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z	2nd World Hindu Congress Chicago, USA, Sept 7-9, 2018						
z	PROGRAM OVERVIEW FINAL DRAFT						
d	FRIDAY September 7, 2018						
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d	HINDU ORGANIZATIONAL CONFERENCE <i>Organization is Strength</i> Conducted by the Hindu Organizations, Temples, Associations Forum						
d	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".						
z	Lunch						
m	2:00 PM Introductory Remark						
s			HOTA Coordinator's Remarks	Dr Guna Magesan	10	gunamagesan@gmail.com	0091 7227 89 5560
m	Room	2:30 PM	Session 1. Mandir as a Nuclei for Serving the Needs of the Hindu Community	Chair: Dr. Srilekha Reddy Palle	75 Min	srilekha1977@gmail.com	001 703 839 3976
d	G Room		Temples have sustained Hindu Dharma through time immemorial and are a central force that nourishes the growth of the community in which they exist. Mandirs, as we prefer calling them, are derived from the words <i>man</i> which symbolizes inner-self and <i>dir</i> which means dwelling place. In this session, we will explore further how sustainable and independent temples as a nucle serve and can continue to address the growing needs of the community with the appropriate fit, form and function for the environment and the people in that community. A strategic vision for the programs, the creation, planning and effective execution of these programs can be the magnetic force that can attract youth, individual, family and community by creatig a positive impact.				
			Introduction by the Chair	Dr. Srilekha Reddy Palle	10	srilekha1977@gmail.com	001 703 839 3976
s			Freeing temples from Government clutches	Swami Paramatmanandji - Acharya Sabha, Bharat	10	swamips108@gmail.com	0091 9898 91 7776
s			Temple initiated Sewa - The largest mid-day meal program in the world	Sadhu Madhu Pandit Das - Akshaya Patra Foundation	10	mpd@iskconbangalore.org	0091 9900 16 1008
s			Temple Conceptualization and Functions	Dr. Shiva Subramanian - Shiva Vishnu Temple, USA	10	doc4baby@aol.com	001 202 444 8709
s			Temples as Universites: Positive Impact on Individuals, Youth, Families and Community	Ma Mukhikananda, USA	10	ma.mukthika@innerawakening.org	001 425 269 8152
s		Q&A			25		
z		3:45 PM			75		
z	Break						
m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 2. Human rights violation around the world	Chair: Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	75 Min	gurudev@artofliving.org	0091 9845 25 7571
d	G Room		Hindu community has been on the receiving end of aggressions, breaches against humanity and marginalization for sometime in various parts of the world, such as in Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and in West Asian countries, and Gypsies in Europe. As a society of more than a billion, the Hindu community does have strength in numbers which can be leveraged to help our global Hindu family obtain fair treatment and a life of dignity in any part of the world. The diversity of this presented in this session will not only bring forth the atrocities, but also present a resolve to stand for the greater good of the Hindu community by lobbying, building awareness and unifying our efforts for maximum impact.				
			Introduction by the Chair	Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar	10	gurudev@artofliving.org	0091 9845 25 7571
s			Defending Hindu Human Rights	Shri Sradhanand Sital	10	sital108@gmail.com	0031 611 376 504
s			Influencing Government Policies in Eastern Europe	Prof. Ved Prakash Nanda	10	nandas@earthlink.net	001 303 377 6438
s			Fighting for Hindus in Bangladesh	Shri Sitangshu Guha	10	guhasb@gmail.com	001 646 696 5569
s			Pakistani Hindus: A Genocide Forgotten	Dr. Omendra Ratnu	10	dratnu@hotmail.com	0091 9829 01 1162
s		Q&A			25		
z		5:30 PM			75		
m	6:00 PM Plenary Session						
z	Networking - Dinner						
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z	Breakfast						
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d	Saturday September 8, 2018						
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m	Room	9:30 AM	Session 3. Collaboration Between and Within Linguistic/Cultural Organizations	Chair: Sanjay Tripathi/Ami Patel	75 Min	tripathisan@gmail.com	001 408 507 7643
d	G Room		To promote positive inter community bonding and interactions for better understanding and common good of Hindu society, significant challenges need to be addressed. There are a number of linguistic organizations that claim they are only cultural organizations even though their membership is mostly Hindu. There is fragmentation not limited just to linguistic line but is deeper within the same linguistic group. For example, create a collaborative platform of Linguistic Organizations to strengthen Hindu society, and stem further fragmentation and exploitation of these communities by political parties and other religious groups. Often inter community conflicts are engineered for various reasons. The goal of this panel is to share their strengths and challenges on this safe space platform created through HOTA and come up with creative ways in which to engage these organizations that will be mutually beneficial.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	Shri Sanjay Tripathi	10	tripathisan@gmail.com	001 408 507 7643
s			Panelist 1 - Telugu	Srinivas Pinnapureddy - ATA		spinnapureddy@sbcglobal.net	001 832 642 0100
s			Panelist 2 - Telugu	Harinath Policherla - TATA		policherla@gmail.com	001 313 407 9558
s			Panelist 3 - Tamil				
s			Panelist 4 - Kannada				
s			Panelist 5 - Gujarati				
			Panelist 6 - Marathi				
			Panelist 7 - Punjabi				
			Panelist 8 - Bengali	Judhajt Senmazumdar		jit.senmazumdar@gmail.com	001 510 938 8777
s			Panelist 9 - Nepali				
s		Q&A	Conclusions of the Panel Discussion		5		
z		10:45 AM			75		
z	Break						
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m	Room	11:15 AM	Session 4. Operational mechanism for Hindus to reach the unreached areas	Chair: BK Ushaben Naik	75 Min	ushapuja108@gmail.com	001 701 498 5861
d	G Room		Over the past several centuries, the Hindu diaspora has spread across the globe forming communities overtime yet there are many 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. In the present times, there is a revival of these ancient practices and they are looking towards our Hindu community because of similarities. This presents an opportunity which will be further explored in this session with the challenge to develop operational mechanisms and find means to assimilate resources for Hindus to reach these unreached areas.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	BK Ushaben Naik	10	ushapuja108@gmail.com	001 701 498 5861
s			Reaching to the South American community	Swami V A Param Adwaiti, Peru	10	swamibap@mac.com	0051 992 54 1980
s			Getting legal recognition of Hindu Dharma in Italian Government system	Swamini Hansanand Giri, Italy	10	hamsaji@gmail.com	0039 338 597 8135
s			African community and Hindu Thoughts	Swami Satyanand, Ghana	10	hindumonasteryofafrica@yahoo.com	00233 2130 1443
s			Reaching to un-reached areas - focusing on Central Asia	Bhakti Vijnana Goswami, ISKCON	10	bhakti.vijnana.goswami@pamho.net	007 926 099 9270
s		Q&A			25		
s		12:30 PM			75		
z			Lunch				
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m	Room	2:30 AM	Session 5. Responding to Socio-Cultural Challenges before Global Hindu Society	Chair: Pandit Ram Harodwar	75 Min	ptramhardwar@gmail.com	001 646 210 2754
d	G Room		Socio-cultural factors such as customs, lifestyles and values that characterize the Hindu society, although a norm in India, are an outlier in many parts of the world. Cultural aspects including concepts of education, language, law, religion, organizations, values and attitudes are all genuine socio cultural challenges that arise outside of India. These challenges also present opportunities for Hindus to contribute positively to their adopted lands drawing upon the depth and richness of their ancestral heritage. In this session, common concerns will be explored to extract opportunities that can lead to the development of common frameworks and solutions that can be implemented.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	Pandit Ram Harodwar	10	ptramhardwar@gmail.com	001 646 210 2754
s			Socio-cultural challenges before Hindu community: A woman's perspective	A woman speaker	10		
s			Family: Incubator for Hindu Dharma	Shri Gaurang Nanavati	10	gaurang.uncle@gmail.com	001 713 927 6010
s			Digital Strategy - across spectrum - including preaching and teaching	Dr. Krishna Giri	10	krishna_giri@msn.com	0091 8939 92 2260
s			Spiritual but not religious (SBNR)	Shri Joseph Emmett	10	joseph@vedantasf.org	001 713 301-0577
s		Q&A			25		
s		3:45 AM			75		
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m	Room	4:15 PM	Session 6. Global Hindus Making Global Impact	Chair: Brahmachari Vrajivhari Sharan	75 Min	vr349@georgetown.edu	001 2028078200
d	G Room		Over the course of Hindu history, noble Hindus emerge from the Hindu community that live the values of Hindu Dharma with such vigor and passion to "think collectively and act valiantly." In this session, let us get inspired by these phenomenal ideas that create a ground swell for social change and sustainability.				
s			Introduction by the Chair	Brahmachari Vrajivhari Sharan	10	vr349@georgetown.edu	001 2028078200
s			Govardhan Eco Village: Rural Development of Vedic Smart Villages	Shri Anand Chaitanya Das	10	anandchaitanya@gmail.com	
s			Scaling for SAI Agro-forestry Model for Small Farmers in Sub-Sahara Africa	Shri Jitendra Kumar Sinha	10	jitendrasinha@hotmail.com	0091 9967 34 3996
s			California Textbook Movement by Hindu community - A successful case study	Shri Sanjay Tripathi	10	tripathisan@gmail.com	001 408 507 7643
s			Hindu Activism in America and the model to be replicated across the world	Shri Satya Dosapati	10	htlaya123@gmail.com	001 732 939 2060
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