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Program 5-7 Dec in Lund (with reservations for possible changes)

## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>:

Center for Languages and Literature (SOL), Helgonabacken 12

18.00 Evening buffet at SOL

19.00 **Panel: Women Voices in the Middle East- Carriers of Transformation?**

Salwa Duaibis, Palestine, Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC),  
Dalia Abdelhady, Senior Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES)  
Kholoud Manosur, Guest researcher (CMES), Alexandra Sandels, Los Angeles Times,  
Bitte Hammargren, Foreign Correspondent, SvD. Moderator. Prof. Elisabeth Gerle

## Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>:

Domkyrkoforum, Kyrkogatan 6

9.15 Gathering

9.30 **Opening of Conference**

Antje Jackelén, Bishop of Lund, Associate Professor in Systematic Theology, Sweden.  
Moderator all morning. Dr. Dan-Erik Andersson

9.45 **Historical Overview of Christians in the Middle East**

Prof. Samuel Rubensson, Lund University, Sweden

**Overview of the Present Situation for Christians in the Middle East**

Dr. Svante Lundgren, Lund University, Sweden

10.30 Coffee

11.00 **Overview of the Situation in Egypt especially for Christians**

Introductions by Youssef Sidhom, Chief Editor of the Coptic Weekly Watan, and  
Sameh Egyptson, doctoral student Cairo/Lund University.

13.00 Lunch

14.15 **Palestinian Christians in the Palestinian Territory and in Israel:  
Challenges of Transition and Identity**

Prof. Bernard Sabella, Bethlehem University. Moderator. Svante Lundgren

15.30 Coffee

16.00 **Panel: The Image of the Middle East - Media Coverage**  
Introductions by Alexandra Sandels, L.A Times, Erik Helmersson, Dagens Nyheter, Bitte Hammargren, Svenska Dagbladet. Moderator. Elisabeth Gerle

19.30 Dinner - Magasinet Domkyrkoforum

## **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>:**

Domkyrkoforum, Kyrkogatan 6

8.45 Gathering

9.00 **Christians in the Middle East, especially in Syria**  
Prof. Leif Stenberg, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Kholoud Mansour, Guest Researcher, at CMES and Viola Furubjelke, Former Ambassador to Syria. Moderator. Svante Lundgren

10.00 **Christians in Iraq Today**  
Prof. Malik Merza, Head of Research and Development, Boehringer Ingelheim Svanova, Uppsala. Moderator. Svante Lundgren

11.00 Coffee

11.30 **Panel: Activist Perspectives**  
Salwa Duaibis (Palestine/Israel), Sameh Egyptson (Egypt), Roni Doumit (Lebanon) Alexandra Sandels, LA Times. Moderator. Göran Gunner

13.00 Lunch

14.15 **Emerging Diasporas Outside the Middle East**  
Göran Gunner, Dan-Erik Andersson, Svante Lundgren, Afram Jakoub

15.00 **Panel: Prospects for the Future in the Middle East**  
Prof. Bernard Sabella (Palestine/Israel), Salwa Duaibis (Palestine/Israel), Prof. Malik Merza (Sweden), Youssef Sidhom (Egypt), Roni Doumit (Lebanon). Moderator. Elisabeth Gerle

16.30 Concluding coffee

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