Altwaijri, Director General of ISESCO.

Around twenty international organizations including the UN, the Council of Europe, the African Union, the League of Arab States, the Maghreb Arab Union, UNESCO, ALECSO, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (GCC), the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) as well as a number of NGOs and specialized forums will be represented in this major event.

The Conference, which will explore innovative ways to devise a new international cooperation policy favoring a sustainable dialogue among civilizations, builds on the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted by UNESCO member states in 2005, and on the Islamic Declaration on Cultural Diversity (Algiers, December 2004).

The Conference is expected to adopt a text dubbed “the Kairouan Declaration”, together with an action framework for its implementation.

The Conference’s Programme and the Journalists’ Application Form are available at:

<http://www.kairouan-cci2009.nat.tn/>- www.francophonie.org/- www.isesco.org.ma