

**Tania Hanoun:**

I am Tania, I am from Lebanon and I just wanted to start by thanking everyone: Córdoba, the Forum, and thanking KAICIID for really empowering the youth to be here and for us to actually be here and being the decision-makers and giving a speech about what we witnessed during the discussions. It is very rare for such things to happen, so thank you everyone for empowering the youth and of course thank you to Mr Olivier and Mrs Nadia for the great discussion.

So how are we going to speak about the group for you, which was the French and English part. I am going to speak about the process and then Alaeddine is actually going to speak about the concrete solutions we spoke about.

How we started was we actually thought and discussed about the importance of having a circle and the power of storytelling, how every one of us is equal and how we all have a goal, which is in the middle, which is how to find solutions to coexist, or la convivance, how to live together. So, we started by letting every one of us talk about our experiences back home; we heard stories about Morocco, Lebanon, Belgium, which was very inspiring; about stories of how people struggled on how to coexist with each other, and how they found solutions for that. In all of our stories, although they were different and in many different parts of the world, we saw that there is one common goal, or one centre in the circle, which is we all want to find solutions on how to live better with each other. So, this link made us think, first of all, of the possibilities but we started with the things that stopped us, or the challenges, because it's important to speak about the challenges. We saw many challenges; the first one we saw was the economic challenge. We saw that economy or people that live in poverty might not always think about living together at the beginning. They might think of other things; so, we thought about how to tackle that. We also saw the issue of dialogue and how many institutions, or education systems, or countries do not empower dialogue so much. So, that was also an issue among many other issues. And at the end, we actually spoke about some solutions, as your group, we tackled a lot of the issue of education and how we can educate each other in the school systems, on how to actually do dialogue and so on.

So, all in all, this is how it was structured, and now I will give the floor to Alaeddine to speak about more concrete visions, and missions, and actual solutions.

**Alaeddine Touhami:**

Bonjour, good morning everyone. Salam alaykum. Thank you very much Tania. Thank you very much Mr. Moreillon and all organising partners of this Foro de Córdoba.

Yesterday in our workshop, I have to say, it was a very nice workshop, there was an atmosphere of conviviality, living together, working together in peace and that was very much

appreciated.

Yesterday there were, if we look at all the ideas that came through this meeting, we can actually see that there was one common point, one common substance that relate them to each other, which is, because nowadays we are all, all of us are, for everyone it is clear that there is no other way to arrive at the peaceful society than through education. But what kind of education of peace?

The problem of today is that education of peace is something we do next to the other things. So, we will teach you mathematics, we will teach you calculating, we will teach you language, and then once a week we will teach you how to talk with each other peacefully, or we will have some classes of, for example, Peace Day, let's draw some things on the wall, how peaceful. We have an educational system which divides between the cognitive aspects and those which are ethical. And the education of peace, which we recommend, is education that integrates these universal human values into the subjects, into mathematics. How can peace be related to mathematics? How can peace be related to language, when it comes to the meaning of words we speak, the way we communicate? So, what we felt yesterday, because it is not only about what is said, but what was the feeling that went through the workshop. And this was, we feel that the world is now in a decisive moment in history. I don't want to have this feeling that we only have two choices, one or the other but there is kind of two ways we can go. It is living together in peace or dying together in depression, in despair and so on, and greed.

To arrive at the most important point is, this new era of living together in peace, which we are trying to provoke, we want to provoke the end of time. Most people are afraid of the end of time. We want to provoke the end of time, which is this time, so we can begin this new time, this new era, this new age of living together in peace. So, in this time, we have to rewrite history, not to make things up, but to give history a common, a universal vision. It is not anymore, the history of only Muslims, or Jews, or Africans, but it is the history of all of humanity. One of the recommendations is that we have to stimulate the shared sacred sites, which are ways to have this common, like the Mezquita in Córdoba, where we are now. It is a sacred site for Christians and Muslims, and the culture is also for Jews a very important place. So it is a shared sacred place. If we don't have this common history, how can we live together? How can we have a common future? We have to rewrite history and integrate it in our education system. Then, to never forget that unity of human family is not only a philosophy, but a reality; we have to give it a juridical reality so it can defend itself, something that is bigger than States, something that gets bigger than multinationals, which is humanity.

Then, we have also to use this platform of 16may.org because it is a catalyser to see, a synthesiser, something that brings into synergy all efforts that are made worldwide for living together in peace. Thousands, hundred thousand of people everywhere, yesterday, tonight,

tomorrow, are working day and night for the emergence of a better society of living together in peace. But how can we make sure that every effort will be that brick that you put next to the other brick? How can we build this al bunyan al marsus (compact architecture), as the Prophet Mohammad said? To be this common body, which every part is completing the other part?

And then let's not forget mediation, because many things were said, very wise things, but you know, we live in a globalised world and the problem of today, of 60 years ago, we are not prepared for this globalised world, our education was not preparing us for a globalised world. But what will be the world of tomorrow? This new era? So, the question is not only what kind of Earth are we going to leave behind for our children, but also what kind of children are we going to leave behind for Earth, an Earth with less and less resources, less means? We have to be more educated if there is less material, we have to be more spiritual. So, we have to have more ethics, so we have to prepare our children for this new age, this new era, through attitude of this circle and mediation which is to reconcile human family.

**Tania Hanoun:**

I just wanted to add something that I expressed during the end of our session yesterday. It has been nice for us youth to come to these conferences, and listen to all of you, and to debate, to discuss, and so on, but I really want to see actions taking place. For example, yesterday I was really inspired to do so many things back home in Lebanon, and I wish that, maybe in this platform that Alaeddine talked about, the 16may.org, that youth maybe propose their ideas and it would be a way to facilitate, where they can find support from other organisations, or funding, because I am leaving this conference really inspired to do something.