G20 Interfaith and PaRD Annual Forum Highlights Role of Religious Actors in Global Challenges

May 21, 2024 – The G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) and the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) are co-organising their respective Annual Forums from August 19 to 22 in Brasilia, Brazil. Under the theme “Leave No One Behind: The Well-Being of the Planet and Its People,” this global gathering will bring together a diverse array of stakeholders, including from various faith and Indigenous traditions and other civil society organisations, representatives from governments, multilateral entities, academia, and developmental experts.

In line with Brazil’s G20 theme of “Building a just world and a sustainable planet,” the forum will focus on topics aligned with Brazil’s 2024 G20 Presidency priorities, including fighting hunger, poverty, and inequality; addressing the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of sustainable development and advocating for global governance reform. Tentative topics of discussion include food security, social cohesion through educational programs, children’s welfare, refugees and migrants, Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), the role of faith and indigenous actors in protecting the planet, the ethics of AI, and initiatives against human trafficking.

To learn more about the joint forum and how to participate, visit the PaRD’s website at www.pard.international or the G20 Interfaith Forum’s website at www.g20interfaith.org.

About the G20 Interfaith Forum

The G20 Interfaith Forum endeavors to foster global solutions by collaborating with religious thought leaders and political representatives to shape the overall G20 agenda. Drawing on the pivotal roles of religious institutions and beliefs in world affairs, the Forum reflects a rich diversity of institutions, ideas, and values. Through its extensive network, it helps prioritize key global policy goals and suggests practical means of implementation across all levels of society.

About PaRD

The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) convenes governments, multilateral entities, academia, religious and other civil society actors on a long-term basis to amplify contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and make them visible at a global level. PaRD offers a safe space that provides continuity for global dialogue, learning, sharing of good practices and evidence, and collaboration to better inform policy and practices through recommendations and practitioners guidelines. In Workstreams and Taskforces, the over 170 PaRD members engage on Food Security (SDG 2), Health (SDG 3), Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG 5), Environment, Water and Climate Action (SDGs 6, 13, 14, 15), Localisation, Sustaining Peace (SDG 16) and Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB).