

Programme | PaRD Virtual Annual Forum and General Assembly of Members 2020

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the PaRD in-person Annual Forum and General Assembly of Members 2020 have been postponed to August 31 – September 3, 2021 to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. Nevertheless, a Virtual Annual Forum and General Assembly of Members will be held from **September 3 – 4, 2020**.

The forum aims to:

- Reflect on the different ways the COVID-19 pandemic is exacerbating existing disparities and inequalities in societies.
- Facilitate a dialogue between governmental entities, multilateral agencies and FBOs/FIOs on challenges and gaps in responding to the needs of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Identify how partnerships and collaborations between governmental entities, multilateral agencies and FBOs/FIOs/LFAs can contribute in addressing and overcoming inequalities and pave the way towards more just, inclusive and peaceful societies.

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Day 1 // Thursday, September 3

14:00 – 15:30 CEST	<p>Introduction to PaRD ➡ click link to join the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, PaRD Co-chair/ King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) and Kirsten Evans, PaRD Co-Chair/ United States Agency for International Development (USAID) <p>Opening Speech</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Zwelini Mkhize, Minister of Health, the Republic of South Africa <i>“South Africa’s response to Covid 19 – whilst strengthening our national health system”</i> <p>Welcome Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Gräb, Head of the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development, Humboldt University of Berlin • Bishop Sithembele Sipuka, Chair of CDDC Trust/NRASD, National Church Leaders’ Consultation (NCLC); President of Southern African Catholic Bishops’ Conference (SACBC) <p>Keynote Addresses</p> <p>Together for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): A collaborative response to current global challenges -<i>insights on the roles of governmental entities/multilaterals/faith actors; regional/global leadership in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, Chief Executive, Christian Aid <i>Gender, race and COVID-19</i> • Ms. Saskia Schellekens, Culture Adviser UNFPA / Coordinator Executive Secretariat UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development (UNIATF) (tbc) • Mr. Alvin Botes, Deputy Minister of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation; Republic of South Africa <i>Africa’s challenges with COVID 19, and why state – faith collaboration is important</i>
15:30	Break

<p>16:00 – 17:30</p>	<p>Multi-stakeholder Roundtable Discussion: Strengthening Opportunities for Funding LFAs- <i>a conversation between donors and recipients funding partners, implementing partners and analysts</i> ➔ click link to join the session</p> <p><i>Moderation: Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, PaRD Co-chair/KAICIID</i></p> <p>The objective of the roundtable is to facilitate an honest exchange between stakeholders i.e. governmental entities, intergovernmental organisations, academia and FBOs/FIOs on funding needs/gaps and invisibility of FBOs/FIOs, especially by local faith actors (LFA) and grassroots organisations as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kenneth Staley, Executive Director of the USAID COVID-19 Task Force • Ms. Mercy Niwe, Lead - Global Faith Engagement at the World Bank • Sheikh Nuruddeen Lemu, Director of Research and Training, Da’wah Institute of Nigeria (tbc) • Dr. Thorsten Göbel, Director of Programmes, ACT Alliance • Dr. Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue, Georgetown University • Dr. Olivia Wilkinson, Director of Research, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities
<p>17:30 – 18:15</p>	<p>COVID-19 Responses by FBOs/FIOs/LFAs ➔ click link to join the session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religious Leaders' Perspectives on COVID-19 - Results from Humboldt University of Berlin COVID-19 Survey • COVID-19 Faith Response by World Bank

Day 2 // Friday, September 4

<p>14:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Thematic Parallel Sessions by the Respective PaRD work-streams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health (SDG 3) – Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) ➔ click link to join the session • Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG 5) ‘A Just World Post-COVID19: Critical Dialogues on Religion, Sustainable Development and Gender Justice’ ➔ click link to join the session • WECARE (SDG 6,13,14 & 15) ➔ click link to join the session • Sustaining Peace (SDG 16) ➔ click link to join the session <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>On Tuesday, 1 September 2020 9 am – 1:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water, Environment and Climate Action (WECARE, SDGs 6,13,14&15) ‘Religious Communities and Ecological Sustainability in Southern Africa’ ➔ click link to join the session </div>
<p>15:30</p>	<p><i>Break</i></p>
<p>16:00 – 18:00</p>	<p>PaRD General Assembly of Members: <i>Internal business meeting - PaRD members only</i></p>