



Tenth Annual Conference Program

June 20-21, 2019

Egypt's Copts: Prospects of Equality in a Radicalized Society

June 20 - Policy Day

National Press Club, 1st Amendment Room, 529 14th Street, NW Washington, DC 20045

Members of Congress will drop by to share brief remarks as they are available.

- 9:00 AM** **Registration**
- 10:00 AM** **Welcome and introductory remarks**
Ms. Caroline Doss - Acting President, Coptic Solidarity
- 10:15 AM** **Reducing Institutionalized Discrimination in Egypt**
- Moderator: Ms. Nina Shea - Director, Center for Religious Freedom, Hudson Institute
 - Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou: Associate Professor, Tufts University
 - Dr. Gabriel Sawma: Foreign Policy Adviser to President Trump
 - Ms. Nadine Maenza: Commissioner, US Commission on International Religious Freedom
- 11:30 AM** **Mr. Knox Thames:** Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South/Central Asia; Bureau of DRL, State Department
- 11:45 AM** **Ms. Mariam Ibraheem:** Human rights activist; former prisoner of conscience in Sudan, imprisoned and given death sentence for apostasy
- Noon PM** **Lunch** (light lunch provided)
- 1:00 PM** **Egypt's Cost for Radicalization of Society and Marginalization of Copts**
- Moderator: Dr. Mark Eid - Board Member, Coptic Solidarity
 - Ambassador Alberto Fernandez: President, Middle East Broadcasting Networks, Inc.
 - Mr. Bahey eldin Hassan: Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies
 - Dr. Sarah Yerkes – Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

- 2:15 PM** **Mr. Yigal Carmon-** Founder & President, The Middle East Media Research Institute (introduction by Magdi Khalil)
- 2:30 PM** **Remarks by Members and Former Members of Congress**
- Congressman Danial Donovan - former U.S. Rep. (R-NY)
 - Rep. French Hill (R – AR)
- 3:00 PM** **Collusion and Absence of Law Enforcement**
- Moderator: Professor Ryan Mauro - Director of the Clarion Intelligence Network and national security analyst for the Clarion Project
 - Dr. David Pollack: Bernstein Fellow, The Washington Institute
 - Dr. Patricia Karam: Regional Director, MENA; International Republican Institute
 - Kurt Werthmuller: Policy Analyst, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
- 4:30 PM** *New Hopes for the Copts in Egypt*
Dr. Ashraf Sadek: Professor Emeritus of Egyptology and Coptology, Limoges University France; Founder, Le Monde Copte Review

End Policy Day

June 21 - Key Bridge Marriott

1401 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22209

(9:00 am – 4:30 pm)

- 9:00 AM** **Welcome and Announcements:** Dr. Michael Rizk
- 9:15 AM** **Coptic Identity Revival: History, Education, Culture and Language**
- Moderator & Speaker: Dr. Ashraf Ramelah President & Founder - Voice of the Copts
 - Dr. Ashraf Sadek: Professor Emeritus of Egyptology and Coptology, Limoges University France & Founder, Le Monde Copte Review
 - Dr. Fatin Moris-Gurguis: Professor, Polk State College
- 10:15 AM** **Congressman Frank Wolf**
- 10:30 AM** **Ms. Tina Ramirez:** Founding President, Hardwired Global
- 10:45 AM** **Coptic Solidarity; Year-in-review**
Ms. Lindsay Griffin: Director of Advocacy and Development, Coptic Solidarity

- 11:00 AM** **Radical Islamic Institutions in Egypt: Can they be reformed?**
- Moderator & Speaker: Mr. Raymond Ibrahim - Author and Public Speaker
 - Brother Rachid: TV Anchor; Islamic theology scholar
 - Imam Mohammad Tawhidi

12:15 PM **Lunch Break** (not provided)

- 1:00 PM** **Worldwide Persecution: Personal Testimonies**
- Moderator: Mr. Gary Lane - International News Director & Senior International Correspondent, CBN News
 - Dr. Darlington Akaiso: Educational Leadership Program, University of West Indies & Author
 - Ms. Juliana Taimoorazy: Founding President, Iraqi Christian Relief Council & Senior Fellow, Philos Project
 - Ms. Meriam Ibraheem: Human rights activist; former prisoner of conscience in Sudan
 - Pastor Dr. Faisal Daniel Babar: Anchor and Producer for Urdu Life Show

2:45 PM **Coffee Break**

- 3:00 PM** **Future of Coptic Advocacy: Intergenerational Perspectives**
- Moderator & Speaker: Ms. Caroline Doss - Acting President, Coptic Solidarity
 - Mr. Matthew Gundy: Political Science Student at University of Southern California
 - Dr. Nabil Mikhail: Faculty, George Washington University
 - Mr. Samy Gerges: Senior Program Officer, Freedom House

Closing remarks and announcements

Gala Dinner

5:30 PM **Reception**

6:30 PM **Dinner**

- 10th anniversary slide show
- Awards Ceremony
- Mr. Jeff King: President, International Christian Concern

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Andrew Brunson