

QANTARA.DE CONFERENCE

TROUBLEMAKER OR FACILITATOR? - THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

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Monday, October 25, 2010 at 14:00 and Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 10:00
Europa Saal, German Federal Foreign Office, Unterwasserstraße 10, 10117 Berlin

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office and Germany's international broadcaster Deutsche Welle, we are delighted to invite you to attend the international Qantara.de conference on the role of the media in intercultural dialogue.

What role do the media play in intercultural dialogue? Are they troublemakers or facilitators? What responsibilities do journalists have in a globalized world? What impact does the Internet in general and the interactive formats known as "Web 2.0" in particular have on journalism ethics and quality journalism? These questions and more will be discussed at the Qantara.de conference. For details see the attached program. The conference will be conducted in English.

We are fortunate to have some very renowned media professionals and experts in intercultural dialogue as speakers at this conference. At the opening session, Abdelbari Atwan, Editor-in-Chief of the London based newspaper Al Quds Al Arabi and Michael Slackman, the Berlin Bureau Chief for the New York Times will meet for a debate. The recent media-related findings of the Anna Lindh Euro-Mediterranean Foundation on "Cross-cultural relations in the Mediterranean" will be presented by André Azoulay, President of the Foundation and Counselor to HM the King of Morocco.

We expect about 300 high-ranking delegates and representatives from international and German media, think tanks, cross-culture organizations, German and international foundations and renowned NGOs to attend. The conference is held under the auspices of the German Federal Foreign Office and organized in cooperation with Deutsche Welle. The Internet portal Qantara.de is a concerted effort by the Federal Center for Political Education, Deutsche Welle, the Goethe-Institut and the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations to promote dialogue with the Islamic world. It is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

We cordially invite you to join us for this conference. Please fill in the registration form and send it back to Lina Hoffmann (lina.hoffmann@dw-world.de | T +49.228.429-4890 | F +49.228.429-4800) by **September 30, 2010 at the latest**.

Kind regards,

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