

PaRD General Assembly of Members

Bangkok, 10 - 11 October 2026

Programme as of **07 October 2026**

Key objectives:

1. Build a shared understanding of PaRD's transformation and the rationale, progress and choices ahead for PaRD 2.0.
2. Reflect critically on the findings of the member survey and interviews and identify their implications for PaRD's future role, structure and priorities.
3. Shape the future of PaRD collectively, creating member ownership and concrete input into the design of PaRD 2.0.
4. Strengthen collaboration and collective impact among members, drawing on lessons from the Flagship Initiative and exploring greater synergies at country and global levels.
5. Reaffirm PaRD's added value and future relevance in bringing religion into global affairs, policy and sustainable development.

Day 1 PaRD General Assembly of Members (GAM) Saturday, 10 October 2026	
Location: Buddhist temple Wat Saket Ratchawora Mahawihan	
Master of Ceremonies for the GAM: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International	
08:30 – 09:00 GMT+05.00	Arrival and Registration
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Logistical Remarks: Nadine Girard, PaRD Secretariat
09:05 – 09:25	Opening of General Assembly of Members Opening remarks: • Eleonora Mura, Arigatou International • Venerable Napan Thawornbanjob, Institute of Buddhist Management for Happiness and Peace (IBHAP) Foundation
09:25 – 09:30	Getting to know each other Icebreaker MC: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International
09:30 – 10:15	Session 1: Transforming PaRD – Where do we stand? Facilitator: Peter Noack, PaRD Secretariat Objective: This session aims to provide participants with a comprehensive update on PaRD's transformation process. It will explain the rationale behind the transition, present the progress made to date, and outline the remaining steps towards establishing the new organization. By fostering an open dialogue, the session seeks to build a shared understanding and collective ownership of the transformation process, ensuring that participants leave with greater confidence in the vision, direction, and next steps for PaRD's future as an independent global network.

10:15 – 10:30	Group Photo
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea & Networking</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Session 2: Presentation of Result from Survey & Interviews Facilitator: Stefan Sengstmann Objective: The objective of this session is to present the results of the quantitative and qualitative survey as well as an initial set of draft conclusions. By the end, every participant should have an overview of the most important findings of the study, and the draft conclusions should stimulate some critical thinking on what PaRD 2.0 could look like.
12:30 – 13:45	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:45 – 15:00	Session 3: PaRD 2.0: Let's Shape It (First Part) Facilitator: Stefan Sengstmann Objective: In this session, the plenary will be split into groups and work on specific assigned topics that came out of the surveys. The objective is to collect as much input as possible from the participants and create ownership of the process. The starting point of the group work will be the consultant's conclusions. Participants should be able to work on a minimum of two different topics.
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Tea & Networking</i>
15:30 – 16:45	Session 3: PaRD 2.0: Let's Shape It (Second Part) Facilitator: Stefan Sengstmann Objective: In this session, the plenary will be split into groups and work on specific assigned topics that came out of the surveys. The objective is to collect as much input as possible from the participants and create ownership of the process. The starting point of the group work will be the consultant's conclusions. Participants should be able to work on a minimum of two different topics.
16:45– 17:00	Concluding the First Day MC: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International
17:30 – 20:00	Interfaith Evening at Sikh Gurdwara with Dinner <i>Bus Transfer to Siri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara and back to hotel for registered participants</i>

Day 2 PaRD General Assembly of Members (GAM) Sunday, 11 October 2026 Location: Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel, Bangkok , Rachadamnoen Room Master of Ceremony for the GAM: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International	
08:30 – 09:00 GMT+05.00	<i>Arrival and Registration</i>
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Icebreaker MC: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International
09:05 – 10:30	Session 1: A Conversation on the Choices Ahead Facilitator: Stefan Sengstmann Objective: The aim of this session is to critically reflect on some of the challenging points from the group work in the plenary. The consultant will identify these topics and then lead a fishbowl discussion where participants can share their opinions. The objective is for everyone to feel included in the discussion and for participants to jointly reflect on some of the harder issues regarding the transition to PaRD 2.0. Its purpose is also to show that there are a variety of different opinions amongst the members.
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea & Networking</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Session 2: Implications of Findings Facilitator: Peter Noack, PaRD Secretariat Objective: The session will explore what the survey findings and draft conclusions mean for the future of PaRD. Participants will critically reflect on the findings, identify the key strategic choices and tensions they reveal, and discuss what these imply for PaRD's future role, structure and way of working. The discussion will generate concrete priorities to feed into the development of PaRD 2.0.
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>

13:30 – 15:00	Session 3: From Results to Continuity: Taking the PaRD Food Security Flagship Experience into PaRD 2.0 Facilitator: Andres Martinez, Joint Learning Initiative • Debra Boudreaux, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation • Opor Srisuwan, International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB) • Rolex Mwamba, Inter-religious Council of Kenya Format: Panel Discussion Objective: The session will showcase concrete examples of faith-based action on food security from the PaRD network, with a focus on initiatives supported through the Food Security Flagship and Call for Ideas. By bringing together initiatives at different stages of implementation, it will explore what participants are learning as ideas are translated into action, including common challenges, opportunities and adaptations. The session will highlight the added value of faith-based and locally led approaches to food security and provide space for exchange among PaRD members. It will also consider how these experiences and lessons can inform the future of PaRD 2.0, particularly in strengthening collaboration, knowledge sharing and practical action across the future network.
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Tea & Networking</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Session 4: Religion in Global Affairs – Why It Matters Facilitator: Henriette Greulich, PaRD Secretariat • Eleonora Mura, Arigatou International • Evans Nyesi, The Tikvah Center • Dilshan Annaraj, World Vision International • Dr. Rose Campion, PaRD Secretariat Format: Panel Discussion Objective: Religion continues to shape political, social and development dynamics around the world, yet its role is often overlooked or insufficiently understood in international cooperation. This session launches PaRD's new brochure on Religion in Global Affairs and explores key insights from the publication. It will create space for participants to reflect on how religion should be better integrated into global policy and practice, and what role PaRD can play in this space in the future, including how the insights and approaches presented in the brochure can inform more effective engagement with religious actors across different policy and practice areas.
17:00– 17:30	Feedback for the General Assembly of Members Closing Remarks, Next Steps and Farewell MC: Maria Lucia Uribe, Arigatou International
End of General Assembly of Members	
18:00 – 21:00	Boat tour <i>Transfer by Bus to pier and back to hotel for registered participants</i>