



Narrative at Risk

Assessing the Prospects for a Global Covenant to Delegitimize Killing in God's Name

Terms of Reference

Focus:	Creating the Global Covenant
Question:	How do we engage religious actors and institutions to co-create an interreligious Covenant to protect sacred and traditional narratives?
Format:	Report and Recommendation (15 pages, double-spaced)

Research (10 pages)

Report

Which religious narratives and scriptures are most used to justify violence (e.g. how is scripture weaponized) and how do we delegitimize these narratives? What are the religious narratives used to build resilience in communities at risk and justify peace? What are theologies of hope that have traction in communities across the Mediterranean Basin?

Gaps in Policy and Implementation

Where are the gaps in initiatives led by religious leaders and communities that use religious narratives to prevent and reduce religion-related violence?

Best Practices

What are the most successful efforts led by religious leaders and communities for preventing and reducing religion-related violence using religious narratives? Consider methods that preserve the distinct contributions of various participants—instead of forcing ideological convergence—so the Covenant is accepted as authoritative and legitimate within different religious communities.

Influencer Map

With whom might Global Covenant partner? What role do these actors have in the field? Do they have particular strengths or liabilities? Who do they influence? Who belongs in their network? What actors might be potential implementing partners? Who are the most notable scholars in this issue area?

Bibliography

What should Global Covenant planners and implementers read or study to inform their work? Which articles, reports, resolutions, etc., are cited for these research and recommendations?

Recommendations (5 pages)

Response

Propose research-driven pilot initiatives that would engage key influencers in creating an interreligious Global Covenant. Religious actors, civil society organizations, and policymakers should co-create the recommendations for a proposed Covenant both in-person and via an online platform. Remember to include the voices of women, youth, and conflict survivors.