RABAT FOUNDING SUMMIT

DECLARATION OF INTENT on

Preventing the Political Abuse of Religion

Rabat, Morocco, 23 January 2027

For Formal Adoption of the Declaration and Establishment of the International Partnership

A landmark international summit for governments, institutions and distinguished leaders to advance prevention, equality, social cohesion and peace through lasting international cooperation.

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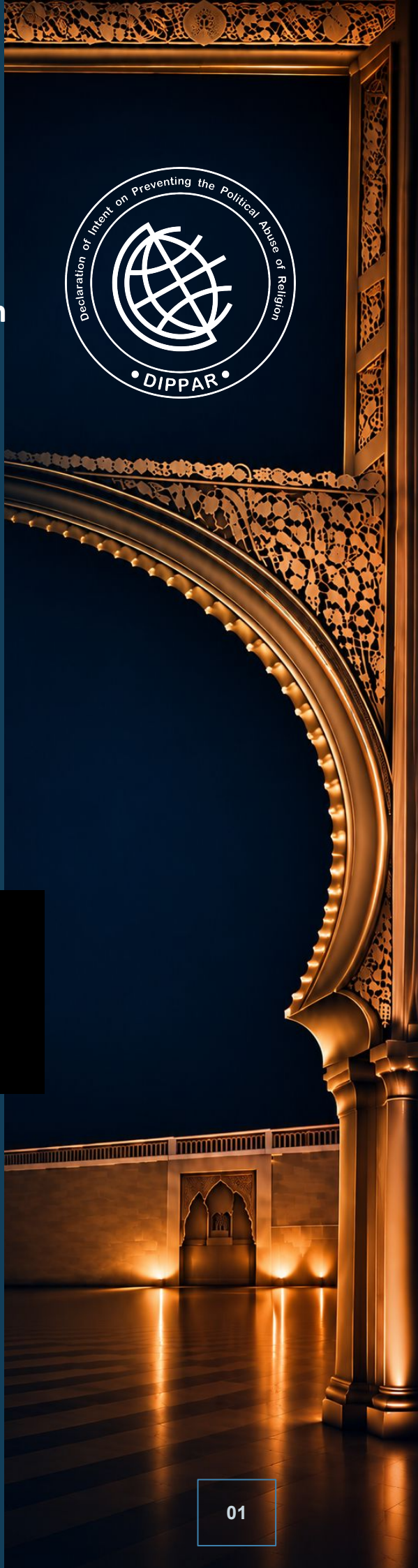
BPUR International and

National Human Rights Council of Morocco (CNDH)

Participation is by invitation only.

More about the Declaration and the International Partnership at:

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Vision of the Rabat Founding Summit

The Concept Note

Launching an executive platform for sustained international cooperation.

Across diverse historical and contemporary experiences, the political and ideological instrumentalization of religion has represented a profound driver of division, exclusion and conflict, subverting equality before the law, curtailing freedom of conscience and belief, and ultimately hollowing out the moral authority of religion from within.

To confront these root causes, a voluntary global platform for international cooperation is taking shape. The initiative is not directed against any religion, belief, nation or culture. Its purpose is to protect the integrity of religion from political or ideological abuse while strengthening equality before the law, freedom of religion or belief, responsible governance and social cohesion.

Grounded in existing international human rights instruments, the initiative calls for the fullest realization of human rights principles to confront violent extremism that erodes tolerance and fuels division, and to eradicate all forms of discrimination, including those based on race or religion.

The Rabat Founding Summit will mark the formal adoption and launch of the Declaration of Intent as the founding charter of the International Partnership. The Declaration provides a common institutional basis for dialogue, cooperation, practical initiatives and the progressive strengthening of the international legal framework while respecting national constitutional systems and sovereign choices.

The Summit will bring together governments, national human rights institutions, parliaments, religious institutions, international organizations, civil society and other eligible stakeholders to establish a voluntary global platform for cooperation to prevent the political abuse of religion.

Returning to Morocco reflects the country's recognized role in promoting coexistence, moderation and interfaith dialogue, and the contribution of the CNDH to international human rights cooperation. The Summit will build on sustained engagement since the Rabat process of 2022 and subsequent international, parliamentary and institutional dialogue.

Participation

Participation is by confirmed invitation and includes representatives of governments, national human rights institutions, parliaments, religious institutions, international organizations and civil society, alongside distinguished individuals from different regions and fields.

Outcomes and Participation

What the Summit will deliver

Clear institutional roadmap supported by appropriate international participation.

Founding outcomes

1	**Declaration of Intent**	Formal adoption or endorsement by participating governments and eligible institutions.
2	**International Partnership**	Official launch of the Partnership as the institutional platform of the Declaration.
3	**Founding participation**	Recognition of participants.
4	**Initial leadership**	Presentation of the inaugural International Steering Committee and confirmation of its mandate to provide strategic leadership.
5	**Working programme**	Agreement on initial priorities, follow-up arrangements and a structured process for future international cooperation.

Summit purpose and objectives

The Summit will provide the participants with a focused process to:

- ❏ Present the Declaration of Intent as the founding charter of the International Partnership.
- ❏ Formally establish the International Partnership as an exclusive framework for advancing the Declaration's objectives.
- ❏ Confirm the Partnership's voluntary, inclusive character.
- ❏ Introduce the inaugural International Steering Committee and the working process.
- ❏ Invite stakeholders, including governments and institutions, to participate according to their respective roles, expertise and capacities.
- ❏ Discuss priorities for dialogue, cooperation, exchange of experience and practical initiatives.
- ❏ Define pathways for strengthening the effectiveness of existing international principles and instruments, including future cooperative or legal measures where sufficient governmental consensus emerges.

The formal programme will be shared with confirmed participants.