

## 7th Annual Symposium on the Role of Religion and Faith-based Organizations in International Affairs



January 26 2021, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm EST

### Programme

#### Co-Moderators for Symposium:

**Mr Peter Prove**, Director, International Affairs, World Council of Churches

**Ms Samira Fatma Baruĉija**, Multiregional Coordinator United Religions Initiative, UNDP Global Youth Programme for Sustainable Development and Peace '16 x 16'

#### Tuesday 26 January

**8:00** Open  
Housekeeping

**8:05 High Level Opening Session: Multi-stakeholder collaboration to accelerate Gender Equality, Equity and Justice**

**Moderator – Dr Azza Karam**, Secretary General, Religions for Peace

Conversation with:

**Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka**, Executive Director, UN Women

**Mr Ib Petersen**, Deputy Executive Director, Management, UN Population Fund

**Ms Alice Nderitu**, UN Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide

**Mr Anwar Khan**, President, Islamic Relief USA

**Ms Kiran Bali**, Chair, United Religions Initiative Global Council of Trustees

**Mr Rudelmar Bueno de Faria**, General Secretary, ACT Alliance

**8:45** History of the Symposium  
Welcomes

**8:55 Session 2: An Epoch-Defining Urgency for Gender Equality, Equity and Justice: Framing the Issue**

**Moderator – Dr Musimbi Kanyoro**, Senior Advisor, Together Gender Equality, UN Global Compact



**Keynote speaker - Dr Ganoune Diop**, Secretary, General International Religious Liberty Association and Director, Public Affairs for the General Conference of Seventh Day Adventists World Headquarters

Respondents

**Prof Charlotte Bunch**, Founding Director & Senior Scholar, Center for Women's Global Leadership, Rutgers University

**Ms Shahin Ashraf**, MBE, Head of Global Advocacy, Islamic Relief Worldwide

**Rabbi Laura Janner-Klaus**, former inaugural Senior Rabbi to the Movement for Reform Judaism

Interactive discussion and Questions from the audience

**9:45 Break**

**10:00 Session 3: Gender Equality, Equity and Justice: Women advancing peace and security**  
**Moderator – Ms Ivy Koek**, UN Representative, Soka Gakkai International and Vice Chair NGO CSW

Panelists

**Ms Nika Saeedi**, Team Leader for Prevention of Violent Extremism in Conflict Prevention, Peacebuilding and Responsive Institutions (CPPRI), and Religion and Development focal point, UNDP

**Mr Victor Ochen**, Founder of African Youth Initiative Network (AYINET), Member of the Global Advisory Group to the UNHCR on Gender, Forced Displacement and Protection

**Ms Sharon Bhagwan Rolls**, Global Fund for Women, Co-chair Board of Directors Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Board Chair & GPPAC Pacific Regional Representative, YWCA of Fiji - Vice President, and Generation Equality Forum CSAG Member of the WPS and Humanitarian Action Compact Task Force (pre-recorded)

Interactive discussion and Questions from the audience

**11:00 Session 4: Gender Equality, Equity and Justice: Multilateralism, Human Rights and Intersectionalities**

**Moderator – Rev Dr Liberato Bautista**, Asst. Gen. Secretary, UN and International Affairs, United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society & President, Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)

Panelists

**Dr Ibrahim Salama**, Chief, Human Rights Treaties Branch, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



**Dr Junaid Ahmad**, Director, Center for Islam and Decoloniality and Professor of Religion and Global Politics (Islamabad, Pakistan)

**Ms April Pham**, Senior Gender Advisor and Head of Gender Unit, Office of the Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) New York

**Ms Myriam Sfeir Murad**, Director, Arab Institute for Women, Lebanese American University

Interactive discussion and Questions from the audience

**12:00 Moving from the Symposium: Partnership and Commitments to Achieve Gender Equality, Equity and Justice:**

**Ms Lopa Banerjee**, Director, Civil Society Division, UN Women and UNIATF

**Dr Nafissatou Diop**, Gender and Human Rights Branch Chief, UNFPA and UNIATF

**Ms Alison Kelly**, ACT Alliance and Chair, Symposium Planning Group

**12:25 Concluding Remarks**

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