



# Forging Pathways for Shared Sacred Flourishing

Concept Note & Programme  
2026 International Council Meeting  
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### 1.0 Introduction

Today's global challenges are increasingly complex, interconnected, and contested. Armed conflicts, deepening polarisation, climate-related disasters, mass displacement, and the erosion of trust in multilateralism are placing unprecedented strain on social cohesion and on the foundations of human dignity. These challenges are not only intensifying, but are also increasingly interlinked. Climate shocks act as threat multipliers, driving conflict, displacement, and instability, which in turn heighten economic pressures, including debt burden that constrains society's capacity to respond. At the same time, existing global and national frameworks are inadequate to respond effectively to these complexities, underscoring the need for new innovative solutions centred around a whole-of-society approach. In this context, there is a growing need for strengthening interreligious collaboration to advance peace, bridge divides, and support collective action towards the well-being of humanity. At *Religions for Peace*, the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition, we have been mobilising religious leaders and institutions from all faith traditions to advance collaboration and collective action rooted in shared spiritual, ethical, and moral values for over five decades.

*Religions for Peace* is advancing a Shared Sacred Worldview that affirms that human well-being as relational and inseparable from the well-being of others, future generations, and the planet. This perspective provides a values-based framework for collective action in response to contemporary global challenges. In doing so, a Shared Sacred Worldview enables people of faith to envision a different world in which Shared Sacred Flourishing is realised and sustained through the virtues of our respective faith traditions.

Against this backdrop, *Religions for Peace*, in partnership with the Council of Religions-*Religions for Peace* Mauritius, will convene the **2026 International Council Meeting: Forging Pathways for Shared Sacred Flourishing** on **23–25 June 2026**. This meeting will bring together global, regional, and national leadership to engage in focused dialogue on key global challenges, including artificial intelligence and human dignity, interlinked challenges of climate and debt, and the weakening of international rules-based order. This meeting will also serve as an opportunity to carry out the governance functions of the International Council while providing space for reflection to inform priorities in the lead-up-to the next *Religions for Peace* World Assembly.

## 3.0 Objectives

The *2026 International Council Meeting: Forging Pathways for Shared Sacred Flourishing* will convene members of the World Council and its Executive Committee, Honorary Presidents, Trustees, senior governance officers (e.g. the President or Moderator) and senior executive officers of national interreligious councils, the International Women’s Coordinating Committee (IWCC) and the International Youth Committee (IYC) to:

- i. Advance dialogue on the Shared Sacred Flourishing that addresses key global challenges, including artificial intelligence and human dignity, and the interlinked challenges of climate change, conflict, and debt, with an aim to identify values-based and practical responses;
- ii. Exercise the governance function of the International Council and the International Executive Committee, including sharing experiences, challenges, and priorities across different levels of the organisation and shaping the tone for organisational renewal;
- iii. Review the work of *Religions for Peace* International and provide strategic guidance on programme priorities and areas of strengthened impact;
- iv. Strengthen institutional coordination across governance bodies and networking, including the International Youth Committee (IYC) and the International Women’s Coordinating Committee (IWCC).

## 4.0 Expected Outcomes

The *2026 International Council Meeting: Forging Pathways for Shared Sacred Flourishing* will directly contribute to:

- i. Strengthened mutual accountability and institutional coherence across *Religions for Peace* governance structures and informed recommendations on programmatic emphasis for *Religions for Peace* International;
- ii. Enhanced institutional coordination among *Religions for Peace* bodies and networks, including strengthened linkages among regional and national structures, as well as the WoFN and IYN;
- iii. Increased understanding of the Shared Sacred Flourishing initiative among *Religions for Peace*’s leadership and regional and national interreligious councils - including greater clarity on how centring sacred values and virtues can inform holistic, integrated, and sustainable responses to selected global challenges – such as ecological ethics and human dignity in the use of artificial intelligence in armed conflict;
- iv. Articulated insights and emerging priorities from thematic dialogues, contributing to more integrated, values-based approaches to addressing global challenges.

## 5.0 Addressing Artificial Intelligence, Conflict, and Environmental Degradation for Shared Sacred Flourishing

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During the International Council meeting and as part of an integrated program, the religious leaders will delve into the contemporary global challenges increasingly shaped by interaction of technological and systemic pressures on societies and institutions. Emerging technologies, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), raise complex ethical and governance questions, including risks related to autonomy, accountability, and their use in conflict settings. These developments require renewed attention to human dignity, moral agency, and responsible governance. At the same time, climate change, conflict, and unsustainable debt are reinforcing one another to deepen vulnerability and constrain recovery, particularly in fragile and climate-sensitive contexts; while weak international rules-based order has undermined frameworks needed to effectively respond to emerging challenges. These interconnected dynamics will be viewed against the Shared Sacred Worldview and how a whole of society approach can harness, adapt and employ the religious virtues in our faith communities to create an opportunity of Shared Sacred Flourishing.

## 6.0 Tentative Programme

Monday, 22 June	
All day	<b>Arrival of Participants</b>
14:30-15:30	<b>International Executive Committee Meeting</b>
Tuesday, 23 June	
9:00-9:45	<b>Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Prayer from Religions Leaders</i></li> <li>• Welcome Remarks <i>Co-Moderators, World Council, Religions for Peace</i></li> <li>• Opening Statement <i>Secretary General of Religions for Peace International</i></li> </ul>
9:45-10:15	<b>Keynote Addresses</b>
10:15-10:30	<b>Official Group Photograph</b>
10:30-10:45	<b>Networking Session/Coffee Break</b>
10:45-11:00	<b>From the 10<sup>th</sup> World Assembly to Now – A Presentation by the Secretary General of <i>Religions for Peace International</i></b>

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11:00-12:40	<p><b>Religions in Action: Regional Perspectives</b>  <i>Opening interventions by Regional Co-Chairs / Moderators, followed by regional contributions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa Perspective, followed by presentation by African Council of Religious Leaders – <i>Religions for Peace (ACRL-RfP)</i></li> <li>• Asia Perspective, followed by presentation by <i>Religions for Peace Asia / Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP)</i></li> <li>• Europe Perspective, followed by presentation by <i>Religions for Peace Europe (RfP Europe)</i></li> <li>• Latin America and the Caribbean Perspective, followed by presentation by Latin America and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders – <i>Religions for Peace (LACCRL-RfP)</i></li> </ul> <p>*Following Presentation from Asia, there will be a 5-minute video</p>
12:40-13:00	<p><b>Stories from the Field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Inter-religious Councils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Africa</li> <li>○ Asia</li> <li>○ Europe</li> <li>○ Latin America and the Caribbean</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13:00-14:15	<b>Lunch</b>
14:15-15:15	<b>A Shared Sacred Worldview for Shared Sacred Flourishing</b>
15:15-15:30	<b>Networking Session/Coffee Break</b>
15:30-16:45	<p><b>Thematic Dialogue I</b>  <i>Artificial Intelligence: Human Rights, Human Dignity, and AI- Multifaith Perspectives</i></p>
16:45-17:00	<b>Closing Prayers</b>
17:30-19:30	<b>Meeting of the International Youth Committee (IYC)</b>
17:30-19:30	<b>Meeting of the International Women’s Coordinating Committee (IWCC)</b>
19:30-21:00	<b>Formal Dinner with Cultural Performance</b>



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Wednesday, 24 June	
9:00-9:10	<b>Opening Prayers</b>
9:10-9:25	<b>Reflections and Key Takeaways from Day One</b> <i>Brief synthesis, followed by limited floor interventions</i>
9:25-10:25	<b>Discussion on the World Assembly</b>
10:25-11:15	<b>Youth as Positive Changemakers - International Youth Committee (IYC)</b>
11:15-11:30	<b>Networking Session/Coffee Break</b>
11:30-12:20	<b>Unique Role of Women of Faith - International Women's Coordinating Committee (IWCC)</b>
12:20-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30: 14:45	<b>Thematic Dialogue II</b> <i>Climate, Conflict, and Debt: Interlinked Risk and the Responsibility to Sustain Life</i>
14:45-15:00	<b>Networking Session/Coffee Break</b>
15:00-16:15	<b>Thematic Dialogue III</b> <i>Reimagining Multilateralism: Trust Deficits, Fragmentation, and the Role of Religious Actors in Inclusive Global Governance</i>
16:15-16:45	<b>Adoption of Outcome Document of the IC</b> <b>Closing Remarks</b>
16:45-17:00	<b>Closing Prayers</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner</b>
Thursday, 25 June	
9:00-10:00	<b>Press Conference</b>
10:30-11:45	<b>SSF Toolkit – Workshop</b>
11:45-12:00	<b>Networking Session/Coffee Break</b>
12:00-13:00	<b>SSF Toolkit – Workshop Continuation</b>
Afternoon	<b>Lunch</b>
Evening	<b>Dinner</b>
Friday, 26 June	

## Annex 1.

[International Standing Rules](#)

## Annex 2.

SSF Booklets

[A Shared Sacred Worldview: A Framework for Shared Sacred Flourishing \(English\)](#)

[A Shared Sacred Worldview: A Framework for Shared Sacred Flourishing \(French\)](#)

Global Launch

[Press Release: Transforming Global Development through a Sacred Shared Flourishing](#)

[Press Release: SSF Global Launch in Istanbul](#)

[Statement of the World Council of Religions for Peace: Shared Sacred Flourishing: A New Vision for Global Transformation](#)

Regional Launch in Africa

[Nairobi Declaration on Shared Sacred Flourishing for Peace and Justice in Africa](#)

[Zambia Interfaith Networking Group \(ZINGO\) Declaration: “A Shared Sacred Worldview for a Shared Sacred Flourishing”](#)

[ACRL-R/P 5th General Assembly strengthens Interfaith Collaborations for Peace and Justice](#)

Regional Launch in Latin America and The Caribbean

[Statement: Latin America and the Caribbean \(LAACRL\) \(Spanish\)](#)

[Statement: Latin America and the Caribbean \(LAACRL\) \(English\)](#)

Regional Launch in Europe

[Press Release of the Religions for Peace Europe Board](#)

[R/P Europe launches Shared Sacred Flourishing initiative in Europe](#)

## Annex 3.

[Religions for Peace World Assemblies](#)