

EQUIPPING FOR ACTION – Thursday, 22nd August 15.00-17.30

The new format “Equipping for Action” is a great opportunity for Assembly participants from around the world to showcase and inspire others with the work they are doing in their respective countries and communities, to connect with new potential cooperation partners, to contribute to the understanding of best practices and to share important lessons learnt along the way of building peace and transforming conflicts.

The Session is composed of **four different highly inter-active Session formats**, which **take place at the same time** in different locations on the island of Lindau. This means that each participant has to **choose one session** to attend. You may choose between:

Option 1
Global Gallery

Option 2
Lightning Talks

Option 3
Religion & Diplomacy
(various topics)

Option 4
Workshops
(various topics)

Subscription: You can enroll for one of these formats while in Lindau. **Please sign up for one session only** by adding your name to the participant list for the format you wish to attend. Please note that each format and workshop has limited capacities, overbookings will not be possible.

For your information, during Tuesday’s Business Meeting and Wednesday’s Plenary session, precise instructions and detailed information on how to choose one of the above described formats of the Equipping for Action Session will be shared.

1.) Global Gallery

In a highly interactive session, participants learn about 25 different projects from around the world that showcase innovative approaches to and successful examples of multi-faith collaboration for peace. Participants review and discuss best practices while at the same time forging bonds with sister projects and potential future cooperation partners.

Showcased projects include: Advancing a value-based multi-faith education in the **UK** | Agriculture for sustainable development in **Kenya, Uganda and India** | Building peace in **Bosnia-Herzegovina** | Building women friendships in the **UK** | Capacity-training for religious leaders in **Egypt** | Creating interfaith spaces through the government in **Argentina** | Dialogue for Nation-Building in **Myanmar** | Digital education in **Japan** | Empowering women peacebuilders in **Thailand** | Experiencing multi-faith collaboration in **Germany** | Fighting against racism in **Brazil** | Fighting female genital mutilation in **Sierra Leone** | Intercultural education in **Mauritius** | Interfaith collaboration through a Public Affairs Committee in **Malawi** | Low cost youth initiatives in **India** | Multi-faith peacemaking in **Sri Lanka** | Overcoming violence post-election in **Sierra Leone** | Peace education in **Israel & Palestine** | Promoting child survival in **Uganda** | Promoting gender equality in **Tanzania** | Teaching responsibility and educating about the Holocaust in **Greece** | Transforming violence in **Columbia** | Uniting women of Women working against HIV/AIDS in **Mozambique**

Venue: Foyer, Inselhalle

2.) **Lightning Talks**

Lightning Talks are inspiring talks, presenting personal stories and showcasing exemplary ideas within the range of religious, spiritual and peace-related issues. *Religions for Peace* Lightning Talks – being similar to the style of TED-Talks – differ from conventional speeches. These Talks will provide both powerful words and thought-provoking, inspirational new perspectives. Each Talk presents a strong and unique idea or story that is freely presented in a very concise manner. The motto is: enlighten us and be precise.

In a sequence of seven talks lasting 12 minutes each, seven religious representatives from all over the world will share their personal transformational experiences, stories and ideas along their way to building more peaceful societies.

1.) **Is Religion the Problem or the Solution?**

Chief Rabbi **David Rosen**, *International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC), Israel; Co-President, Religions for Peace*

2.) **Crossing bridges in my mind – can foes be friends after a war?**

Lejla Hasandedic-Dapo, *United Religions Initiative, Youth Delegate, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

3.) **Answering the core question: What's religion got to do with a nation's development strategy?**

Prof. Dr. **Katherine Marshall**, *Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue, Georgetown University*

4.) **From Suffragettes to Women Interfaith Activists of Today: Changers and Challengers of Society**

Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, *Chair RfP UK Women of Faith Network, Sikh Representative on Scottish Religious Leaders Forum*

5.) **Religious Hooliganism – The Fever Pitch of Faith**

Father Dr. **Nikodemus C. Schnabel**, *O.S.B., Benedictine monk of Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem*

6.) **What if they were one of us? From refugee to relative**

Abdul Nasser Magezi, *Chair Uganda Interfaith Youth Network*

7.) **The Wellbeing of Nations**

Prof. Dr. **Jeffrey Sachs**, *Director, Center for Sustainable Development; Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals; International Trustee, Religions for Peace*

Venue: Lindau Cinema Parktheater (next to Inselhalle)

Zwanzigerstraße 3, 88131 Lindau (Lake Constance)

3.) Religion & Diplomacy

This is a new interactive format to combine the mandates, the experience and the expertise of religious leaders with the professional skills of diplomats. Jointly, they will address issues and challenges for peace and upcoming or already enfolding conflictual situations. The spirit of this format can generate new credible options for joint action combining the instruments of politics and spirituality in order to define specific tasks for the follow-up of Lindau.

Furthermore we want:

- to learn about the synergetic potential of connecting spirituality and politics/diplomacy
- to inspire new and better methods for conflict transformation and best practice
- to define new common approaches leading to better solutions for joint conflict prevention

The following round-table discussions are:

R&D1) “No Troubles” – Religion & Diplomacy preventing resurgence of violence in Northern Ireland in the wake of BREXIT

*Moderated by **Damien Cole**, Director Policy Planning Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland*

R&D2) Religions for Social Cohesion – Lessons from the Marrakesh Declaration

*Moderated by **Pekka Metso**, Ambassador at large for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, Finland*

R&D3) Conflict Transformation Tools in African Contexts – Mediation and other means for conflict transformation

*Moderated by **Jean-Nicolas Bitter**, Senior adviser on Religion, Politics, Conflict, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland*

R&D4) Religion and Migration – North and South of the Mediterranean – origins and conclusions of a dilemma

*Moderated by **Martin Pammer**, Head of Division Dialogue of Civilizations, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria*

R&D5) Religious tolerance vs. confrontation in South-East-Asia

*Moderated by **Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno**, Indonesia*

R&D6) Religion and Migration in Central America – heading where?

*Moderated by **Ambassador Christa Castro Varela**, Honduras*

R&D7) Understanding between Religion and Diplomacy

*Moderated by **Irmgard Maria Fellner**, Director for Cultural Relations Policy and Deputy Director-General Department for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*

Co-Chairs: Ambassador Dr. Volker Berresheim, Religion and Foreign Policy, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Fmr Ambassador Lieselore Cyrus, Federal Foreign Office, Germany | Ambassador Dirk Lölke, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Fmr Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Schultheiß, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

We invite you to this new format and look forward to discuss with you. Come and make a difference!

Venue: Restaurant, Inselhalle

4.) Workshops

In small groups, participants hold in-depth conversations on some of the most pressing topics affecting communities today and learn new skills in interactive working groups. With partner experts of *Religions for Peace* acting as Co-Conveners, each participant shares his or her own personal expertise and experiences in engaging discussions that will culminate in the joint determination of relevant action points and concrete projects through the mobilization of multi-religious collaboration. To find the most suitable and interesting workshop for you, kindly find a list of all Workshops attached.

W1) Building Multilateral-Faith-based Partnership for the SDGs

Facilitator: Prof. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) & Chair, UN Interagency Task Force on Religion & Development
Venue: L1, Inselhalle

W2) Child Spacing for Maternal and Child Health

Facilitators: Hajat Nageeba Hassan Tegulwa, Chair, Uganda Women of Faith Network and Ms. Phyllis Kamau, Chair, Kenya Women of Faith Network
Venue: Plenary Hall, Inselhalle

W3) Combatting Religious Discrimination

Facilitator: Ms. Susan Hayward, Senior Advisor, Religion & Inclusive Societies, U.S. Institute of Peace
Venue: Press conference room, Inselh.

W4) Co-operation Between Religious and Civil Society Actors

Facilitator: Mr. Rüdiger Noll, General Secretary, Oikosnet Europe
Venue: Room 4, Inselhalle

W5) Faith for Social and Behaviour Change (FSBC): A New Way of Working for Child and Family Well-being

Facilitator: Dr. Kerida McDonald, Senior Advisor, Communication for Development Section UNICEF and Ms. Jean Duff, President, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities
Venue: L2, Inselhalle

W6) Interfaith Rainforest Initiative

Facilitators: Dr. Charles Ian McNeill, Senior Advisor, Forests & Climate, UN Environment and Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director, GreenFaith
Venue: Room 2, Inselhalle

W7) Inter-religious Dialogue by and for Young People

Facilitator: Ms. Bénédicte Charrier, Coexister
Venue: Plenary Hall

W8) It Takes the World to End Modern Day Slavery

Facilitator: Dr. Lilian Sison, Chair, Asian Women of Faith Network
Venue: Plenary Hall

W9) Marrakesh Declaration on the Rights of Religious Minorities in Predominantly Muslim Majority Communities

Facilitator: Mr. Peter Welbys, Inter-religious Advisor, Forum for Promoting Peace
Venue: Room 5, Inselhalle

W10) Faith Communities for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

Facilitator: Mr. Daniel Högsta, Campaign Coordinator, ICAN
Venue: Plenary Hall, Inselhalle

W11) Religious Actors' Role in Facilitating Inclusive and Peaceful Societies

Facilitator: Mr. Ulrich Nitschke, Head of the PaRD Secretariat, International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development
Venue: Room 1, Inselhalle

W12) Religion and Mediation

(Co-Convenor: Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers and KAICIID)
Facilitator: Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Senior Advisor, KAICIID
Venue: Room 3, Inselhalle

W13) Religious Values and Peace Education: A Practical Approach

Facilitator: Prof. Dr. Johannes Lähnemann, Chair for Religious Education, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and Prof. Dr. Reinhold Mokrosch
Venue: Room 6, Inselhalle

W14) Is There a Shared Sacred Stories for the 21st Century?

Facilitators: Mr. Bob Boisture, President and a Trustee, Fetzer Institute and Mr. Sharif Azami, Program Officer, Partnership, Fetzer Institute
Venue: L3, Inselhalle

W15) Special Training Session: Media Coaching

Trainers: Ms. Constanze Abratzky and Dr. Jeanette Seiffert, Deutsche Welle
Venue: Gewölbesaal (5 minutes walk from Inselhalle)

W16) Sustainable Peacebuilding: Understanding and Supporting Processes of Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Facilitator: Dr. Josef Boehle, Director, Peace Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation
Venue: Room 7, Inselhalle

EQUIPPING FOR ACTION – Locations

Global Gallery:	Foyer <u>at Inselhalle</u>
Lightning Talks:	Park Theater Kino (Cinema) <u>outside Inselhalle</u>
Religion & Diplomacy:	Restaurant <u>at Inselhalle</u>
Workshops:	Several rooms <u>at Inselhalle</u>
DW Media Training:	Gewölbesaal <u>outside Inselhalle</u>

