

The G20 Interfaith Forum
and
PaRD Annual Forum

Leave No One Behind: The Well-being of the Planet and its People

Brasilia, 19-22 August 2024

Monday, 19 August 2024

- 9:00 - 17:00 **PaRD General Assembly of Members (GAM)** | *For PaRD members only*
- 17:00 - 20:30 **Registration**
- 18:30 - 20:30 **Reception** | hosted by IF20 and PaRD, open to all registered attendees

Tuesday, 20 August 2024

- 8:00 - 9:00 **Registration**
- 9:00 - 11:00 **Opening Plenary (i): Towards an Equitable World of Promise and Opportunity**.....Auditorium

The opening sessions of the Forum will highlight the agenda for the Brazilian Presidency of the G20 and the challenges and opportunities it presents to global religious communities. The framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provides a common set of priorities, though the immediate crises to peace and prosperity that are central concerns today color both goals and priorities. Brazilian and global leaders, religious and non-religious, will highlight issues of central concern for peace, people, and planet. The plenary will introduce the Forum agendas, setting them in the context of the IF20, PaRD, and IAFSC histories and mandates.

Welcome - **MC Romanna Remor**
National Anthem
Interfaith Opening

Welcome Addresses:

- **Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves**, Chair of Local Organizing Committee, IF20 Brazil 2024; Director, Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion; Professor of Law, Federal University of Uberlandia
- **Flávio Pazeto**, Brazil's G20 Sherpa Team, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil
- **Irenilda Aparecida Maria Francisco (Iya Gilda)**, General Coordinator for Religious Freedom, Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship
- **W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Founding Director; International Center for Law and Religion Studies
- **Khushwant Singh**, Head of Secretariat, The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)
- **Hamad Khatir**, Vice President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC)
- **Katherine Marshall**, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue

Keynote address: The Global Setting: **Mary Robinson**, Chair of the Elders, former President of Ireland

- Religious perspectives from representatives of diverse traditions
 - **Dom Zanoni Demettino**, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Feira de Santana; National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB)
 - **Father Omar Raposo**, Rector of the Sanctuary of Christ the Redeemer
 - **Rev. Juan Cruz**, President, Latino Evangelical Alliance (AEL)
 - **Ven. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, Secretary General, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance
 - **Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh**, Grand Mufti of the Caucasus, Azerbaijan
 - **Mohamed Bahr**, Head of Strategic Planning at the Muslim Council of Elders
 - **Elder Ahmad S. Corbitt**, Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
 - **H.E. Sheikh Al-Mahfoudh Bin Bayyah**, Secretary General, Abu Dhabi Forum for Peace, United Arab Emirates.
- **Taissa Silva da Costa (Taissa Kambeba)**, a young leader's appeal
- **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew** (video)
- **Ajarn Sulak Sivaraksa**, Founder, International Network of Engaged Buddhists; Honorary President, Religions for Peace (video)

11:00 - **Group Photo and break**

11:30

11:30 - **Plenary (ii): 2024 Imperatives and Interfaith**

13:00 **Contributions.....Auditorium**

2024, with its multifaceted crises and challenges, confronts G20 leaders and many others with difficult choices on priorities and on their commitments and moral obligations. These challenges are set both within a global context where basic features of global governance architecture are in question, and at a very local level, and they are interconnected in ways that are increasingly forcing reassessment of approaches and institutional arrangements. economic, financial, and social legacies

of the COVID-19 pandemic accentuate challenges and have shone new light on global inequalities. Seasoned global leaders will reflect both on the challenges that confront G20 leaders today and religious perspectives on urgency and priority. The discussion will focus on the journey of interfaith and intrafaith networks and agendas. It will highlight the central importance of food security and its links to conflict and poverty, setting these challenges in the context of global financial systems and the immediate problems surrounding unsustainable debt and insufficient financial support, especially to the poorest communities.

Moderators:

Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves, Chair of Local Organizing Committee, IF20 Brazil 2024; Director, Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion; Professor of Law, Federal University of Uberlandia
Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Director Justice and Ecology Office, Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar

Panel:

- **David Beckmann**, Circle of Protection and President Emeritus of Bread for the World
- **Eric LeCompte**, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
- **David Saperstein**, Senior Advisor for Policy, Union for Reform Judaism
- **Chief Dr. Doliwura Zakaria**, Chairman, African Union Interfaith Dialogue Forum
- **H.E. Cardinal Raymundo Damasceno Assis**, Emeritus Archbishop of Aparecida (Brazil), and Moderator, Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace
- **Elcior Santana**, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University (virtual)

13:00 -

Lunch

14:30

14:30 -

Concurrent Sessions (A)

16:00

A1. Religious Freedom in Brazil.....Auditorium

Religious leaders across Latin American, and especially in Brazil, have a keen interest in issues before the 2024 G20 Summit in Brazil. These include freedom of religion or belief, peace building, poverty, and sustainability. This session will offer the opportunity to explore diverse religious approaches to leading policy agendas and insights from different perspectives.

Moderators:

Flavio Alegretti de Campos Cooper, Justice at the Labor Court of São Paulo (TRT-15)

Renata Bahrampour, Area Coordinator at the Office of External Relations of the Bahá'í Community of Brazil

Introduction:

Irenilda Aparecida Maria Francisco (Iya Gilda), General Coordinator for Religious Freedom, Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship
Introduction

Short issue statements:

- **Christine Alves Bastos**, Women of Axé Collective

- **Damaris Moura Kuo**, Sub-Mayor of São Paulo
- **Girrad Mahmoud Sammour**, President of the National Association of Islamic Jurists (ANAJI)
- **Thiago Vieira**, Brazilian Institute of Law and Religion (IBDR)
- **André Fagundes**, Associate Researcher at the Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion (CEDIRE)
- **Bruno Silva Augusto**, Vice-President Law and Religious Freedom Committee of the OAB/PR
- **Andrea Letícia Carvalho Guimarães**, Associate Researcher at the Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion (CEDIRE)
- **Samuel Gomes de Lima**, Brazilian Association for Religious Freedom and Citizenship (ABLIRC)
- **Odacyr Carlos Prigol**, Brazil Area Director at J. Reuben Clark Law Society
- **Evaldo Dias Lima Filho**, Advisor on Inter-Religious Dialogue at Amazonizar Network
- **Martinho Arnaldo Campos Carmona**, Parliamentarian and Evangelical Pastor

Concluding Remarks:

Gary Doxey, Associate Director for the International Center for Law and Religious Studies

A2. Religious Engagement on Food Security..... Rooms E&F

This session will explore faith-linked advocacy and material support for efforts to end hunger, building on the Alliance to End Hunger. It will highlight faith teachings on hunger and the Brazilian experience. Immediate crises, both conflict and climate linked, and long-term sustainability, demand multi-sector responses and action.

Moderators:

Maurice Bloem, President/CEO, Joint Learning Initiative (JLI)
Romanna Remor, Chair, Board of Directors of Roble del Sur Foundation

Discussion Launchers:

- **Asma Lateef**, Policy and Advocacy lead at the SDG2 Advocacy Hub, previous director of the Bread for the World Institute (virtual)
- **Peter Prove**, Director, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, World Council of Churches (WCC)
- **Andrea Kaufmann**, Director, Faith & External Engagement, World Vision International
- **Cleusa Alves**, Vice President of Caritas Brazil
- **Paulo Lopes**, Director, South American Division, ADRA International
- **Renato Godinho**, Special Advisor for International Affairs at the Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger of Brazil; Task Force for Global Alliance against Hunger and Poverty

A3. Faith in Action: World Economic Forum (WEF) and USAID

..... Room M

Several institutions are reflecting on roles of religious dimensions in their strategies. Two will present recent strategic reviews: The WEF and USAID. The WEF launched a strategic report on faith roles in world affairs in January 2024, with a focus on best practice examples especially in private sector settings. This session will explore operational implications of the strategy, especially in relation to the G20 agendas. USAID's strategy emphasizes a broad engagement with faith communities.

Moderator:

Judd Birdsall, Assistant Professor of the Practice, Georgetown University;
Transatlantic Policy Network Religion and Diplomacy.

Discussion Launchers:

- **Jack Hildebrand**, Community Specialist, World Economic Forum (virtual)
- **Peter Mandaville**, Senior Advisor for Faith Engagement, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)
- **Katherine Thompson**, Senior Program Analyst, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, USAID (virtual)

Commentators:

Kimberly Parent, External Affairs Officer, Stakeholder Engagement,
Faith & Civil Society, World Bank
Raquel Bennet, ACWAY Fellow

A4. Rebuilding from COVID-19..... Room N

While many would like to leave the COVID-19 emergencies behind, countries are contending with its legacies and the certain prospect that new pandemics will come. Meanwhile, other global health challenges demand attention, especially in cases where progress stalled during the response to the COVID-19 crises. The discussion will focus on specifics of the draft Pandemic Treaty and on challenges of localizing pandemic preparedness and rebuilding health systems. Current dengue outbreaks in South America offer an example. Links to Health for All belong high on all agendas, as do noteworthy developments in other health and health-related sectors.

Moderators:

Salette Aquino, United Religions Initiative (URI Brazil)
Stefan Sengstmann, Steering Committee PaRD, World Vision

Discussion Launchers:

- **Doug Fountain**, Executive Director, Christian Connections for International Health (CCIH)
- **Monica Paschoal Nogueira**, Orthopedic Surgeon, Hospital do Servidor Público Estadual/Núcleo de Apoio à Pesquisa Ortopédica Avançada, São Paulo, Brazil
- **Abdul Muti**, Secretary General, Muhammadiyah
- **Lely Guzman**, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Ricardo Gadelha de Abreu**, Social Policy Analyst, Ministry of Health of Brazil

- **Ahmed Shehata**, CEO, Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA)

A5. Sacred Sites.....Room G

Sacred sites and different forms of religious cultural heritage are flashpoints for tensions and conflict, but they also offer potential for purposeful efforts to build social cohesion and constructive identities. The IF20 has long experience with efforts to address the policy implications of protection and enrichment activities linked to different forms of religious sites and religious heritage.

Moderators:

W. Cole Durham, Jr., President of G20 Interfaith Forum
Marcio Henrique Pereira Ponzilacqua, Vice Dean, Faculty of Law,
 Ribeirão Preto, University of São Paulo

Discussion Launchers:

- **Archbishop Nikitas**, Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain, President of Conference of European Churches (CEC)
- **Knox Thames**, Professor at Pepperdine University
- **Elizabeta Kitanovic**, Conference of European Churches
- **Maria Claudia Bucchianeri Pinheiro**, Former Judge of Supreme Electoral Court
- **Rabbi Simantob Nigri**, Rabbi, Israelite Union of Peru and Vice President, Interreligious Council of Peru, Religions for Peace
- **Imam Marwan Gill**, Imam, Argentine Ahmadiyya Muslim Community

A6. Acting on Disinformation and Social Media. Incitement to Violence.....Room H

Misinformation has been the basis for international incidents involving hate crimes, intolerance, and discrimination online and in person. In this session, the 2024 Report on Hatred on the Basis of Religion or Belief by the Special Rapporteur on FoRB, the UN Resolutions on Combating Intolerance, and the Rabat Plan of Action will be discussed. These documents give guidelines on dealing with negative stereotyping, discrimination, and incitement to violence against persons based on religion or belief. The focus should be on positive ways to combat this disinformation which negatively affects people throughout the world.

Moderators:

Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves, Chair of Local Organizing Committee, IF20 Brazil 2024; Director, Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion; Professor of Law, Federal University of Uberlandia
Luiza Guimarães Cavalcanti Spinassé, Institutional representative of the Bahá'í Community of Brazil

Discussion Launchers:

- **Michael Wiener**, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (virtual)
- **Nazila Ghanea**, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Professor of International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford (virtual)
- **Jayme Weingartner Neto**, Justice at the Justice Court of Rio Grande do Sul (TJRS), Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS)
- **Fábio Carvalho Leite**, Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)
- **Thiago Alves Pinto**, Departmental Lecturer at the University of Oxford
- **Angela Redding**, Executive Director, Radiant Foundation

16:00 - 16:30 **Transition break**

16:30 - 18:00 **Concurrent Sessions (B)**

B1. Women Building Peace and Resilient

Communities.....Auditorium

Women's equality and women's leadership roles are central issues on the G20 agenda. While women play pivotal roles in religious communities across the world, the significance of both their equality and equity can be ambiguous. This discussion will focus on the W20 agenda and its implications for the IF20's work, especially on issues of health, education, and economic empowerment. While gender issues affect every question across the G20 and IF20 agendas, specifics are often passed over. The core purpose of this discussion is to highlight priority topics where further analysis and action can highlight missing steps.

Moderators:

- **Musimbi Kanyoro**, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
- **Paola Spikes**, Judge at the Federal Court of Rio de Janeiro (TRF-2)

Discussion Launchers:

- **Audrey Kitagawa**, President of The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation (virtual)
- **Maricarmen Plata**, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity, Organization of American States
- **Bani Dugal**, Principal Representative to the United Nations, Baha'í International Community
- **Anne Simmons-Benton**, W20 USA Co-Chair [TBC] (virtual)
- **Elcimar Dias Pereira**, International Advisor at Geledés – Black Women's Institute
- **Kathia Kozlowski**, Manager of Government Relations of CONIB
- **Rachel Tavernor**, Programme Strategist on Gender Justice, ACT Alliance

B2. Communities of African Descent: Group and Individual

Rights.....Rooms E&F

A robust discussion of current challenges facing Brazilian communities of African descent in Belem in June 2024 will provide the basis for a review of both local and global implications for racism and equitable inclusion.

Moderators:

Quezia Barreto, Director of Communication and Publicity of the National Association of Islamic Jurists (ANAJI); Vice-President of the Commission to Combat Religious Intolerance of the OAB-BA
Alexis Artaud-de-la-Ferriere, Professor at the University of London (UK)

Discussion Launchers:

- **Babalawô Ivanir dos Santos**, Professor e orientador no Programa de Pós graduação em História Comparada da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro e Conselheiro Estratégico do Centro de Articulação de Populações Marginalizadas – CEAP
- **Nicholas Miller**, Director of the International Religious Liberty Institute
- **Isabela Cristine Dario**, Institute for the Defense of the Rights of Afro-Brazilian Religions (IDAFRO) and Presidente of the Religious Freedom Commission of the Bar Association, Minas Gerais Section
- **Fernando de La Rocque Couto**, ICEFLU – Ceu do Planalto

B3. Child Dignity in the Digital World.....Room M

As children increasingly engage with technology, they face numerous threats through online sexual abuse and sextortion, cyberbullying, and exploitation through social media and extended reality platforms. This session will explore the impacts of these issues on children and future generations, highlighting the importance of education and family empowerment in ensuring online safety. It will also examine the dual role of artificial intelligence in both contributing to and combating these risks. We will also identify best practices and actionable steps for religious communities and interfaith collaborations to protect children's dignity in the digital age, fostering a safer and more supportive online environment.

Moderator:

Mustafa Y. Ali, Secretary General, Arigatou International - Kenya

Discussion Launchers:

- **Rabbi Diana Gerson**, Associate Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis; Senior Advisor for Partnerships and External Relationships, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities
- **Rt. Rev. Julio Murray**, Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Panama, and Member, Latin American and Caribbean Council fo Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace
- **Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome**, Secretary General, Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR)
- **Irakli Beridze**. Head of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, (UNICRI)
- **Rev. Wellington Pereira Silva**, Diretor de Relações Institucionais, World Vision Brazil
- **John Dye**, Executive Director of Skylight, board of EyeCare4Kids

● **B4. Poverty and Inequality.....Room N**

Poverty, both its causes and promising directions for change, are central themes of Brazil's G20 presidency as well as for the G20 Interfaith Forum. This session will focus on religious approaches to poverty and inequality. Brazil's experience will be highlighted as will contested definitions of poverty and wealth and their causes and solutions.

Moderators:

Deepika Singh, Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace
Asher Maoz, Founding Dean and Head of International Relations, Peres Academic Center; Tel Aviv University

Discussion Launchers:

- **Phil. H. Kamaruddin Amin**, Director General of Islamic Community Guidance, Indonesian Ministry of Religious Affairs (virtual – film clip)
- **Fred Nyabera**, Director, End Child Poverty, Arigatou International
- **Rev. Harold Segura**, Director of Faith and Development, World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean and, Alternate Member, Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders - Religions for Peace
- **Benjamin Laniado**, Founder of CADENA and Member, Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders – Religions for Peace
- **Carlos Bezerra Jr.**, Doctor and Parliamentarian in São Paulo
- **Francisco Hernández**, Director, Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano y Caribeño; CELAM

B5. Faith-sensitive Mental Health and Psychosocial Support to Displaced Populations and People on the Move.....Room G

The session identifies barriers hindering access of children on the move to mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) that is responsive to their faith and culture, and urges steps for donors, governments and implementing agencies to take to uphold the rights of displaced children to such care. The session will launch the Arabic Policy Brief produced by a dedicated group of partners.

Moderators:

Andrea Kaufmann, Director, Faith & External Engagement, World Vision International
Flávia Cristina Silveira Lemos, Professor of Federal University of Para

Discussion Launchers:

- **Mohammad Abo-Hilal**, MHPSS Consultant, Syria Bright Future
- **Kathleen Rutledge**, Queen Margaret University (video recording)
- **Nelson Arns Neumann**, Board of Directors of Pastoral da Criança International
- **Rachel Miner**, Founder/CEO, Bellwether Foundation

B6. Climate Finance.....Room H

The financing of both adaptation and mitigation measures faces multiple uncertainties and shortfalls; this will be a central topic on the G20 agenda. This discussion will situate these challenges in the overall global context and look specifically to the contributions of various faith resource mobilization and accountability measures.

Moderator:

Eric LeCompte, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network

Discussion Launchers:

- **Ven. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, Secretary General of Global Interfaith WASH Alliance
- **Cristina Reis**, Undersecretary for Sustainable Economic Development of the Ministry of Economy of Brazil
- **Aharon Ariel Lavi**, The Ohr Torah Interfaith Center and the Blickle Institute for Interfaith Dialogue
- **Carrick Reddin**, Manager, Faith and Sustainability Initiative, World Resource Institute (WRI)
- **Katherine Marshall**, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue

18:00 - **Break**
18:30

18:30 - **Plenary (iii): Holistic well-being in a World in Turmoil:**
19:45 **Moving from a Linear to Cyclic Worldview and Developing Alternative Paradigms to Measure Development and Prosperity.....Auditorium**

The world is in turmoil. While nearly half of the world's wealth is held by the richest one percent, 1.1 billion people, nearly 20% of the world population, live in acute multidimensional poverty across 110 countries. There are far over 100 armed conflicts and more than 100 million refugees worldwide. The rates of depression, stress, burn-out and loneliness are globally on the rise. Against this backdrop, this session offers space for often neglected holistic concepts of development and prosperity, drawing from Indigenous, spiritual, and religious traditions. Participants discuss the implications of transitioning from linear worldviews and economic models centered on growth to cyclic understandings. Panelists share alternative ideas of measuring development and prosperity that are based on the well-being of nature, humans, and animals (Global Well-being Index) and propose policy recommendations for the (post) 2030 Agenda/SDGs and G20 discussions.

Moderator:

Khushwant Singh, Head of Secretariat of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)

Panel:

Keynote Address: **Marina Silva**, Minister of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

- **Alissa Aotrunnada Munawaroh Wahid**, Director Gusdurian Network Indonesia, Co-Chair Executive Board Nahdlatul Ulama, Indonesia (virtual)
- **Dilmohan Singh**, SikhiCouncil & SikhTeachings, Australia (virtual)
- **Mindahi Crescencio Bastida Muñoz**, Chief of the Grand Council of the Eagle and the Condor, Mexico
- **Venerable Monk Napan Santibhaddo Thawornbanjob**, Head of the Institute of Buddhist Management for Happiness and Peace Foundation (IBHAP Foundation), Thailand

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9:00 – **Plenary (iv): Challenges of Sustainability and Peace: For People and Planet.....Auditorium**
11:00

For every SDG, sustainability is a central question, and the experience of religiously linked networks offers insights on their significance and possible avenues to solutions. The linked contemporary challenges of conflict and violence and the threats posed by climate change to the environment and to the welfare of the planet demand urgent changes in direction. Advocacy to mobilize understanding and public support are vitally needed. The Brazilian challenges for Indigenous communities and communities of African Descent are part of both the ecological and human challenges.

Introductory Remarks:

Mary Robinson, Chair of the Elders, former President of Ireland

Moderator:

Mohamed Elsanousi, Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers

Panel:

- **Esben Lunde Larsen**, Senior Specialist, World Bank; former Minister of Environment, Agriculture, and Food, Denmark
- **Carlos Vicente**, Interfaith Rainforest initiative Brazil (IRI), National Facilitator
- **Palwasha Lena Kakar**, Director of Religion and Inclusive Societies, USIP
- **Rabbi Abraham Skorka**, Senior Research Fellow of Jewish Studies and Jewish-Catholic Relations, Georgetown University
- **Elder Ulysses Soares**, Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- **H. E. Metropolitan Emmanuel**, Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon (video)

11:00 - **Break**
11:30

11:30 - **Concurrent Sessions [C]**
13:00

C1. Religion, Civility, and Healing Polarization.....Auditorium

Hate speech, religious intolerance, and political polarization have affected people globally. Religious actors can play a healing role in their communities through their leadership and hands-on, individualistic work with people. Their policy recommendations may help governments to start global mending our fractured societies.

Moderators:

Juan G. Navarro Floria, Vice President, Consejo Argentino para la Libertad Religiosa (CALIR)

Irenilda Aparecida Maria Francisco (Iya Gilda), General Coordinator for Religious Freedom, Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship

Discussion Launchers:

- **Elder Ahmad Corbitt**, Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- **Ramin Mammadov**, Chairman, State Committee on Affairs with Religious Associations of the Republic of Azerbaijan
- **Mejindarpal Kaur**, Legal Director, United Sikhs UK, Malaysia & India
- **Luka David Mosoma**, [Former] Chairperson of the CRL Rights Commission, South Africa
- **Rev. Juan Cruz**, Presidente, Latino Evangélica Alliance (AEL)
- **Daniela Chavez**, Director of Worship, Religious Affairs Office of Salta Government, KAICIID Fellow, Argentina

C2. Lessons from Religious Advocacy on Environment: Laudato Si, Al Mizan.....Rooms E&F

Moral leadership and purposeful advocacy are among the vital roles that religious leaders play on climate change and environment matters. The example of Pope Francis and Laudato Si! And the more recent Al Mizan highlighting Muslim teachings are the focus for explorations of strategies to enhance advocacy.

Moderators:

James Taylor Christie, Ambassador, Canadian Multifaith Federation, University of Winnipeg University

Father Marcus Barbosa, Advisor to the Commission for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil

Discussion Launchers:

- **Pastor Romi Márcia Bencke**, Secretary General, National Council of Christian Churches in Brazil - CONIC
- **Arthur Lyon Dahl**, President, International Environment Forum

- **Sheikh Jihad Hassan Hammadeh**, Religious Advisor at National Association of Islamic Jurists (ANAJI) and President of Latin Arab Center for Culture and Strategic Studies (CALCEE)
- **Sherrie Steiner**, IF20 Historian, Associate Professor at Purdue University Fort Wayne
- **Paulo Ricardo Sampaio de Sousa**, Institute for Study of Religion, Rio de Janeiro
- **Dom Zanoni Demettino**, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Feira de Santana; National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB)

C3. Women and the Environment.....Room M

Women can play distinctive roles in both advocacy and action on environment issues. This discussion will explore both research and policy reflection on gender dimensions, with a focus on religious communities. Roles of indigenous women in the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative highlight both gaps in understanding and opportunities to strengthen approaches and programmatic work.

Moderators:

Carolina de Almeida Pereira, International Advisor at Geledés – Black Women’s Institute

Discussion Launchers:

- **Laura Vargas**, National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative, Peru
- **Deepika Singh**, Deputy Secretary General, Religions for Peace
- **Ven. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, Secretary General of Global Interfaith WASH Alliance
- **Musimbi Kanyoro**, Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians
- **Monica Eghrari Maghami**, EU and Brazilian Sustainability and Technology Lawyer; International Environmental Forum
- **Dr. Husna Ahmad**, CEO Global One 2015

C4. Religious Action on Corruption.....Room N

Corrupt practices have deep moral and practical consequences, with wide-ranging consequences for development work but also for social cohesion and social trust. Engaging religious actors more deliberately in global coalitions fighting corruption merits priority. The session will explore how religious contributions to G20 anti-corruption work might be enhanced and highlight positive examples of religious leadership.

Moderators:

Marianna Richardson, IF20 Director of Communications

Discussion Launchers:

- **Elias Szczytnicki**, Regional Secretary General, Religions for Peace – Latin American and the Caribbean
- **Katherine Marshall**, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue

- **Rudolf von Sinner**, Professor in Theology, Human Rights, and Public Policies at PUCPR; Board member Globethics
- **Denise A. O. Kodhe**, Presiding Officer Emeritus – AU ECOSOCC, Director General, Institute for Development and Leadership in Africa (IDEA)

C5. Community Peacebuilding Through FoRB

Education.....Room G

How can freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) education contribute to community peace building? Listen to voices from Brazil and beyond, discover tools for participatory learning, and contribute to policy recommendations in this interactive workshop.

Moderators:

Filip Pedersen, CKU Center for Church Based Development & NORFORB Learning

Rafael Soares de Oliveira, Secretary of Planning & Cooperation at Koinonia ACT Alliance

Discussion Launchers:

- **Rev. Fred Nyabera**, Director, End Child Poverty - Arigatou International
- **Liliya Khasanova**, Director, A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY)
- **Katherine Cash**, Advisor, SMC Faith in Development/FoRB Learning Platform (virtual)
- **Graham McGeoch**, Coordinator of International Relations, Faculdade UNIDA, Brazil

C6. Harnessing Spiritual Practices for Mental Health and Well-being in Peacebuilding Contexts.....Room H

This workshop is designed for development professionals, peacebuilders, and religious actors participating in the IF20 - PaRD Annual Forum. The session's primary objective is to promote mutual learning by identifying and sharing religious and spiritual practices from various religious traditions that have traditionally been used to improve mental health, address mental health problems, and promote well-being. Participants will explore and discuss psychosocial well-being practices within their own traditions.

Moderator:

Andres Martinez, Technical Adviser, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)

13:00-
14:15

Lunch

14:15-
15:45

Plenary (v): Leaving No One Behind: Care for the Most

Vulnerable.....Auditorium

The promise to “leave no one behind” is all too often seen as hollow rhetoric but it is central to religious teachings. This plenary will highlight both ongoing work and

challenges for four critical communities where members fall among the most vulnerable: children, refugees and others forced to migrate, women, and minority religious communities. It will also reflect the challenges facing human trafficking as a global scourge.

Moderators:

- Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves**, Chair of Local Organizing Committee, IF20 Brazil 2024; Director, Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion; Professor of Law, Federal University of Uberlandia
- Bani Dugal**, Principal Representative to the United Nations, Baha’i International Community

Discussion Launchers:

- **Bruno Renato Nascimento Teixeira**, National Secretary for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights at the Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship of Brazil
- **Sharon Eubank**, Director of Humanitarian Services for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- **Kevin Hyland OBE**, Strategy Director, Santa Marta Group
- **Nelson Arns Neumann**, Director, Pastoral da Criança International
- **Mustafa Y. Ali**, Director, Arigatou International - Kenya
- **Mohammed Abu Asaker**, UNHCR Brazil
- **Ebrahim Rasool**, Founder, World for All Foundation, South Africa

15:45 - **Break**

16:15

16:15 - **Concurrent Sessions [D]**

17:45

D1. Religious action on climate and environmental justice: Interfaith Rainforest Initiative.....Auditorium

The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative (IRI) addresses a critical environmental issue: protection of the tropical rainforests in three geographic areas: the Amazon Basin, Congo Basin, and Southeast Asia. The program aims to enhance understanding of diverse religious communities, including the indigenous communities who play pivotal roles in rainforest protection, and advance people’s wellbeing. It is focused on multisector action, ranging from very local issues to global advocacy and action. The session will highlight the experience in Brazil with insights from other world regions and set the IRI in the broader context of climate and ecology activism and religious roles.

Moderators:

- Carlos Vicente**, Interfaith Rainforest initiative (IRI), National Facilitator

Discussion Launchers:

- **Rev. Jimmy M. Immanuel Sormin**, Executive Secretary, Communion of Churches in Indonesia, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative of Indonesia
- **Laura Vargas**, National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative, Peru
- **Arturo Coña**, Vice President, Chilean Association on Interreligious Dialogue for Human Development (ADIR Chile), Religions for Peace

- **Francisco Cruz da Costa** (Uruma Kambeba), Indigenous representative from Manaus, Brazil

D2. Human Trafficking: Proposing IF20 Leadership to Propose an Action Agenda.....Rooms E&F

The G20 Interfaith Forum has highlighted religious roles and leadership in international and local work to address human trafficking, urging G20 leaders to give high priority to international anti-human trafficking efforts. IF20 proposes a Working Group to advance the objective, with strong IF20 involvement. It would document religiously led advocacy and intervention efforts including resource allocation and results measures. The session will highlight promising approaches and identify gaps in intersectoral action. G20 Communiqués have focused on labor issues including child labor within global supply chains. The IF20 Working Group would highlight human dimensions with victim-centered approaches.

Moderators:

Archbishop Nikitas, Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain -
President of Council of European Churches (CEC)

Márcia Leonora Santos Regis Orlandini, , Director of the Clinic to
Combat Slave Labor, Professor at the Federal University of
Uberlandia

Discussion Launchers:

- **Kevin Hyland OBE**, Strategy Director, Santa Marta Group
- **Bishop Alistair Redfern**, Former Member of the House of Lords of the UK
- **Sr. Rosa Elena Cipres Diaz**, Talitha Kum Network, Brazil
- **José Monteiro**, Regional Vice President at International Justice Mission (IJM)

D3. Focus on refugees, Faith, Rights, and Protection...Room M

The challenges of rising forced migration are a focus of religious communities, with advocacy for humanitarian action at global level and active, creative support at community levels. The different forms this takes, and common lessons will be explored, taking specific examples of response and setting them both in the context of UNHCR approaches and G20 responses.

Moderators:

Huda Alawa, Civil Society & Foundation Partnerships, USA for UNHCR
Thiago Biazin, Barnabas Aid Brazil

Discussion Launchers:

- **Raphael Marcus**, Chief Program Officer, HIAS
- **Christina Tobias-Nahi**, Director of Public Affairs, Islamic Relief USA (IRUSA)
- **Paulo Sergio Almeida**, UNHCR, Brazil
- **Manoel Moraes**, Coordinator of Sergio Vieira de Mello Chair at the State University of Para

D4. Global Reforms of Taxation.....Room N

In recent decades, large inequalities between the richest individuals and companies and the poorest citizens and legal entities have drawn increasing attention. Inequality is a pervasive global issue that needs to be addressed multilaterally and holistically. To take an example, in countries including Brazil, France, Italy, the UK, and the US, the super-rich pay an effective tax rate lower than the average worker. Tax-related Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) and international tax competition compound inequalities. Taxation is an essential instrument to wealth redistribution among citizens to ensure their wellbeing. In line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) it can promote human dignity, equality, and prosperity, protect the planet from degradation, and foster peaceful, just, and inclusive societies, focused on the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable. This session will lead with a “Conversation on Inequality”, where practitioners, civil society, and representatives from the UN and states will explore the landscape of international tax abuses and opportunities ahead, including negotiation of a UN Framework Convention on Tax Cooperation.

Moderator:

Fr. Charles Chilufya, SJ, Director Justice and Ecology Office, Jesuit Conference of Africa and Madagascar
Rachel Miner, Founder/CEO, Bellwether Foundation

Discussion Launchers:

- **Eric LeCompte**, Executive Director, Jubilee USA Network
- **Horacio Mesones**, Executive Director, Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Center (CREAS)
- **Antonio Freitas**, Undersecretary of International Finance and Economic Cooperation of the Ministry of Finance of Brazil
- **Khalid Boudali**, Presiding Officer, African Union-ECOSOCC
- **Ann Kioi**, Programme Development, All Africa Conference of Churches

D5. Challenges of AI in a Faith Context.....Room G

At a time where Artificial Intelligence is a consuming policy issue across the world, the roles of religious actors invite wise reflection, both as those actors engage with the ethical issues involved and as they seek to influence and appreciate the effects, actual and potential, of AI within their communities. This session will highlight different approaches and experiences to addressing dangers and achieving positive results, in relation to issues on the G20 agendas.

Moderators:

Stephen D. Richardson, Associate Professor of Computer Science, Brigham Young University, former Microsoft partner/researcher and manager of the machine translation group

Discussion Leaders:

- **Manisha Jain**, Distinguished Engineer/Architect, Microsoft
- **Medlar Mema**, Head of Programme, Global Governance Institute

- **Thobias Prado Moura**, Director for Communication, Internet Society Brazil Chapter
- **Harpreet Singh**, SikhiCouncil & SikhTeachings, Australia (virtual)
- **Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake**, Superior General, Konko Church
- **Rabbi Fishel Szlajen**, Ordinary Member of Pontifical Academy for Life (Vatican City) / Professor at University of Buenos Aires and Universidad Nacional de la Matanzas (Argentina)

D6. Indigenous Peacebuilding and Indigenous Religious Freedom for Building Sustainable Peace and Planet...Room H

Many of the world's 476 million Indigenous peoples in 90 countries and territories live in unstable areas, struggling to survive as conflicts, transnational organized criminal networks and extractive projects upend their lives and livelihoods. Peace processes in these contexts are often negotiated without the inclusion of Indigenous peoples. Many religious traditions of Indigenous Peoples are also constantly under attack. This can undermine the chances for inclusive peace and development as Indigenous peoples are a crucial population in some of the world's longest-running conflicts. Their spiritual and religious traditions can help in healing people, peace, and planet. The panel will delve into how Indigenous traditions, governance, peacebuilding, and religious practices can help advance peace and resolve deadly conflict around the world.

Moderators:

Binalakshmi Nepram, Senior Adviser on Indigenous Issues, Religion & Inclusive Societies, United States Institute of Peace

Discussion Launchers:

- **Mariam Wallet Aboubakrine**, Tuareg from Mali (virtual)
- **Vera Solovyeva**, Sakha Indigenous from Siberia
- **Nidia Bustillos**, Bolivian Indigenous Healer

17:45 -

Break

18:15

18:15 -

Open Forum (small discussion groups, in two rounds)

19:30

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The small discussion groups of the Open Forum are aimed at fostering engaging discussions, meaningful collaborations, and the sharing of innovative ideas. Open Forum discussions are held between in-person attendees only and are neither recorded nor streamed online. Each discussion will be allocated 27 minutes, and up to six discussions will run simultaneously. This format is designed to maximize engagement and encourage focused interactions.

Thursday, 22 August 2024

9:00 - 11:00

Plenary (vi): Modeling Diversity and Inclusion: Peacebuilding through Understanding and Education.....Auditorium

Polarization and misunderstanding are vital elements that contribute to violence and conflict. They are root causes of deep social and political divides and seeming clashes of values that plague many societies. What kinds of solutions are available to address these challenges and how can religious communities contribute to enhanced literacy and understanding across community barriers?

Moderator:

Katherine Marshall, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Forum, Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue

Discussion Launchers:

- **Peter Mandaville**, Senior Advisor for Faith Engagement, United States Agency for International Development
- **Matius Ho**, Executive Director, Leimena Institute
- **Alexandre Brasil Carvalho da Fonseca**, National Secretary for Higher Education at the Ministry of Education of Brazil [TBC]
- **Ivo Pereira da Silva**, Professor at Federal University of Para and Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Human Rights of Brazil
- **Maria Lucia Uribe**, Executive Director, Arigatou International
- **Kenarik Boujikian**, National Secretary for Social Dialogues and Public Policy Articulation of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil

11:00-
11:30 **Break**

11:30-
13:00 **Concurrent Sessions [E]**

E1. Religious Literacy Explored.....Auditorium

Education plays critical roles in a society's social cohesion, including specifically the challenges of the dynamic diversity that characterizes contemporary nations. Two specific challenges are interreligious understanding and relationships, and purposeful efforts to address the legacies of COVID-19 pandemic disruptions (while drawing lessons from the experience). At many levels, including policy makers, greater appreciation of religious forces and assets can enhance well-being and progress. This session will explore different models that address the challenges of knowledge and engagement as well as living together in diverse communities, including Indonesia's Cross Cultural Religious Literacy Program, Arigatou International's Ethics Education approach, the method used by the Institute of World Religions of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Chinese scholarship, and Brazilian perspectives with a view towards international models and programs that contribute to equity and diversity.

Moderators:

Caetano Dias Corrêa, Professor at the Federal University of Santa Catarina

Halim Mahfudz, Chairman, Pesantren Tebuireng Waqf Foundation

Discussion Launchers:

- **Matius Ho**, Executive Director, Leimena Institute
- **Maria Lucia Uribe**, Executive Director, Arigatou International
- **Gilbraz Aragão**, Observatory of Religions and Professor at Catholic University of Pernambuco
- **Abdul Muti**, Secretary General of Muhammadiyah
- **Xiaoyun Zheng**, Director, Institute of World Religions, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China (virtual/video)

E2. Crossing Bridges Among Sectors and Institutions .Rooms EF

Gaps in understanding and engagement among humanitarian and development institutions are often linked to poor or distorted information. Following the Istanbul “Grand Bargain,” the move towards local leadership/localization has presented new challenges to leading organizations. What can be done to strengthen communications and the flow of information? How can the benefits of global perspectives be better linked to local knowledge and leadership?

Moderator:

Marianna Richardson, IF20 Director of Communications

Discussion Launchers:

- **Maurice Bloem**, President/CEO, Joint Learning Initiative (JLI)
- **Peter Mandaville**, Senior Advisor for Faith Engagement, United States Agency for International Development
- **Doug Fountain**, Christian Connections in International Health
- **Judd Birdsall**, Assistant Professor of the Practice, Georgetown University; Transatlantic Policy Network Religion and Diplomacy

E3. Confronting Racism, Hate Crimes, and Radicalization.....Room M

In an increasingly interconnected world, the challenges of racism, hate speech, hate crimes, and radicalization present a major challenge that threatens the fabric of our societies. The session aims to explore the multifaceted nature of intolerance and foster a collective understanding of how faith communities can play a pivotal role in promoting peace and justice. The session will also examine the complex link between hate speech and radicalization in an era where extremist ideologies can spread rapidly through online platforms.

Introduction:

Audrey Kitagawa, President of The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation (virtual)

Moderators:

Hamad Khatir, Vice-President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities
Denise Posse-Blanco Lindberg, District Court Judge, Third Judicial District, Utah

Discussion Launchers:

- **Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome**, Secretary General, Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution (CSCR)
- **Knox Thames**, Professor at Pepperdine University
- **James Patton**, President and CEO, International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (virtual)
- **Rabbi Diana Gerson**, Associate Executive Vice President of the New York Board of Rabbis; Senior Advisor for Partnerships and External Relationships, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities
- **Mohd Herizal Bin Hazri**, Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, Abu Dhabi
- **Muzaffar Kamilov**, Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan for Religious Affairs

E4. A Faith Perspective on the Future of Work: Challenges and Opportunities in the Workplace.....Room N

Many companies are taking into account the religious beliefs and affiliations of employees, with lessons for productivity and relationships. Important shifts in accommodations and associated legal issues are a continuing issue. This session will highlight lessons learned and paths ahead.

Moderators:

- **Brian Grim**, Founding President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation
- **Aloisio Cristovam**, Judge at Labor Court of Bahia (TRT-5)

Discussion Launchers:

- **Richard T. Foltin**, Executive Director, American Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (AAJLJ); Religious Freedom Fellow, Freedom Forum

E5. Faith and Environmental Defense: Protecting Life and Territory.....Room G

This session aims to provide a dynamic and interactive platform for sharing experiences and best practices, fostering collaboration, and inspiring action among participants. In Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico, recent research from the World Resources Institute and the Laudato Si' Research Institute shows that faith communities are important, yet often neglected, actors in socio-environmental disputes. These groups bring unique strengths, including extensive grassroots networks, moral authority, and a commitment to social justice. Women also play a leading role in defending life and territories. However, faith communities also face numerous challenges, such as political resistance, limited resources, and threats to their safety. This session aims to empower faith-based organizations and communities to enhance their role in environmental defense by providing a platform for sharing experiences, discussing challenges, and identifying opportunities for collaboration. Through the session, participants will gain insights into the critical contributions of faith-based organizations in natural resource governance and environmental advocacy.

Moderator:

Carrick Reddin, World Resources Institute
Pastor Romi Márcia Bencke, Secretary General, National Council of
Christian Churches in Brazil - CONIC

Discussion Launchers:

- **Carlos Vicente**, National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest initiative Brazil (IRI)
- **Binalakshmi Nepam**, USIP, Senior Adviser on Indigenous Issues, Religion & Inclusive Societies

E6. Challenges facing Africa: 2024 and Beyond.....Room H

The distinctive challenges facing African countries have been a central G20 theme for many years and as the African Union is now a G20 member, they take on sharper focus. On December 1, South Africa will assume the G20 Presidency. Participants from Africa will highlight priorities, both that emerge from the April Addis Ababa meeting and looking ahead to the future.

Moderators:

Dr. Sylvia Mamohapi Pheto, Deputy Chairperson of Cultural, Religious, and Linguistic Rights (CRL Rights), South Africa

Discussion Launchers:

- **Michael Swain**, Executive Director, Freedom of Religion for South Africa
- **Maniraj Sukdaven**, Oxford [University of Pretoria] Centre for Religion and Public Life
- **Mustafa Y. Ali**, Arigatou International – Kenya
- **Najat Abdi Mohamed**, Global One-Kenya

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-15:30 **Concluding Keynote Address and Fishbowl Discussion.....Auditorium**

Concluding Keynote Address:

Silvio Almeida, Minister of Human Rights and Citizenship of Brazil

Fishbowl Discussion

Moderators:

- **Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves**, Chair of Local Organizing Committee, IF20 Brazil 2024; Director, Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion; Professor of Law, Federal University of Uberlandia
- **Thiago Alves Pinto**, Departmental Lecturer at the University of Oxford

An open discussion that will allow people to share final impression, ideas, and topics that have not been addressed so far at the Forum. This will be an opportunity and other input that people would like to make.

14:00-15:30 **Latin America Faith@Work Network Founding Meeting.....Room N**

As a practical way to “build religious freedom” in workplaces throughout Latin America, we will launch the Latin America Area Faith@Work Network. This is part of a growing trend of top companies now including faith and belief as part of their diversity initiatives. We will be joined virtually by representatives of businesses throughout Latin America as we the launch of this network.

Moderator: Brian Grim

15:30-16:00 **Break**

16:00-17:30 **Concluding Session.....Auditorium**

During the concluding session, the partners will offer summary conclusions from the discussions and ideas on ways forward. An objective will be to highlight ideas looking to the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The South African G20 Presidency will also be a focus.

Brazil’s Agenda: Towards the Social Summit and the Leaders’ Summit

- **Gustavo Westmann**, Head of the Special Advisory Office for International Affairs of the General Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Brazil and G20 Social Coordinator
- **Felipe Hees**, Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil and Sous Sherpa of G20

Towards the South African G20 Presidency

- **Archbishop Makgoba**, of Cape Town, South Africa (video)

Final Remarks:

- **Khushwant Singh**, Head of Secretariat, The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)
- **Hamad Khatir**, Vice President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities (IAFSC)
- **Katherine Marshall**, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue
- **W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, President, G20 Interfaith Forum; Founding Director; International Center for Law and Religion Studies



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