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Dear Madam,

We are honoured to invite you to attend the upcoming high-level EU-Bahraini conference entitled **“Broadening the Tent: Freedom of Religion and Belief”** scheduled to be held on **30-31 May and 1 June 2022**, in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain. This conference is organised jointly by the EU Delegation to Bahrain, the French Embassy to Bahrain, King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence and NGO ‘This Is Bahrain’.

The draft concept note and agenda are enclosed for your perusal. More specifically, this event will run over three days as follows:

**Day 1 - 30 May:** An Exhibition for participants wishing to expose an idea and exchange with attendance. This exhibition will facilitate meetings with prominent Bahraini figures engaged in faith-based work, inter-faith dialogue, community work: sharing experience and inspiration; organising tables across clusters to mix perspectives and experiences among participants and open spaces for free networking. It will be followed by a Networking Dinner.

**Day 2 – 31 May:** The EU-Bahraini Conference (draft agenda enclosed).

**Day 3 – 1 June:** will be dedicated to visit most prominent worship’s places in Bahrain and/or the appointments that you will have set up during the Exhibition on Day 1.

The three-day meeting will bring together Bahraini and European policy and decision makers as well as civil society representatives from faith/belief-based sectors, including youth, to a structured dialogue to better understand their respective journeys regarding FORB, how they practically encompass and work with diversity of religions and beliefs and how both societies could cooperate to reinforce the respect of FORB at the regional and global levels.

We request the pleasure of your participation during this three-day event hoping that you will be able to join the discussions in person. Also, we would be happy to invite two other members of your organisation. Please share this invitation with them and kindly send us their name and contact details.

Hoping to receive your confirmation preferably not later than the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, by mail on [eugccdialogue@equinoccio.eu](mailto:eugccdialogue@equinoccio.eu), we remain at your disposal for any further inquiry.

We would be delighted to cover travel and accommodation expenses, if required.

Your presence will be important for the success of this event; we sincerely hope to have the pleasure of welcoming you in Bahrain soon.

Yours sincerely,



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