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N. Nazarbayev Center for Development of Interfaith and Inter-Civilization Dialogue

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Name of Organization	N. Nazarbayev Center for Development of Interfaith and Inter-Civilization Dialogue
Date of Establishment	April 25, 2019
Initiative	Collective will of the participants of the VI Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions to establish the “Nazarbayev Center for interfaith and intercivilizational dialogue” in recognition of outstanding contribution of the first President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to global efforts to foster peace and harmony (<i>Declaration of VI Congress</i> , item 13).
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Head of the Organization	Altay Abibullayev, Chairman of the Board
Mission	Promotion, at the international level, of the initiatives of the first President of the Republic of Kazakhstan to preserve and ensure interfaith and inter-civilizational interaction, as well as popularize the ideas of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions.
Aims	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promoting peace and harmony between all religions in an atmosphere of mutual respect; 2. ensuring interaction with domestic and foreign religious associations, and their spiritual leaders; preparing and conducting the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions every three years; 3. preparing and conducting the annual Secretariat (a working body of the Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions, which ensures continuous implementation of its ideas and decisions) of the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions; 4. establishment of partnership with international organizations and centers

- working towards a common goal of ensuring interfaith dialogue;
5. managing international and in-country conferences;
 6. participating in various conferences, thematic events and forums in Kazakhstan and internationally;
 7. analysis of the state and dynamics of the development of the religious situation in the world;
 8. monitoring of materials on religious subjects in foreign and domestic media;
 9. promotion of the Kazakhstan's model of interfaith dialogue at the international level.

Partners and International Cooperation

1. United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (USA);
2. Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (Vatican);
3. Al-Azhar Center for Interreligious Dialogue (Egypt);
4. Religions for Peace (USA);
5. Muslim World League (SA);
6. Muslim Council of Elders (UAE);
7. Lutheran World Federation (Switzerland);
8. Global Council for Tolerance and Peace (UAE);
9. Islamic Research Institute of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (Pakistan);
10. International Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (UAE);
12. Khoja Ahmet Yassawi International Kazakh-Turkish University (Kazakhstan); and many others.

Recent Activities Since 2003, Kazakhstan has organized six

Congresses of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions (2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, 2015, and 2018) and eighteen Secretariats (since 2002 every year).

The last VI Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in 2018 in Nur-Sultan was attended by eighty-two delegations from forty-three countries. Such events have attracted the attention from over 100 global mass-media. The Congress concluded with adoption of the Declaration on October, 11, 2018,¹ which was the key to the establishment of the N. Nazarbayev Center.

In September 2019, the capital city of Kazakhstan, Nur-Sultan, welcomed the participants of the eighteenth session of the Secretariat. It was attended by the representatives of the world and traditional religions from fifteen countries.

On November 28, 2019, the Center organized the International Conference “N. Nazarbayev’s Model of Peace and Tolerance,” in honour of the International Day of Tolerance and in celebration of the Day of the First President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

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¹ “Declaration VI Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions: The Republic of Kazakhstan Astana [Nur-Sultan] (October 11, 2018),” *Islamic Studies* 58, no. 2 (2019): 307–11.