



Partnerships in Action: towards “One Earth, One Family, One Future”

G20 Interfaith Forum, May 7-9, New Delhi, India

The deeply interlinked crises of violent conflict, widening inequality, the on-going climate crisis, and diminishing trust in global and local public institutions demands new partnerships and leadership that links an ethical and pragmatic vision, nuanced by global and local insights, to deep multisectoral engagement.

The *G20 Interfaith Forum*, in partnership with the *Baha'i International Community*, and the *Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities* is organizing a forum in support of India's G20 presidency on May 7- 9, in New Delhi, India. The convening will build on the December meeting in Abu Dhabi which identified leading issues for the 2023 agenda combined with reflections on the G20 Interfaith Forum's journey since 2014 to engage with global agendas through the G20 process. The event will be held at the Bahai House of Worship, with a reception commencing at 7:00 p.m. on May 7 and Forum sessions commencing at 9:00 a.m. and running through the day on May 8th and 9th.

The Forum's central focus will be on the urgent calls to action of the world's most vulnerable communities. Foremost among them are the children who face loss and new challenges due to the global COVID-19 pandemic and those confronted by inequalities and disruptions linked to climate change. The primary theme is hope for a better future.

The Forum will convene a group of deeply engaged leaders focused on the religious dimensions of global debates, from current socio-economic crises through to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda, highlighting tangible action steps for the G20 process.

Expected Outcomes. The Forum will offer a platform for faith leaders, representatives of faith-based organizations, government officials, international organizations and civil society, and academics with relevant expertise, to come together to share experiences and provide concrete practical recommendations. These recommendations will form the basis of a global advocacy effort aimed at shaping the agenda of the 2023 G20 Summit and beyond.

Topics. The Forum will focus on specific global topics, including:

- A child-centered vision for the 2020s
- Galvanizing action to mobilize resources for recovery and social protection
- Assets, risks, and ethics that the Artificial Intelligence revolution presents to communities
- Post-COVID action: pandemic preparedness and health system reform
- Food security
- Urgent humanitarian and peacebuilding action
- Action on Climate Change



- Revamping education in a post-COVID-19 era
- Making sure that the most vulnerable are not left behind.

Event Structure. Spread over two and one-half days, the event will consist of plenary sessions as well as thematic break-out sessions.

Target Audience. The Forum will be attended by 100-150 participants, from India and internationally, including government representatives, international organizations, civil society, academia, and faith communities. The event aims to attract a diverse and inclusive audience, representative insofar as possible of the global population. Based on prior experience, a larger audience is expected to follow the event online.

About the G20 Interfaith Forum

The G20 Interfaith Forum was launched in 2014, under the auspices of Australia’s Presidency of the G20. It has progressed from a largely academic gathering timed to coincide with the G20 Summit to a sustained alliance of diverse religious leaders, practitioners from humanitarian, peacebuilding, and development organizations; and scholars. The underlying purpose is to contribute to and help to shape global agendas through practical and ethical experience and wisdom of the world’s diverse religious communities., which are often absent from global forums. The extensive contributions of the related “network of networks” as well as the prophetic voice and leadership of renowned religious leaders can enrich the G20 deliberations and contribute, alongside parallel and often interlinked constituencies (civil society, youth, business, etc.) to addressing the urgent problems facing the world and its leaders.

About the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

The Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities was established to empower faith leaders to work for the safety and security of our communities, tackling issues such as child sexual abuse, extremism, radicalization and human trafficking. The IAFSC aims to facilitate the building of bridges between key stakeholders including faith communities, NGOs and experts in various domains. The IAFSC is conscious of the importance of empowering faith leaders, both at the institutional and grass-root levels, with knowledge, and to mobilize them to play a more active role in community safety.



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