

ISESCO Director General calls for building a better world where common human values shall prevail

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In an address he delivered at the opening of the 23rd session of Crans Montana Forum, in Baku, Azerbaijan, on "Addressing a Changing World: Which Energy for Which World?", the Director General of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Dr Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri, said that the world is witnessing rapid changes that can neither be stopped nor controlled, resulting into enormously serious challenges.

"This causes a certain feeling of apprehension concerning the future destiny of humanity, especially as we live in an unfair world order, which stems from an inhumane, international policy that doesn't respect the values of justice and equality nor the international law," he underlined.

He also emphasized that the responsibility shouldered by intellectuals and religious leaders for saving our world from the dangers it faces, obliges them to ponder upon building a better world, where the high moral values, the common heritage of peoples and nations, shall prevail.

Similarly, he underlined that the world is beset by challenges arising from fierce globalization, which continues unchecked by either morality or international laws. Equally, he highlighted that chief among these challenges is the disparity between rich countries of the North and the poor countries of the South, which has led to widespread unemployment and poverty with attendant social problems.

In the same vein, he added: "The world is also suffering from the absence of good governance in many third world countries and the inadequacy of control relating to financial and administrative operations, which has led to pervasive corruption and violation of laws and regulations and associated political and social unrest."

He furthermore underscored that the efforts to combat poverty should go hand in hand with the endeavors to improve the governing methods, which, according to him, can only be attained through enforcing the rule of the law, respecting human rights, applying good governance and the principles of democracy, respecting the people's will, and answering their legitimate demands.

Moreover, he highlighted that among the repercussions of the wild, uncontrolled globalization is that it marginalizes the poor. "Globalization is about achieving abundance, expanding markets, making massive profits, and maintaining economic, technological and media hegemony, in preparation for colonial domination. With this, humanity would drop backward into the abyss of imperialism, oppression of peoples and breach of human principles and international laws," he underlined.

In addition, he highlighted that there are many ways to overcome the disadvantages created by globalization and benefit from its advantages. "All we need is to galvanize global efforts to promote the culture of peace, justice, equality, human rights, mercy and forgiveness. This way, we can surmount the difficulties that stand in our way to more efficiently fight against poverty and live in a better world where there is no discrimination, racism, hatred or wars," he emphasized.

This session was opened by Mr Ilham Aliyev, President of Azerbaijan, and was attended by a host of presidents, prime ministers, ministers and heads of international organizations.

It is also worth mentioning that ISESCO Director General will chair the session on "Women's Rights are Human Rights", which will be held jointly by ISESCO and UNESCO, and which will be addressed by Mrs Mehriban Aliyeva, consort of Azerbaijan's president and ISESCO-UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. Dr Altwajri will also take part in the session on "Tourism and International Cooperation Impact on the Dialogue among Civilizations" along with Dr Garayev Aboulfas, Azerbaijan Minister of Tourism and Culture.