

Interfaith Harmony Week: Multi-religious Partnership for Sustainable Development

Special Event Organized on the Occasion of World Interfaith Harmony Week

By

The President of the United Nations General Assembly

And

The Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations

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10.00 am – 1.00 pm

Trusteeship Council, United Nations

10.00 – 10.30	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the General Assembly • Ms. Cristina Gallach, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations • Dr. William F. Vendley, President of the Committee of RNGOs at the UN • Ms. Sara Rahim, UN Youth Representative of the Parliament of the World's Religions
10.30 – 10.40	<p><i>Artistic Expression: Performance by Michael Katz, Cellist</i></p>
10.40 – 11.45	<p>Panel Discussion I</p> <p>Topic: Interfaith Collaboration for Post 2015 Sustainable Development Agenda</p> <p><i>The role of the religious communities, with a particular focus on interfaith collaboration, to advance post 2015 development agenda. Religious leaders will share concrete actions, best practices and lessons learned from the field</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAIR: H.E. Ambassador U. Joy Ogwu, Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the United Nations • H.E. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, Permanent Observer of the Holy See Mission to the United Nations • Imam Shamsi Ali, Chairman of the Al-Hikmah Mosque and Director of the Jamaica Muslim Center • Rev. Dr. Usman J. Fornah, Secretary General of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone • Rabbi Roger Ross, Executive Director of the Rabbinical Seminary of America, Chair International Seminary for Interfaith Studies • Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President of the Hindu Temple Society of North America

	<p>Moderated Q&A: The session will be opened to the floor to take questions and comments from the audiences.</p>
11.45 – 11.50	<p><i>Video: Produced by Rev. Doyeon Park and Rev. Eunju Nam, Won Buddhism International</i></p>
11.50 – 12.55	<p>Panel Discussion II</p> <p>Topic: Multi-religious and Multi-sectoral Partnership in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals</p> <p><i>Advancing action partnership between religious communities and other stakeholders to expedite and improve the progress being made in sustainable development</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHAIR: H.E. Ambassador Irene Susan B. Natividad, Charges d'Affaires of Philippines Mission to the United Nations • H.E. Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen, Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to the United Nations • Dr. Azza Karam, Senior Culture Advisor of the UNFPA and Coordinator of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Faith-Based Engagement • Dr. Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs • Mr. Doug Hostetter, Director of the Mennonite Central Committee UN Office <p>Moderated Q&A: The session will be opened to the floor to take questions and comments from the audiences.</p>
12.55 – 13.00	<p>Closing Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Sam Kahamba Kutesa, President of the General Assembly

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