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Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD)

The year two thousand and nineteen and a Friday, November 29, was held on the sidelines of the African Continental Summit - Niger 2019, the African assembly of the Interreligious Association for Peace and Development (IAPD) in the conference room of the hotel SOLUX E of Niamey in Niger to reflect on the contribution of religion in the construction of an united, peaceful and prosperous Africa and a world of sustainable peace.

This topic has aroused two major questions:

How can religion contribute to the advent of an Africa of peace and development, an Africa where its inhabitants know a better life?

Beyond Africa, how can religion contribute to the advent of a world of lasting peace?

The exchanges between the participants were organized around these two major issues.

After more than two hours of exchanges between the participants, the following key ideas emerged:

- Insecurity or lack of peace is a reality in our world today;
- The causes of this insecurity are both endogenous and exogenous;

- Internally, insecurity feeds on ignorance, which is the basis of intolerance and the conflicts it engenders;
 - Externally it is driven and maintained by proponents of the international political and economic order which militates for globalization.
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- Achieving peace being a process, the focus should first dwell on educational activities that prioritize moral values advocated by religions, including solidarity, fraternity, love for neighbor, probity, tolerance, etc.

 - So organizational work is necessary in the religious field through implementation of networks, creation of an interfaith conference framework for peace in Africa, the interfaith platforms and empowering of existing ones, educational institutions working to strengthen intra and interfaith dialogue.

 - Establishment of bodies to strengthening dialogue between politics and religion.

 - Politics must take its responsibility in engaging a restless battle against poverty, corruption and youth unemployment that generate terrorism and subsequent violence.

 - Politics must also invest in the regulation of the construction of places of worship, the creation of cult associations and the control of their sources of funding.

 - The victory over violent extremism that disrupts world peace necessarily passes through these measures.

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