



**TRILATERAL PARTNERSHIP OF  
REGIONAL FAITH-BASED NETWORKS FOR THE SDGs**

**HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AT THE  "INSPIRING FAITH, HOPE AND TRANSFORMATIVE ACTION  
TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS THE SDGs"  
NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**PROGRAM**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Session/Activity</b>	<b>Speakers/Panelists</b>
1:00-1:30 pm	<b>Light Lunch and Networking</b>	
1:30-2:30 pm	<b>SESSION I: OPENING</b>	
	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<p><b>Rev. Fred Nyabera</b>, <i>Director, Interfaith Initiative to End Child Poverty, Arigatou International and, Co-Convener, Africa Faith Leaders Initiative on SDGs (AFLI)</i></p> <p><b>Alwynn Javier</b>, <i>Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, ACT Alliance and, Convener, Asia-Pacific Faith-Based Coalition for Sustainable Development (APFC)</i></p>

		<b>Elias Szczytnicki</b> , <i>Regional Secretary General, Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean and, Co-Coordinator, Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean</i>
	<b>Opening Prayer or Meditation</b>	
	<b>Keynote Panel: The role of faith in accelerating progress towards the SDGs</b>	<b>Bani Dugal</b> , <i>Principal Representative, Bahá'í International Community (BIC), Co-Chair, Multilateralism Working Group, United Nations Multi-Faith Advisory Council (MFAC) and, Co-President, Religions for Peace (TBC)</i>
		<b>Nicolas Meyer</b> , <i>Regional Coordinator, Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean (SELACC) and, Co-Coordinator, Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean</i>
		<b>Andrew Morley</b> , <i>President and CEO, World Vision International (WVI)</i>
		<b>Sr. Agatha Ogochukwu Chikelue</b> , <i>Fellow Alumni, International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), Executive Director, Cardinal Onaiyekan Foundation for Peace (COFP) and, Chair, Religions for Peace International Women's Coordinating Committee (IWCC)</i>
		<b>Khushwant Singh</b> , <i>Head of Secretariat, International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)</i>
		<b>Ambassador Rashad Hussain</b> , <i>Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, United States Department of State (TBC)</i>
		<b>Ulrika Modeer</b> , <i>Assistant Administrator and, Director, Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</i>
		<b>Presentation of the Interfaith Statement in Response to the Political Declaration to be adopted at the 2023 SDG Summit</b>

2:30-3:10 pm	<b>SESSION II: FAITH-BASED TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS FOR SDGs 1 (No Poverty) AND 2 (Zero Hunger)</b>	
	<b>Panelists</b>	<p data-bbox="1232 276 2038 375"><b>Rev. Nicta Lubaale</b>, <i>General Secretary, Organization of African Instituted Churches (OAIC) and, Co-Convener, Africa Faith Leaders Initiative on SDGs (AFLI)</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 379 2038 555"><b>Rev. Jose Piñeiro</b>, <i>Fellow Alumni, International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID), Director of Faith and Development, World Vision Venezuela and, Executive Committee Member, Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders (LACCRL) - Religions for Peace</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 560 2038 659"><b>Ambassador Paul Beresford-Hill</b>, <i>Permanent Observer, Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 663 2038 735"><b>Ryan Koch</b>, <i>Director, Public and International Affairs Office in New York City, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 740 2038 812"><b>Fousseni namoro</b> <i>UN Representative in New York, Islamic Relief USA, (IRUSA)</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 817 2038 916"><b>Deepa Risal Pokharel</b>, <i>Senior Adviser, Social and Behaviour Change and Lead, Immunization Demand Team, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 920 2038 992"><b>Kimberly Parent</b>, <i>Lead, Faith Engagement, World Bank Group (WBG)</i></p>
3:10-3:50 pm	<b>SESSION III: FAITH-BASED TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS FOR SDGs 5 (Gender Equality) AND 10 (Reduced Inequalities)</b>	
	<b>Panelists</b>	<p data-bbox="1232 1042 2038 1114"><b>Christine Alfons</b>, <i>Founder and Executive Director, Safe Engage Foundation</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 1118 2038 1249"><b>Claudia Espinosa</b>, <i>Regional Representative for Latin America and the Caribbean, ACT Alliance and, Co-Coordinator, Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean (TBC)</i></p> <p data-bbox="1232 1254 2038 1358"><b>Ryan Smith</b>, <i>Programme Executive, Ecumenical United Nations Office (EUNO) and, Representative to the United Nations, World Council of Churches (WCC)</i></p>

		<p><b>Sue Rheem</b>, Representative to the United Nations and, Director, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations</p>
		<p><b>Deepika Singh</b>, Associate Secretary General and Director of Programmes and, Religions for Peace (TBC)</p>
		<p><b>Daniel Seymour</b>, Director, Strategic Partnerships Division United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women) (TBC)</p>
		<p><b>Soohyun Kim</b>, Chief, Intergovernmental, Inter-agency and Policy Dialogue Branch, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (TBC)</p>
3:50-4:30 pm	<p><b>SESSION IV: FAITH-BASED TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS FOR SDGs 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) AND 13 (Climate Action)</b></p> <p>Panelists</p>	<p><b>Solomon Belay Faris</b>, Representative, Bahá'í International Community Addis Ababa Office (BIC AAO)</p>
		<p><b>Laura Vargas</b>, Country Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative Peru (IRI), Executive Secretary, Interreligious Council of Peru - Religions for Peace and, Co-Coordinator, Latin American and Caribbean Women of Faith Network (LACWFN) (TBC)</p>
		<p><b>Rev. Scott Stearman</b>, Representative to the United Nations, World Baptist Alliance (WBA)</p>
		<p><b>Hannah Williams</b>, Programs Coordinator and Special Assistant to the Director, Department of Inter-Orthodox, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America</p>
		<p><b>BK Gayatri Naraine</b>, Main Representative, Brahma Kumaris United Nations Office</p>
		<p><b>Gabriel Labbate</b>, Head, Climate Mitigation Unit and, Global Team Leader, UN-REDD Programme, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p>
		<p><b>Azmaira Alibhai</b>, Faith and Ecosystems Coordinator, Faith for Earth, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p>

4:30-5:10 pm	<b>SESSION V: FAITH-BASED TRANSFORMATIVE ACTIONS FOR SDGs 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions) AND 17 (Partnerships for the Goals)</b>	
	<b>Panelists</b>	<b>Grace Orao</b> , Executive Director, Women Volunteers for Peace (WOVOP) and, East and Southern Africa Regional Coordinator, United Network of Young Peacebuilders (UNOY)
		<b>Elena Lopez Ruf</b> , Lead, Faith and Development, Regional Ecumenical Advisory and Service Center (CREAS) (TBC)
		<b>Martha Jarvis</b> , Permanent Representative, Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations (ACOUN)
		<b>Yfat Barak-Cheney</b> , Director, International Affairs and, Representative to the United Nations, World Jewish Congress (WJC) (TBC)
		<b>Hiro Sakurai</b> , Representative to the United Nations and, Director, Soka Gakkai International Office for United Nations (SGI)
		<b>Xavier Longan</b> , Lead for Partnerships and Operations, United Nations SDG Action Campaign
		<b>Nihal Saad</b> , Director, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) (TBC)
5:10-5:20 pm	<b>SESSION VI: INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE TO SHAPE POLICIES FOR THE SDGs</b>	
	<b>Children’s Perspectives on Sustainable Development and the SDGs (Video)</b>	
	<b>Youth Voices on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs (Online)</b>	
	<b>Moderator and Remarks</b>	<b>Rebecca Rios-Kohn</b> , Director, Prayer and Action for Children and, Director, Arigatou International New York
5:20-6:00 pm	<b>SESSION VI: PATHWAYS TOWARD A TRILATERAL INTERFAITH AGENDA FOR THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE</b>	
	<b>Panel: Identifying challenges, opportunities and common actions to contribute to the transformative change</b>	<b>Amparo Alonso</b> , Director of Advocacy, Campaign and Communication, Caritas Internationalis
		<b>Alison Kelly</b> , Representative to the United Nations, ACT Alliance
	<b>Rev. Liberato Bautista</b> , Assistant General Secretary for United Nations and International Affairs, General Board of Church and Society (GBCS), United Methodist Church (UMC) and, President,	

		<p><i>Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations (CoNGO)</i></p> <p><b>Francis Kuria</b>, Secretary General, African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL) - Religions for Peace (TBC)</p> <p><b>Prof. Katherine Marshall</b>, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University and, Executive Director, World Faith Development Dialogue (WFDD)</p> <p>_____, Common Agenda Team, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations (TBC)</p>
	<b>Recommendations and Closing Remarks</b>	<p><b>Rev. Fred Nyabera</b>, Director, Interfaith Initiative to End Child Poverty, Arigatou International and, Co-Convener, Africa Faith Leaders Initiative on SDGs (AFLI)</p> <p><b>Alwynn Javier</b>, Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, ACT Alliance and, Convener, Asia-Pacific Faith-Based Coalition for Sustainable Development (APFC)</p> <p><b>Elias Szczytnicki</b>, Regional Secretary General, Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean and, Co-Coordinator, Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean</p>
	<b>Closing Prayer or Meditation</b>	

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