

World Council of Churches
Commission of the Churches on International Affairs
International Hearing on Misuse of the Blasphemy Law and Religious Minorities in Pakistan
16-19 September 2012, Geneva, Switzerland

Time Days	Sunday Sept. 16	Monday Sept. 17	Tuesday Sept. 18	Wednesday Sept. 19
8:30 – 9.00		Opening Worship	Worship	Worship
9:15 – 10:30	A r r i v a l s	Session I (Opening Session) <i>Welcome: WCC General Secretary</i> Introductions, Greetings Keynote Address An Overview of the Situation in Pakistan (Politics, independence of judiciary, freedom of the press, foreign interventions and foreign policies)	Session 4: Working Groups meeting for preparing for action plans (One hour) followed by plenary presentations of suggestions from groups	Session 6 Towards Global advocacy on Human Rights Situation in Pakistan Discussions and synthesizing of ideas and plans for future advocacy
10:30 – 11:00		BREAK	BREAK	BREAK
11:00 - 12:30		Session 2 • Misuse of Blasphemy Law in Pakistan Panel presentations	Session 5: (11:00 – 12:15) - Independence of the judiciary - Freedom of expression and media - Situation of Human Rights Defenders Panel presentations	Closing Session - Adoption of a Communiqué
12:30 – 14.00		LUNCH 13:30 – Press conference	UN Side event 13.00-14.30 (lunch will be provided)	LUNCH
14.00 – 15.30		Accreditation and collecting badges at the U.N Participants are asked to go to the <i>Palais des Nations</i> at 13:00 to get their accreditation and badges for the UNHRC meetings <i>(Back to the Ecumenical Centre at 15:30 <u>the latest</u>)</i>	Misuse of the Blasphemy Law and Rights of Religious Minorities in Pakistan	Lobbying and advocacy at the UNHRC at the Palais des Nations (Pakistan delegation)
15.30 – 16.00		BREAK		
16 – 17:30		Session 3 • Politicisation of Religion in Pakistan and Growing Religious Intolerance and Extremism Panel presentations	Meetings of Pakistan delegation with U.N Diplomatic Missions of different countries Lobbying with ambassadors and country mission representatives in different embassies/missions in Geneva	
17:30 – 18:30			Reception and Open Forum with representatives of diplomatic missions, INGOs and participants at WCC	