



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

November 6-7, 2021 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM CT daily

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Day 1 (Nov 6) 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>
09:38 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 (Humanity, Diversity, Cultural Appreciation)</i>
10:20 AM	Participant Reflections
10:30 AM	Sample of Conflicts Surrounding Us - <i>Imam Arafat, CECF (Conflict Resolution / Transformation)</i>
10:45 AM	Small Group Workshop – w/CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators – (<i>conflicts in the US and around the world</i>)
11:00 AM	Re-Group for Brief Group Presentations (<i>by group leaders</i>)
11:10 AM	Break
11:20 AM	The Life and Legacy of Emir Abdelkader as a Leader and Unifier - <i>Kathy Garms, AEP Co-Founder</i>
11:35 AM	Participant Reflections
11:45 AM	Sharing Special Aspects of Culture or Heritage – <i>Student Volunteers</i>
11:55 AM	Introduction of Interfaith Clergy by <i>Nayab Ali</i>
12:00 AM	Q&A on Christianity/Catholicism: Faith and Culture
12:13 AM	Q&A on Judaism: Faith and Culture
12:26 AM	Q&A on Islam: Faith and Culture

12:40 AM	Panel Discussion – Moving Forward in the World Together <i>All clergy involved in today’s program</i>
1:00 PM CT	End of Day Assignments (<i>Video / Link Review / Breakout Notes</i>)
ZOOM Conference – Day 1 of 2 Completed	
<i>Optional free time following the end of the conference day for any participant interested in asking more questions or continuing the discussion.</i>	
Day 2 (Nov 7) Activity / Session - Leadership and Becoming Citizens of the World	
09:30 AM CT	Welcome & Brief Program Objectives Review – <i>Gracie Davis, CECF</i>
09:35 AM CT	Introduction of The Movement Team (TMT) by <i>Nayab Ali</i>
09:37 AM	Leadership Development: Improving Communities – <i>The Movement Team (TMT)</i>
09:57 AM	Small Group Workshop – w/CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators
10:12 AM	Re-Group for Brief Group Presentations (<i>by group leaders</i>)
10:22 AM	Introduction of Global Citizen Session Speakers – <i>Nayab Ali, CECF</i>
10:26 AM	Global Citizenship and Its Impact – <i>Julianne Norman, RTI</i>
10:37 AM	The BUBW Experience and the Impact – <i>Salim Abdul-Razak, Ghana BUBW Alumni</i>
10:42 AM	Global Citizens / Importance of Building Your Network – Shaping Your Future – <i>Sabina Suleymanova, Azerbaijan BUBW Alumni</i>
10:47 AM	Making Hope a Reality and Realizing Your Dream – <i>Salma Elshamndy, Egypt BUBW Alumni</i>
10:52 AM	AEP Experience and the Impact – <i>AEP Alumni</i>



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10:57 AM **Small Group Discussions** - w/CECF Staff & BUBW Alumni IAB Facilitators

11:07 AM **Video Tour of Elkader, IA (aerial), Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD’s Inner Harbor (CECF’s annual BUBW-Baltimore Conference site)**

11:15 AM Break

11:20 AM **Wrap Up & Reflection Session** – *Imam Arafat, CECF*

11:30 AM **Announcement of Future Opportunities** – *Kathy Garms, AEP*

11:40 AM **Student Cultural Performances or Video Collage**

11:58 AM **Student Speakers**

12:04 PM **Educators Remarks**

12:10 PM **Keynote Speaker - A Lifetime of Peacebuilding**

12:35 PM **Certificate Presentation** (*Reading the Names*) – *Nayab Ali, CECF*

12:50 PM CT **Final Remarks** – *Imam Arafat, CECF*

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Day 2 (Nov 7) Educator Sessions and Workshop (2) 60-minute sessions

1:30 PM CT **Small Group Educator Reflection Session and Workshop**

Coordinated by Gracie Davis (CECF) & Facilitated by Lead Educators – Kelsey Hudson (IA), Christina Cone (NY), Jennifer Sayed (TX), Saoussen Cheddadi (CA)

2:30 PM CT **Educator Project Development Session**

Coordinated by Gracie Davis (CECF) & Facilitated by Lead Educators – Kelsey Hudson (IA), Christina Cone (NY), Jennifer Sayed (TX), Saoussen Cheddadi (CA)

3:30 PM CT **Final Remarks** – *Imam Arafat & Gracie Davis, CECF and Kathy Garms, AEP*

EDUCATOR COMPONENT – Completed

CECF is delighted to welcome participation from:

American High School Students and YES, FLEX & CBYX Program International Exchange Students

CECF also greatly appreciates the efforts and contributions of:

CECF Staff & Volunteers

*Nayab Ali, Pakistan BUBW Alum, BUBW-USA Coordinator and Conference MC
Gracie Davis, USA BUBW Alum, BUBW-Iowa Program Coordinator
Munira Jamal, Pakistan BUBW Alum, BUBW Support Specialist & Facilitator*

Interfaith Faculty (tbc)

*Rev. William Au, Pastor, Shrine of the Sacred Heart
Rabbi Daria Jacobs-Velde, Oseh Shalom
Imam Faizul Khan, ISWA
Imam Mohamad Bashar Arafat, Al Basheer & IMAAM (video)*

Guest Speakers & BUBW Alumni Facilitators

*Kathy Garms, AEP Co-Founder
Akil Trice & Kea Crowder, The Movement Team – Baltimore
Julianne Norman, RTI, USA BUBW Alum
Salim Abdul-Razak, Ghana BUBW Alum, IAB Vice President – Africa
Sabina Suleymanova, Azerbaijan BUBW Alum, IAB Social Media & Outreach Coordinator
Salma Elshamndy, Egypt BUBW Alum, IAB BUBW Coordinator – Egypt
Sara Aseid, Lebanon BUBW Alum, IAB Country Coordinator, Lebanon
Shaikh Ahmad, Bangladesh BUBW Alum, IAB BUBW Global Reunion Coordinator*

BUBW-Virtual Participants, Facilitators, Speakers, Interfaith Partners and Staff Representing

Ghana, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Pakistan, Syria, Guyana & the USA