

## Coptic Solidarity Annual Conference 2011

### AGENDA

**Friday July 8** (Place: ***The Capitol Visitors Center CVC, Congressional Auditorium***)

### **COPTIC SOLIDARITY POLICY EDUCATION DAY**

Key issues:

- *Democracy prospects in Egypt; respect of human and minority rights*
- *Persecution before and after the Arab Spring*
- *Muslim Brotherhood, Salafists and the Copts*
- *Need for a special envoy on religious freedom of N.E. religious minorities*
- *Aid to Egypt*

9:30 INTRODUCTION ***Adel Guindy***  
Remarks: ***Magdi Khalil***

09:45 **SESSION - I: The Geopolitics of the Copts in Egypt” (A Round Table)**  
**Chair: Dr Walid Phares**

- Dr Michael Ledeen, Senior Fellow, the Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- Frank Gaffney, Director Center for Security Policy, Former deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence
- Professor Essam Abdulla, President, Egyptian Democratic Solidarity:
- Prof. Walid Phares: *“Strategic Recommendations”*

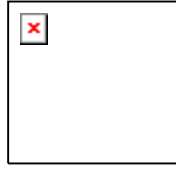
**Congressional address to be expected**

12:00 *Break*

13:00 **SESSION - II : Legal, Constitutional and Policy Issues**  
**Chair: Dr Piero Tozzi**

- Congressman Christopher Smith
- Tina Ramirez, Director Intl. Affairs, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberties:
- Dr Joseph Grieboski, Chairman, The Institute on Religion & Public Policy:
- Dr Piero Tozzi, Director, Intl. Religious liberties, Alliance Defense Fund: *“Islamic Sharia and International Law”*

15:00 *Break*



15:15 **SESSION - III: The US, the West and Coptic Rights**

**Chair: Dr Raymond Ibrahim**

- Professor Barry Rubin, Director & editor of MERIA:
- Allison Hollabaugh, Senior Staffer of Congressman Chris Smith
- Elizabeth, Hoffman Legislative Assistant of Congressman John Carter: “ Drafting HR 440 on a special envoy on religious freedom of N.E. religious Minorities”
- Dr Raymond Ibrahim, Deputy Director MEF: “Western Media and Persecution of Christians”
- Justin Mayer, ICC:

17:00 End

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**Saturday July 9** (Place: **Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel**)

**COPTS AFTER JANUARY 25: WHAT NEXT?**

*Key issues:*

- *Effective Activism, alliances, media, means*
- *Coptic Youth; in the Revolt, in Diaspora*

9:00 **SESSION - IV: Building Coptic Coalitions**

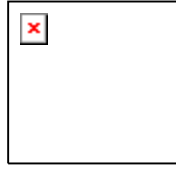
**Chair: Magdi Khalil**

- Steven Emerson, Executive director of The Investigative Project on Terrorism:
- Sheikh Sami Khouri, President, World Maronite Union:
- Dr Lotfy Basta, ex Chairman of Cardiology Dpt, USF Florida: “Should We Form Coalitions, and with Whom?”
- Dr. William Weessa, Media Expert : “The position of Egypt’s Media Towards the Copts, After Jan. 25”
- Halim Meawad, CS Secretary : “Coptic Activism Between the Needs and the Means”

11:00 **SESSION V: The COPTS and Middle East Revolts**

**Chair: Prof. Walid Phares**

- Eblan Farris, Spokesperson, World Council for the Cedars Revolution
- Amir Abbas Fakhavar, Confederation of Iranian Students
- Hmimiche AitMouloud, representative of the Kabyle Provisionary Government
- Farid Ghadri, Syria Reform Party
- Sherkoh Abbas, Syrian Kurdish Council



- Representative of the Sudan Democracy Coalition

12:00 *Break*

13:00 **SESSION - V: Towards New Coptic community organization**

**Chair: Caroline Doss**

- Steve Messeh, CS Director Grassroots: "Coptic Grassroots movement"
- Mark Morgan, President Coptic Lawyers of America (CLA):
- Marina Eskander, Coptic Activist from Cairo: "Coptic Youth in Egypt before and after Revolution"
- Christina Guirguis (?):
- Caroline Doss, VP CS: "Contacts with U.S. bodies"

15:00 *Break*

15:15 **SESSION -VI: Conference Conclusions: Chair: Adel Guindy**

15:45 **CS GENERAL ASSY.** (Members)

- Adel Guindy: Member's Report
- Atef Jacoub CS Treasurer: Financial Report
- Maher Rizkalla, Member EC, CS: "Activism in Canada, results and plans"
- Helmy Guirguis, Member EC, CS: "Activism in EU, results and plans"
- Members' discussions: Objectives for next year.
- Conclusions

17:30 *End*