



Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

In partnership with Abdelkader Education Project (AEP)

2021 Better Understanding for a Better World Conference – Iowa

Societal Challenges, Leadership Development, Intercultural and Interfaith Competency: Emir Abdelkader’s Example as a Unifier

This VIRTUAL Conference is open to High School Students across America

October 21-23, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM CT daily

We ask that all participants:

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- 2) Review the BUBW vision, mission, history, role and impact prior to the beginning of the first zoom conference day
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Day 1 (Oct 21) Activity / Session – Humanity & The Wisdom of Diversity

09:30 AM CT	Welcome by <i>Kimberly King, CECF Programs Director, Kathy Garms, AEP Co-Founder and Nayab Ali, BUBW Coordinator – USA and Conference MC</i>
09:40 AM	Brief Introductions (<i>Participants, Facilitators and Staff</i>)
10:00 AM	The Role of Youth in Crossing the Cultural Divide and Assuming Leadership - <i>Imam Mohamad Bashir Arafat, CECF</i> (<i>Humanity, Diversity, Cultural Appreciation</i>)
10:25 AM	Participant Reflections
10:35 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Sample of Conflicts Surrounding Us - <i>Imam Arafat, CECF</i> (<i>Conflict Resolution / Transformation</i>)
11:00 AM	Small Group Workshop – <i>w/CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators –</i> (<i>conflicts in the US and around the world</i>)
11:20 AM	Re-Group for Brief Group Presentations (<i>by group leaders</i>)
11:40 AM	The Life and Legacy of Emir Abdelkader as a Leader and Unifier - <i>Kathy Garms, AEP Co-Founder</i>
12:10 AM	Sharing Special Aspects of Culture or Heritage – <i>Student Volunteers</i>
12:25 PM CT	End of Day Assignments (<i>Video / Link Review / Breakout Notes</i>)
ZOOM Conference – Day 1 of 3 Completed	

Day 2 (Oct 22) Activity / Session - Understanding Religious Diversity & Leadership

09:30 AM CT	Introduction of Interfaith Clergy by <i>Nayab Ali</i> <i>Names of Clergy</i>
09:40 AM	Q&A on Christianity/Catholicism: Faith and Culture
10:00 AM	Q&A on Judaism: Faith and Culture
10:20 AM	Q&A on Islam: Faith and Culture
10:40 AM	Panel Discussion – Moving Forward in the World Together <i>All clergy involved in today’s program</i>
11:00 AM	Break
11:10 AM	Leadership Development: Improving Communities – <i>The Movement Team (TMT)</i>
11:40 AM	Small Group Workshop – <i>w/CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators</i>
12:00 PM	Re-Group for Brief Group Presentations (<i>by group leaders</i>)
12:25 PM CT	End of Day Assignments (<i>Video / Link Review</i>)
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Day 3 (Oct 23) Activity / Session – Becoming Citizens of the World

- 09:30 AM CT** Brief Program Objectives Recap/Review – *Gracie Davis, CECF*
- 09:38 AM Introduction of Global Citizen Session Speakers – *Nayab Ali, CECF*
- 09:43 AM Global Citizenship and Its Impact – *Julianne Norman, RTI*
- 09:50 AM The BUBW Experience and the Impact – *BUBW Alumni*
- 09:55 AM Global Citizens / Importance of Building Your Network – Shaping Your Future – *BUBW Alumni*
- 10:00 AM Making Hope a Reality and Realizing Your Dream– *BUBW Alumni*
- 10:05 AM AEP Experience and the Impact – *AEP Alumni*
- 10:12 AM Small Group *Discussions* - w/*CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators*
- 10:31 AM **Video Tour of Elkader, IA (aerial), Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD’s Inner Harbor (CECF’s annual BUBW-Baltimore Conference site)**
- 10:41 AM** **Break**
- 10:51 AM Wrap Up & Reflection Session – *Imam Arafat, CECF*
- 11:00 AM Announcement of Future Opportunities – *Kathy Garms, AEP*
- 11:09 AM Student Cultural Performances or Video Collage
- 11:17 AM Student Speakers
- 11:23 AM Educators Remarks
- 11:35 AM Keynote Speaker - A Lifetime of Peacebuilding
- 12:00 PM Certificate Presentation (*Reading the Names*) – *Nayab Ali, CECF*

12:25 PM CT Final Remarks – *Imam Arafat, CECF*

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Day 3 (Oct 23) Educator Sessions and Workshop (2) 90-minute sessions

- 1:30 PM CT** Small Group Educator Reflection Session and Workshop
Coordinated by Gracie Davis (CECF) and Facilitated by Lead Educators - Kelsey Hudson (IA), Christina Cone (NY), Jennifer Sayed (TX), Saoussen Cheddadi (CA)
- 3:00 PM CT** Educator Project Development Session
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EDUCATORS ZOOM COMPONENT – Completed