



Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Dialogue Platform Declaration

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Affirming our belief that continuous dialogue is the only way by which the challenges faced by Bosnia and Herzegovina will be resolved;

Underscoring the necessity to strengthen coordination and cooperation between the authorities at all levels, civil society, constituent peoples and citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Calling on all stakeholders to strive to find common ground in order to reach compromises that will lead to concrete solutions on key issues that will benefit all peoples and citizens in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Recalling the UN General Assembly resolution 67/104 of 26 March 2013 on the promotion of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, understanding and cooperation for peace;

The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Expresses its full commitment to proactively establish and promote inclusive dialogue and diversity in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Calls on all peoples and citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, especially the youth, to become active participants and engines of change and to work together with us in developing policies aimed at overcoming the key challenges faced by Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Expresses its belief that dialogue and cooperation present the best way in which to build trust and find solutions to challenges that affect the entire Bosnian society.

Gives its full support to civil society organizations, informal groups, activists and individuals who are working on confidence building and nurturing the culture of dialogue and cooperation across all spheres of Bosnian society.

Affirms that it will continue to actively participate in this process and that it will do all in its power to ensure that this dialogue platform remains an instrument for communicating with the youth of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Stresses that the dialogue platform needs to bring together all interested actors and that it represents a catalyst for advancing inclusive dialogue, mutual understanding, reconciliation, cultural diversity and individual and collective equality.

Calls on the international community in Bosnia and Herzegovina to, as a development partner, take an active role in promoting, supporting and enabling the functioning of the dialogue platform.



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The Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina believes that the dialogue platform needs to aim at achieving the following results:

- Concrete recommendations for joint policies by institutions from all levels of government, civil society organizations and other interested actors.
- Deepening the partnership between the authorities at state, entity, cantonal and municipal levels and civil society organizations.
- Concrete recommendations for policies aimed at increasing the role of the public in the dialogue and decision making processes at all levels of government in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Formulating concrete measures whose aim is sustainable and socially just economic development and job creation, emphasizing the key role of education and culture in that context.
- Support and promotion of activities within the Dialogue for the Future project across Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Increased focus on regional cooperation and reconciliation, using the dialogue platform as a driving force for neighboring countries to accept a proactive approach to reconciliation and confidence building.

Reconciliation and confidence building are processes that require time, determination, focus and understanding. The Dialogue Platform is just one instrument in this complex process that offers an opportunity to generate greater involvement across the spectrum in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In developing capacities, deepening trust and forging partnerships, all stakeholders in Bosnia and Herzegovina can contribute to a more just society.

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