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2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018						
PROGRAM OVERVIEW DRAFT						
FRIDAY September 7, 2018						
HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Organization is Strength</i> Conducted by the Hindu Organizations, Temples, Associations Forum						
The Hindu Organisational Conference brings together a vast array of Hindu organizations, including temples, associations, and institutions to share best practices, experiences, resources, and ideas. The session also provides a platform to discuss challenges and opportunities for generating inclusive prosperity ethically and effectively. The guiding theme of the conference is "Sanghe Shakti Kaliyuge", which means "Organization is Strength".						
Lunch						
Introductory Remark - Keynote						
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m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for serving the needs of Hindu Community	Chair: XXX	75 Min	
d	G Room					
s			Concept & Structure: Temple Model with Fit, Form and Function for the Environment and the People	TBD	10	
s			Seva: Temples as an instrument for serving Hindu Society - Seva role	Madhu Pandit Das (Akshaya Patra foundation)	10	
s			Program Strategy: Role of temples in creating positive impact on youth, family and society (Communication, Chaplaincy or Counselling)	Dr Uma Mysorker - Ganesh Temple (or Shiva Subramaniam Shiva Vishnu Temple)	10	
s			Governance: Sustainable and Independent Temples - free from government	Swami Parmatmanandji (Acharya Sabha)	10	
s		Q&A			35	
		3:45 PM			75	
Break						
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 1+2.	Chair: XXX	75 Min	
d	G Room		Such fragmentation is not limited to linguistic line but is deeper within the same linguistic group. Create a collaborative platform for same Linguistic Organizations to strengthen Hindu society (e.g. TANA, ATA, NATA, NATS). Many political parties and other religious groups have exploited these communities. Due to ignorance and petty egos, these organizations don't participate in the Hindu activities. This lack of engagement in the larger interests of Hindu society, results in further division of the Hindu society. There is need for increased involvement and harnessing of this traditional potential in organizing the community and the Hindu society. Sometimes inter community conflicts are engineered for various reasons. We need to promote positive inter community bonding and interactions for better understanding and common good of Hindu society.			
s			Case study		10	
s			The reason for this session separated from session 1 as they are not collaborating and combining our efforts		10	
s			Secularism can be taken as a topic and we can get different linguistic organizations to present what it means to them, how they support it and how to bridge the gap		10	
s			How can we identify the gap?	tbd	10	
s		Q&A	Broaden it -- art, festivals and identity		35	
		5:30 PM			75	
Plenary Session						
Networking - Dinner						
Breakfast						
Saturday September 8, 2018						
m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Human rights violation around the world	Chair: Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	75 Min	
d	G Room		Hindu community has been on the receiving end for sometime in various parts of the world, such as in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and in West Asian countries, and Gypsies in Europe. As a billion society, it is our responsibility to help our Hindu brothers and sisters in these countries, so that they get fair treatment and can live with dignity. Network Hindu organizations actively addressing these issues e.g. HAF, GHRD.			
s			Defending Hindu Human Rights (GHRD)	Shri Sradhanand Sheetal	10	
s			Influencing Government Policies	Professor Professor Ved Prakash Nanda (Romania related work)	10	
s			Fighting for Hindus at Ground Zero (Bangladesh) - identify good speaker for this session	Saumitra Ghokie has the name	10	
s			Success Stories of Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Satya Dosapati	10	
s		Q&A		Sindhi - Shri Lakhubhai Lohana	35	
		10:45 AM			75	
Break						
m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chair: XXX	75 Min	

d	G Room	Developing operational mechanism and resources for Hindus to reach the unreached areas: such as South America, Africa and Eastern Europe. Most of these unreached areas belonged to various indigenous tribes with ancient tradition, culture and heritage. Many of these groups have been either converted to Islam or Christianity. It has been noted that some of these groups continue to practice their ancient traditions although they have been converted. Now there is a revival and they are looking towards Hindus because of similarities. So there is an opportunity to work with these groups.				
s		Reaching to the South American community	Swami V A Param Adwaiti, Peru	10		
s		Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10		
s		African community	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10		
s		<i>Identify areas or regions that are not reachable or where we intend to reach – plan for new areas</i>	tbd	10		
s	Q&A	ISKCON from Central Asia - Uzbekistan?	?	35		
s	12:30 PM			75		
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z		Lunch				
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: XXX	75 Min	
d	G Room	There are many challenges that the Hindu society faces in lands outside of Bharat, apart from discrimination and human rights violations. These are genuine socio cultural needs that arise in a totally foreign context. What can we do to share these common concerns and develop common frameworks and solutions that can be shared. These challenges also present opportunities for Hindus to contribute positively to their adopted lands drawing upon the depth and richness of their ancestral heritage.				
s		<i>Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma (absorb values by osmosis, environment, ambience vs purposeful inclusion)</i>	tbd	10		
s		<i>Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)</i>	Bodhi Vellan Swamy	10		
s		<i>Challenges of Conversion for Hindus across the Globe</i>	Sharad Ghole (Dharma Jagran)	10		
s				10		
s	Q&A			35		
s	3:45 AM			75		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Case Studies - Success Stories	Chair: xxx	75 Min	
d	G Room	Sharing exemplary and inspiring case studies and success stories. Throughout the world, there are many inspiring stories and case studies of Hindus working to promote Hindu values. The presenters selected for this panel were sort-listed from 15 case studies that were selected for their creativity, sustainability, diversity, and the number of people impacted. We then conducted an online poll where the World Hindu Congress community selected four panelists to present here at the conference. We hope that you will be able to learn from these presentations and implement their learnings in your own communities.				
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s	Q&A			35		
s	5:30 PM			75		
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m	6:00 PM		Plenary Session			
z			Networking - Dinner			
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		Can Hindu Organizations work together for the larger Hindu resurgence? (Chinmaya Mission, Bharat Sevashram Sangh, Sri Ramakrishna Mission, BAPS, ISKCON, Art of Living, Gayathri Parivar, RSS, VHP, Acharya Sabha, etc.)				
		All these Hindu organizations are working for the Hindu resurgence in their own core competence and areas of influence. However, they do not come on one platform to discuss, deliberate and devise common strategy to serve the Hindu movement. We need to improve this scenario and to see how to bring them together to work for the larger interest, respecting their individual identity.				