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Schirmmacher received by Joseph Aoun, President of the Republic of Lebanon

Aoun receives international religious, Human Rights delegation ahead of Beirut diversity conference

Press release from the Office of the President of the Republic of Lebanon
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(Bonn, 26.08.2025) The President of the Republic of Lebanon Joseph Aoun welcomed in the Presidential Residence Baabda Palace Professor and Archbishop Thomas Paul Schirmmacher, the former Secretary-General of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) and President of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR), accompanied by a delegation from the One Voice Foundation. The meeting was also attended by Professor Lara Hanna Wakim, National Coordinator of the United Nations Environment Programme's "Faith for Earth" initiative in Lebanon.

During the meeting, the delegation briefed President Aoun on the ongoing preparations for the Beirut International Conference on Diversity, Faith, and Sustainability, scheduled for October 25, 2025. The event will be held under the patronage of President Aoun, who commended the efforts dedicated to ensuring the success of this significant international gathering.

The visit followed Professor Wakim's recent trip to the Royal Hashemite Court in Amman at the invitation of His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal. Prince El Hassan, who will take part in the Beirut conference, sent a written message to President



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Evangelical Review of Theology (New York, Bonn) theology.worlddea.org/evangelical-review-of-theology

Giving Hands – International Charity (Bonn) gebende-haende.de

Institut für Islamfragen der Deutschen, Schweizer und Österreichischen Allianz (IfI) islaminstitut.de

International Institute for Islamic Studies (IIIS) (Bonn) islamistitute.net

International Institute for Religious Freedom (IIRF) (Bonn, Vancouver, San José – Costa Rica) iirf.global

International Journal for Religious Freedom (IJRF) (Bonn/Toronto) ijrf.org

International Secretariat of the International Society for Human Rights (ISHR) ishr.org

Islam and Christianity journal.islamistitute.net

Martin Bucer Seminary (Bonn, Zürich, Tirana, São Paulo, Helsinki, Istanbul, Delhi) bucer.org

SOS World (Brussels) sosworld.be/page-daccueil

Theological Commission of the European Evangelical Alliance europeanea.org

Verlag für Kultur und Wissenschaft (VKW) (Culture and Science Publ.) vkwonline.com

WEA book series: Global Issues Series / World of Theology Series theology.worlddea.org/global-issues
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Aoun conveying his greetings and sharing the outcomes of recent forums advocating for enhanced intercultural dialogue, peace, and the establishment of institutional frameworks for sustained inter-faith cooperation. He also proposed the creation of a “Parliament of Cultures” in the Levant to reflect the region’s intellectual and cultural plurality.



President Aoun praised Prince El Hassan’s leading role in advancing dialogue, mutual respect, and constructive cooperation among peoples.

President Joseph Aoun and Archbishop Thomas Schirmacher © Office of the President of the Republic of Lebanon

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- **Photo 1** and **photo 2**: Heading a delegation of the One Voice Foundation discussing Christian-Muslim relationship in Lebanon with the President of Lebanon, Joseph Aoun © Office of the President of the Republic of Lebanon
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