Plans

- Conduct awareness campaigns to reach out to the different stakeholders and to the public at large
- Organize public, private and special conferences and workshops to tackle the relative social, economic and cultural issues
- Carry out researches and studies to address problems and challenges
- Provide scientific insights to advance appropriate resolutions
- Foster academic interventions to enhance favorable public policies



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LEBANON LAND OF DIALOGUE

AMONG CIVILIZATIONS AND CULTURES

Introduction

Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (LDI) is a civil society movement supported by various academic, business and civil society organizations, in particular, by Notre Dame University-Louaizé (NDU).

It calls upon Lebanese in Lebanon and the Diaspora, as well as friends of Lebanon and people of good will, to support this Initiative to designate Lebanon as a universal Land of Dialogue and to establish an international center for dialogue in Lebanon in response to contemporary local, national and international disputes by contributing to conflict reduction, reconciliation, social justice, and peace building.

By such global recognition, we believe that Lebanon will be able to secure the international solidarity it needs to recover its historic vocation—a vocation to which Lebanon still manages to be faithful.



Vision

To be an effective force in exploring and resolving central issues by facilitating harmony in conflict-ridden societies and by promoting shared values for a global common good.

Mission

To designate Lebanon as a universal 'Land of Dialogue among Civilizations and Cultures' in response to contemporary local, national and international disputes by contributing to conflict reduction, reconciliation, social justice, and peace building.

Values

- We respect freedom and diversity among various identities commensurate with the natural law
- We cultivate an environment of understanding and acceptance for sustainable peace
- We emphasize on the communities' moral principles as the best way to discover the desired peaceful solutions to the challenges they face

"Lebanon is more than a country. It is a message of freedom and an example of pluralism for East and West." - Pope John Paul II



Strategy

- To ensure Lebanon's historic and innate vocation to provide opportunities for peaceful settlements among nations
- To serve as a cross-cultural catalyst for sharing of nonviolent experiences and practices
- To propel the International Community through appropriate means to adopt Lebanon as a universal hub for dialogue that complements its mission towards promoting freedom, building peace and embracing co-existence

Objectives

- To create a global dynamic platform for an open cultural interaction and an effective socio-political exchange
- To acquire a universal recognition of Lebanon as a Land of Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations
- To address the United Nations through governmental and non-governmental channels to establish a permanent international Center for Dialogue and Peace Building in Lebanon