Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the PaRD in-person Annual Forum and General Assembly of Members 2020 have been postponed to August 31 – September 3, 2021 to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. Nevertheless, a virtual Annual Forum and General Assembly of Members will be held from September 3 – 4, 2020.

The forum aims to:

- Reflect on the different ways the COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating existing disparities and inequalities in societies.
- Facilitate a dialogue between governmental entities, multilateral agencies and FBOs/FIOs on challenges and gaps in responding to the needs of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Identify how partnerships and collaborations between governmental entities, multilateral agencies and FBOs/FIOs can contribute in addressing and overcoming inequalities and pave the way towards more just, inclusive and peaceful societies.

Programme
Day 1 // Thursday, September 3

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Opening Speech

- Dr. Zweli Mkhize, Minister of Health, the Republic of South Africa

Welcome Remarks

- Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Gräb, Head of Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development, Humboldt University of Berlin
- Bishop Sithembele Sipuka, Chair of CDDC Trust/NRASD, National Church Leaders’ Consultation (NCLC); President of Southern African Catholic Bishops’ Conference (SACBC)

Keynote Addresses

Together for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A collaborative response to current global challenges - insights on the roles of governmental entities/multilaterals/faith actors; regional/global leadership in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic-

- Ms. Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, Chief Executive, Christian Aid
  Gender, race and COVID-19
- Ms. Saskia Schellekens, Culture Adviser UNFPA / Coordinator Executive Secretariat UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development (UNIATF)
- Mr. Avril Botes, Deputy Minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation; Republic of South Africa
  Africa’s challenges with COVID 19, and why state – faith collaboration is important

| 15:30 | Break |
### Multi-stakeholder Roundtable Discussion: Strengthening Opportunities for Funding LFAs- a conversation between donors and recipients funding partners, implementing partners and analysts

**Moderation:** Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, PaRD Co-chair/KAICIID

The objective of the roundtable is to facilitate an honest exchange between stakeholders i.e. governmental entities, intergovernmental organisations, academia and FBOs/FIOs on funding needs/gaps and invisibility of FBOs/FIOs, especially by local faith actors (LFA) and grassroots organisations as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Dr. Kenneth Staley, Executive Director of the USAID COVID-19 Task Force
- Ms. Mercy Niwe, Lead - Global Faith Engagement at the World Bank
- Sheikh Nuruddeen Lemu, Director of Research and Training, Da’wah Institute of Nigeria (tbc)
- Mr. Alwynn Javier, Head of Humanitarian Affairs, ACT Alliance (tbc)
- Dr. Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue, Georgetown University
- Dr. Olivia Wilkinson, Director of Research, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

### COVID-19 Responses by FBOs/FIOs/LFAs

- Religious Leaders’ Perspectives on COVID-19 - Results from Humboldt University COVID-19 Survey
- COVID-19 Faith Response by World Bank

### Day 2 // Friday, September 4

#### 14:00 – 15:30

**Thematic Parallel Sessions by the Respective PaRD work-streams**

- **Health (SDG 3) – Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)**
  - [click link](#) to join the session
- **Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG 5) ‘A Just World Post-COVID19: Critical Dialogues on Religion, Sustainable Development and Gender Justice’**
  - [click link](#) to join the session
- **Sustaining Peace (SDG 16)**
  - [click link](#) to join the session
- **WECARE (SDG 6,13,14 & 15)**
  - [click link](#) to join the session

**On Tuesday, 1 September 2020 9 am – 1:30 pm**

- **Water, Environment and Climate Action (WECARE, SDGs 6,13,14&15)**
  - ‘Religious Communities and Ecological Sustainability in Southern Africa’
  - [click link](#) to join the session

#### 15:30

**Break**

#### 16:00 – 18:00

**PaRD General Assembly of Members: Internal business meeting - PaRD members only**