



Morning Seminar
Friday, 9 October 2015, 9.30 h – 12.30 h
Diplomatic Academy, Favoritenstr. 15a, 1040 Wien (Musikzimmer)

Key Elements for Successful Transitions

with

Roelf Meyer

UN peace negotiator,
Architect of the South African transition from apartheid

- 9:00 a.m. Arrival, Registration, Coffee
- 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. Moderation: Aloisia Wörgetter, Task Force Dialogue of Cultures, Federal Ministry of Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs and Ursula Baatz, Herbert C. Kelman Institute.

The aim is to go into specific dialogue experiences, to identify dialogue tools to apply in conflict situations, and to look at the best results one can hope for in dialogue. Participants will have a chance to listen and interact with Roelf Meyer on elements and direct examples of successful transitions. The format of the exchange is a moderated dialogue following a structure of questions.

An important theme the seminar will touch on is change. Entering into dialogue means to accept transformation, even one's own. How does one build confidence in the tool, and how is it possible to assist such transitions?

On set of questions will focus on how to choose a dialogue partner: which qualities in participants make dialogue succeed? The seminar will touch on questions of dialogue *space*. In which conditions dialogue must be set in order to be successful? Is it ever too late for dialogue?

The seminar brings together Austrian and international actors already engaged in dialogue efforts, or wanting to apply dialogue tools in their work or research.

The following dialogue definition is used for this format: "Dialogue is the exchange between two or more persons of different convictions towards a shared topic. Dialogue is not a debate. Dialogue can lead to change."

The seminar is held in English. Limited to registered guests.