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H.E. Anthony John Abbott is a former Australian politician who served as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia from 2013 to 2015 and as leader of the Liberal Party from 2009 to 2015. He is currently an adviser to the UK Board of Trade. After graduating from Oxford, Abbott briefly trained as a Roman Catholic seminarian, and later worked as a journalist, manager, and political adviser. In 1992, he was appointed Director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy, a position he held until his election to Parliament in 1994. He served as a member of the Australian House of Representatives (1994–2019), Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia (2009–15), and Prime Minister of Australia (2013–15).

Dr. Mohammad Abdelfadeel, Lecturer at the University of al-Azhar, Egypt; KAICIID Fellow

Dr. Mohammed Abdel Rahem is a lecturer at the Section of Islamic Studies in German at Al-Azhar University in Cairo and a member of the Al-Azhar Interfaith Center. He is also the coordinator of the Al-Azhar Observer in foreign languages and has been head of its German department since December 2015. Mohammed studied Islamic Studies at the faculty of languages and translation at Al-Azhar University between 1995 and 2000 and received his PhD in comparative religions from the University of Münster. He is interested in interreligious dialogue and continues to take part in various conferences and meetings at the community and international level. He coordinates two academic exchange programs with the University of Freiburg and Erlangen (Germany), which facilitates intercultural dialogue between Muslims and European students. Mohammed has written several books and articles about human rights in Islam and Christianity in Arabic and German.

Dr. Kamal Boraiqa Abdelsalam Hassan, member of Al-Azhar Centre for Dialogue and Supervisor at Al-Azhar Observatory for combating terrorism at Al-Azhar University, Egypt; KAICIID Fellow

Dr. Kamal Boraiqa Abdelsalam Hassan is a General Coordinator of Al-Azhar Center for Interreligious Dialogue. Kamal has a BA in Islamic Studies in English from Al-Azhar University, an MA from Al-Azhar University, Faculty of Languages and Translation, and a PhD from Al-Azhar University, Faculty of Languages and Translation, Cairo. Currently he is a Lecturer at the Department of Islamic Studies in English, Faculty of Languages and Translation, Al-Azhar University, Cairo. Egypt. In addition, he is a member of Al-Azhar Center for Dialogue, Supervisor at Al-Azhar Observatory for combating terrorism, Head of the Observation and Suggestion Committee at the Egyptian Family House, Member of the African Union Interfaith Steering Committee to link policy makers with religious leaders and institutions, and Imam of Santa Rosa Islamic Center, San Francisco, California, USA. His thesis was about Muslim-Christian Interfaith Dialogue; History and Nature.

Dr. Auwal Farouk Abdussalam, Associate Professor at the Department of Geography at the Kaduna State University, Nigeria; KAICIID Fellow

Dr. Auwal Farouk Abdussalam is Associate Professor at the Department of Geography, Kaduna State University, Nigeria. He obtained his PhD in Geography and Environmental Sciences from the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, in 2014, with a specialization in Applied Meteorology. Although Dr Abdussalam specializes in Environmental Sciences and Climate Change Studies, he has through his community service activities, established a track record in the area of Inter- and Intra-Religious Dialogue (IRD). Currently, he represents the Supreme Council for Shariah in Nigeria (SCSN) as a member of the Central Coordinating Council (CCC) in the Interfaith Dialogue Forum for Peace (IDFP). Apart from his IRD and academic endeavours, he is also engaged in charitable and volunteering activities with NGOs. Currently he is a member of the Board of Directors of Jaiz Orphans and Widows Initiative (JOWI) and Savannah Crane Relief Foundation (SCRF). Dr. Abdussalam is also proud KAICIID Fellow.

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Principal Policy Advisor at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, the Director of the Faith for Earth Initiative, has more than 35 years of experience with international organizations, the private sector, and scientific institutions. Dr. Abumoghli's expertise focuses on

strategic planning, sustainable development, natural resources management, and knowledge and innovation. Dr. Abumoghli is the Lead Principal Advisor on Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations at UNEP. Previously Dr. Abumoghli held several leading positions including the Regional Director and Representative of UNEP in West Asia, Director of Knowledge and Innovation at UNDP's Regional Office for the Arab states, Senior Environmental Advisor at UNDP's Sub-Regional Resource Facility in Beirut, Global Practice Manager for the Energy and Environment Group in New York, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP in Jordan. Dr. Abumoghli holds a doctorate degree in Bio-Chemical Engineering from the University of Bath/UK, an outstanding graduate of the Virtual Development Academy - Johns University.

Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Senior Advisor of The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer is on the Advisory Council of the G20 Interfaith Association, a Senior Adviser to KAICIID as well as the Director of the Peacebuilding and Development Institute at the American University Washington. He has conducted interreligious conflict resolution training and interfaith dialogue workshops in conflict areas around the world, including Palestine, Israel, Egypt, Northern Ireland, the Philippines (Mindanao), and Sri Lanka. In addition to his articles and publications, Dr. Abu-Nimer is the co-founder and co-editor of the Journal of Peacebuilding and Development.

Dr. Agnes Abuom, Moderator of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

Dr. Agnes Abuom, from the Anglican Church of Kenya, was elected unanimously by the WCC 10th Assembly on 8 November 2013 to serve as moderator of the WCC Central Committee. She is the first woman and the first African in the position in the history of the World Council of Churches. Dr. Abuom has served on the WCC Executive Committee, representing the Anglican Church of Kenya. She is also a development consultant serving both Kenyan and international organizations coordinating social action programmes for religious and civil society across Africa. Dr. Abuom was the Africa President for the WCC from 1999 to 2006. She has been associated with the All Africa Conference of Churches, National Council of Churches of Kenya and WCC member churches in Africa, as well as Religions for Peace. Dr. Abuom's areas of work include economic justice, peace and reconciliation.

Dr. Brian J. Adams, Director of the Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue at Griffith University, Australia

Dr. Brian J. Adams is Director of the Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue at Griffith University. As a former Rotary Peace Fellow, he primarily focused on promoting respect and understanding across cultural, religious and organisational boundaries. He has over 20 years of work experience in Africa, Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific and a background in mediation, conflict management and dialogue facilitation. Brian is a founder of the G20 Interfaith Forum, drawing on interfaith insight and experience in developing recommendations to the G20 Leaders' Summit. He is co-founder of the Commonwealth Dialogue Initiative, which gathers leaders from across the Commonwealth to invigorate leadership to meet today's challenges. He authored the CURE Program for Productive Diversity, a programme to establish an environment for people to value the traditions and perspectives of others. Brian is Bishop to a congregation of young adults in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Mohammed Al-Abdulaali, Assistant Minister of Health and Spokesperson of the Saudi Ministry of Health

Dr. Mohammed Al-Abdulaali is currently the Assistant Minister in Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Health and was appointed in March 2020. Prior to becoming the Assistant Minister, Dr. Al-Abdulaali served as the Assistant Deputy Minister for Hospitals Services, the General Director of Health Affairs – Jazan, the General Director of Health Affairs – Hassa, and was also the Chief Executive Officer of King Fahad Hospital, Hofuf. Dr. Al-Abdulaali has more than 14 years of experience in Healthcare management and leadership across his different roles. He also serves as a member and a chairman of several boards and committees, e.g. the Saudi Red Crescent Board of Directors, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Authority for the Care of Persons with Disabilities. Dr. Al-Abdulaali has a Master's degree in public health from Manchester University and a Master of Science Degree in Healthcare Administration from the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Amb. Alvaro Albacete, Deputy Secretary General at The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Amb. Álvaro Albacete is Deputy Secretary General at KAICIID, where he develops and coordinates KAICIID policy and action at the wider international level, in close co-operation with the European Union, the United Nations, and other international organizations. He has worked for the European Commission in Bosnia-Herzegovina as an advisor in the area of good government for the Presidency of the State and the Ministry of European Integration, worked for the Inter-American Development Bank in Argentina, Bolivia, Panama, and Paraguay, and has been a guest professor of the École Nationale d'Administration of France. He was trained in Driving Government Performance by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Ambassador Albacete has served in diverse positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain, including the Division for the United Nations, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, Deputy Director of the Minister's Cabinet and Ambassador.

H.E. Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen A. AlFadley, Minister of Agriculture and Environment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

H.E. Abdulrahman Abdulmohsen A. AlFadley was appointed as the Minister of Agriculture in 2015. In this position he oversees and chairs numerous national authorities, including Agricultural Development, Environmental Protection and the Saudi Wildlife Authority. Previously, he worked in the petroleum industries sector, joining Almarai Co. in 1996, and becoming its CEO in 2000. There he chaired a number of joint projects and organizations for education and vocational training. The Minister has an extensive experience in operational management, as well as management of projects and investments. He is also well known for supporting corporate social responsibility projects, as he is a member in the Disabled Children's Association (DCA), and for supporting the training of national workforce and the Saudization of jobs in different sectors. He is also engaged in activities that aim at the conservation of national resources and agricultural development.

Dr. Nawal Alhawsawi, Marriage and family therapist and mental health counsellor

Dr. Nawal Ibrahim Alhawsawi is a marriage and family therapist and mental health counsellor, she has established a successful private practice, SoundHeart Institute for Mental Health Services and Training, and started the Adam Initiative, which promotes diversity and inclusion and addresses racism and all forms of discrimination, as well as SafeZone, a child welfare and advocacy group that supports family unity and combats domestic violence. Born and raised in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, Nawal is currently working on a PhD in Clinical Psychology. She has been named one of Fortune's Most Powerful Women, and the Top 100 Most Influential Saudi Women for the past two years. Over a decade, Nawal has been a member of the interfaith groups "We Believe Ohio" and "Women of Faith." Called 'The Rosa Parks of Saudi Arabia,' Nawal's activism has been featured in the BBC, New York Times and the Guardian, among many others in different languages.

Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Secretary-General of the World Organization of the Scout Movement

Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi is the Secretary-General, CEO of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), the world's leading education youth movement supporting 54 million members in 171 National Scout Organizations. Prior to his appointment and following a career in public policy and development at the League of Arab States, Save the Children, UNFPA, Alhendawi served as the first-ever United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth. Alhendawi serves as a Trustee in the International Board of WWF, and Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizenship. A Jordanian national, he holds an advanced academic degree in International Relations from the European Institute in France.

Dr. Abdullah Alhomaïd, Secretary General of the National Committee for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue (NCIRD) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Abdullah Alhomaïd is the Secretary General of the National Committee for Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue (a government entity in charge of monitoring the implementation of various Saudi interfaith initiatives). Prior to his current position, Dr. Alhomaïd had served as professor of political science at King Saud University, Riyadh, the Director of the Center for Research and Information at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Director of the National Center for Education Policy, and the Chairperson of the Department of Political Science at King Saud University. He was also a Visiting Fellow at St Hugh's College, University of Oxford, and a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Dr. Mustafa Ali, Secretary General of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC); and Director of Arigatou International – Nairobi

Dr. Mustafa Yusuf Ali is the Secretary General of the Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) and Director of Arigatou International – Nairobi. He previously worked as Africa Representative for Religions for Peace Africa, and as Secretary General of the African Council of Religious Leaders (ACRL). He has been working for many years to build peaceful, just, and harmonious societies and has been promoting peaceful coexistence between faiths and communities around the world. His work focuses on religious and political extremism, interfaith dialogue and action, and conflict resolution in the most challenging locations in Africa, including his native country, Kenya. In 2012, Ali was awarded the Coexist International Peace Prize in New York for his vision and courage in mobilizing religious and faith leaders in transforming difficult and challenging conflicts in many parts of Africa. He holds a PhD in Sociology and International Relations from the University of Portsmouth, UK.

H.E. Dr. Mohammad Al-Issa, Secretary General of the Muslim World League and President of the Organization of Muslim Scholars

H.E. Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa is widely recognized as a leading global voice on moderate Islam, committed to bringing global awareness to the religion's true message of empathy, understanding and cooperation among all people. As Secretary General of the Muslim World League, a Makkah-based non-governmental organization that represents adherents of the Islamic faith around the world, Dr. Alissa has been a trailblazer in building new partnerships among different communities, faiths, and nations. He also heads the Intellectual Warfare Center, a body affiliated with the Saudi Defence Ministry dedicated to combatting extremist and terrorist ideology. Dr. Al-Issa's ground-breaking interfaith efforts include his trip to Auschwitz in January 2020 for the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the death camp. In 2019, Dr. Al-Issa led representatives of the Abrahamic religions in France in signing an agreement for peace and solidarity.

Dr. Amal Alhabdan, Board Member of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Amal Alhabdan is Board Member of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and is also Chairwoman of the Women Committee at the HRC and the Representative of the HRC at the Family Affairs Council. In addition, Dr. Alhabdan is Associate Professor of Social Work at Princess Nourah Bint Abdul Rahman University. Earlier, she was also Vice Rector of Academic Support and Student Services as well as Dean of Community Service and Continued Education at Princess Nourah Bint Abdul Rahman University. She leads several initiatives in the field of sustainable development and is the founder and promoter of "Nourah Alata" volunteering incubator. In the humanitarian field, Dr. Alhabdan is the Senior Advisor at King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center for community support related projects at conflict and disaster affected areas, especially cases related to vulnerable groups, family, women, children, people with disabilities and orphans.

H.E. Grand Mufti Dr. Shawki Ibrahim Allam, The Grand Mufti of Egypt and President of the General Secretariat for Fatwa Authorities Worldwide

H.E. Grand Mufti Dr. Shawki Ibrahim Allam is the 19th and current Grand Mufti of Egypt through Dar al-Ifta al-Misriyyah, an educational institute founded to represent Islam and a premiere center for Islamic legal research. He is also the President of the General Secretariat for Fatwa Authorities Worldwide. Born in the Nile Delta governorate of Beheira in 1961, Allam received his PhD in jurisprudence and Sharia law from the prestigious Al-Azhar University in 1996. Before being appointed as Egypt's grand mufti, he was teaching at Al-Azhar University and served as the chairman of the Department of Jurisprudence at the School of Sharia at Al-Azhar University's Tanta branch.

H.R.H. Princess Haifa Al Mogrin, Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Chair of the G20 Development Working Group

H.R.H Princess Haifa Al Mogrin is the Permanent Delegate of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the UNESCO and the Chair of the G20 Development Working Group. From 2017 to 2020, she was an Assistant Deputy Minister for Sustainable Development Affairs, Assistant Deputy Minister for the G20 Affairs in the Ministry of Economy and

Planning, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She worked previously for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for 7 years and prior to that as a lecturer in King Saud University in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She received her Bachelor Degree in Economics from King Saud University and a Masters of Science in Economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, United Kingdom.

Ms. Anoud AlOfaysan, Alumna of Salam for Cultural Communication in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

As an empowered Fellow of McKinsey's Qimam Fellowship for High Potential University Students, **Ms. Anoud AlOfaysan** remains passionate about the enablement of the youth to be leaders, including them in decision making and engaging them in uplifting their peers both locally and on the global stage. Anoud is a Co-Founder and President of Tasamuh for Global Citizenship, an initiative that gathers both children and youth from all walks of life to practice tolerance and co-existence. Prior to her role as President of the Tasamuh for Global Citizenship, she previously served as President of the Educational Light Teaching Initiative where she offered education to hospitalized children. In her free time Anoud participates in youth forums around the MENA region and meets with local delegations visiting Saudi Arabia. Anoud is currently finishing her bachelor's degree majoring in economics at the University of King Saud.

H.E. Yousef bin Ahmed Al-Othaimen, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)

Dr. Yousef Al-Othaimen has been the secretary-general of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) since 2016. Al-Othaimen has served in several positions in the public sector, most recently Director General of Cabinet and Chief Advisor at the OIC General Secretariat, and Minister of Social Affairs in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Moreover, he was secretary-general of the King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Foundation for Developmental Housing and director general of the Insan Charitable Society for Orphans Care. He obtained his PhD in political sociology from the American University and his master's degree in political sociology from the University of Ohio. Furthermore, Al-Othaimen had also been a columnist in some local newspapers in Saudi Arabia. In 2019, he received an honorary doctorate from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

Dr. Tamader Al-Rammah, Member of the United Nations Committee of Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and Former Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Labor and Social Development, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

H.E. Dr. Tamader Yousef Mogbel Al-Rammah is an elected member to the United Nations Committee of Elimination of all Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), where she is part of the Working Group on Trafficking Women and Girls in the context of global migration and the Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Al-Rammah was the Vice-Minister for the Ministry of Labour and Social Development in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 2018 to 2019. She was also leading eight of the social empowerment and non-profit sector development objectives of the national transformation program 2030 of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Earlier, Dr. Al-Rammah was also a member of the Human Rights Commission Board. She holds a PhD in Imaging Sciences and Biomedical Engineering of the University of Manchester, UK.

H.E. Abdullatif Al-Sheikh, Minister of Religious Affairs, Da'wah and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

H.E. Sheikh Abdullatif Al-Sheikh has been the Minister of Islamic affairs, Call and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since 2018. He is known for his expertise in Islamic jurisprudence and previously served in a number of governmental institutions, including as Director General of Investigations at the Saudi General Presidency, and Second Assistant Secretary General at the Saudi Council of Senior Scholars. He received his PhD in Islamic Jurisprudence from the Imam Muhammad Bin Saud Islamic University, and previously established and ran a number of Islamic charities. The Riyadh born cleric is an expert in Islamic Affairs, and is well-known for his moderate approach.

Dr. Fahad bin Sultan Al-Sultan, Executive Director of Salam for Cultural Communication

Dr. Fahad Sultan Al-Sultan holds a PhD degree in sociology of Education, from The University of Pittsburgh, USA. He is currently Professor of Educational Sociology and Anthropology – King Saud University. Dr. Al-Sultan is the

CEO of Salam for Cultural Communication foundation in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He worked as Deputy Secretary General of the King Abdul Aziz Centre for National Dialogue – Riyadh. In addition, he is currently a board member of the King Abdulaziz General Library and the Executive Director and Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the Encyclopaedia of Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, he was a member of the Preparatory Committee of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue “KAICIID”. Dr. Al-Sultan Authored various books/articles related to educational sociology, volunteerism, development and intercultural dialogue.

Dr. Hala Al-Tuwaijri, Secretary General of the Family Affairs Council of Saudi Arabia and Head of the Women's Empowerment Team at G20 Riyadh

Dr. Hala Al-Tuwaijri is the head of the Women’s Empowerment Team at G20 Riyadh and has been the Secretary General of the Saudi Family Affairs Council since 2017. She started her career as a teacher and joined King Saud University as a lecturer in 2004. She is currently an Assistant Professor of English Literature, teaching modern English Literature. She is a member of the Advisory Committee for Princess Nora award for Female Excellence and member of the Advisory Council for the Cultural Program at the Saudi Society for Culture and Heritage. She also chaired the 39 Arab Women committee in the League of Arab States in Saudi Arabia in 2020. Dr. Al-Tuwaijri was appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Department of English Language and Literature in 2012 and was the Deputy Dean of KSU’s College of Arts from 2013 to 2015. Dr. Al-Tuwaijri holds a PhD in English Literature.

His Holiness Catholicos Aram I Keshishian, Patriarch of the Catholicosate of the Great House of Cilicia

His Holiness Aram I is the Catholicos of Cilicia of the Armenian Church since 1995. He has pursued his higher education in Lebanon, Switzerland, England and USA. He holds M.Div, S.T.M. and PhD in church history, systematic theology and philosophy. From 1978 to 1995 he was the Archbishop of the Armenian community of Lebanon. He has lectured at different universities and international conferences on theological and ecumenical topics, interreligious dialogue and on contemporary issues related to religion-society relations. For two successive terms (1991-2004) he has served as Moderator of the Central and Executive Committees of the World Council of Churches, and for two terms (2005-2014) as President of the Middle East Council of Churches. He has been very active in inter-religious dialogue and joint initiatives. He is author of several books in Armenian, English and French on ecumenical, theological, inter-religious and socio-ethical themes.

Dr. Kezevino Aram, Director of Shanti Ashram and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Dr. Kezevino (Vinu) Aram has been part of interfaith dialogue efforts for the past twenty years. She has led critical child development initiatives globally and across rural India. Together with Shanti Ashram’s partnership platform encompassing 215 partners she is deeply committed to integrated human development initiatives. She founded the International Center of Child and public health in 2016 and through its multiple public health initiatives are currently being implemented for vulnerable children. Deeply committed to the Gandhian spirit, she has received several awards for her work and authored a variety of publications. She serves as a Co-Moderator and Executive Committee Member of Religions for Peace. She is a chairperson of the International Ethics Education Council for Children at Arigatou International. She is a trustee at M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and alumnus and visiting Professor of the Harvard School of Public Health & PSG Institute of Medical Sciences and Research.

Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, Sri Lanka

Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne is the President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement which is Sri Lanka’s largest non-governmental grass roots development organization. Following a unique model based on Buddhist teachings, Sarvodaya Movement serves over 15,000 villages across ethnic and religious communities through an integrated approach to development, peace and reconciliation in Sri Lanka. Dr. Ariyaratne also serves as the Director General of the newly established Sarvodaya Institute of Higher Learning (SIHL). Dr. Ariyaratne is a Medical Doctor by training and a Board-Certified Specialist in Community Medicine. He has been extensively involved in development, humanitarian, health and entrepreneurship programs in Sri Lanka and was the recipient of Social Entrepreneur Award 2014 by the Schwab Foundation/World Economic Forum.

His Eminence Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

H.E. Cardinal Miguel Ángel Ayuso Guixot, has always been active in interreligious dialogue, teaching in both Cairo and Rome as well as writing several notable publications on issues related to Christian-Muslim dialogue. Born in Seville, Spain, on 17 June 1952, Cardinal Ayuso Guixot was ordained a priest in 1980 after joining the Comboni Missionaries, a Catholic Institute of Priests. From 2005 to 2012, he was Director of the same PISAI, until His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as the Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue (PCID) on 30 June 2012. On 19 March 2016 he received the episcopal consecration by His Holiness Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. On 25 May 2019 he was nominated as President of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue by Pope Francis. Cardinal Ayuso Guixot was appointed Cardinal Deacon in the consistory.

Dr. Nezar Bahabri, Director of the internal medicine department at Dr. Soliman Fakeeh Hospital (DSFH), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Nezar Bahabri obtained a medical degree in 1998, while attending the College of Medicine at King Faisal University in Dammam, Saudi Arabia, before moving to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada to receive his certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) in 2007, this was followed by a fellowship program at the Royal College of Physicians of Canada in 2008, which he successfully completed at the same University, where he later acquired his infectious diseases certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine in 2010. Prior to joining DSFH, Dr. Bahabri used to serve as a consultant in internal medicine & infectious diseases at the internal medicine department at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 2010 to 2013.

Ms. Kiran Bali, MBE, JP, Chair of the URI Global Council of Trustees

Ms. Kiran Bali, MBE, JP is a remarkable global organizational leader and spokesperson in areas of interfaith understanding, environmental justice, women's empowerment, and peacebuilding through selfless service and multidisciplinary approaches. Kiran was honoured by HM Queen Elizabeth II with the Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire accolade in 2008 and has received a number of international awards for her achievements. Tackling climate change through advocacy and empowering grassroots communities with knowledge, she launched the Hindu declaration on climate change in India and spoke at the launch of the inter-faith declaration on climate change in New York. As a UK magistrate, Kiran underpins all her initiatives with the principles of social justice, compassion and equity toward creating safer, healthier and stronger inclusive communities.

Dr. Hanan H. Balkhy, Executive Director of Infection Prevention & Control, Ministry of National Guard Health Affairs, KAMC-Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dr. Hanan H. Balkhy is an Assistant Director General of Antimicrobial Resistance at WHO. Prior to her appointment with WHO, she was the Executive Director, Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) at the Ministry of National Guard. She also led the establishment of the infectious diseases research department at King Abdulla International Research Centre at King Saud bin Abdulaziz University for Health Sciences in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Balkhy runs the WHO Collaborating Centre for IPC and anti-microbial resistance (AMR) and the Gulf Cooperation Council Center for infection control. She is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Infection and Public Health and has over 200 publications in peer-reviewed journals. She is a member of the WHO Global unit for IPC, and has served on many WHO committees including: the Advisory Group on Integrated Surveillance and Antimicrobial Resistance, the Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance, the International Health Regulations review committee and the most recent Interagency Coordination Group committee for AMR.

Prof. Tom Banchoff, Vice President for Global Engagement at Georgetown University

Prof. Thomas Banchoff is Vice President for Global Engagement at Georgetown University and professor in the Department of Government and Walsh School of Foreign Service. He serves as a Senior Fellow in the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, which he led as founding director from 2006 to 2017. Banchoff's scholarship centers on ethical and religious issues in world politics. His most recent books are *The Jesuits* and

Globalization: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Challenges (Georgetown University Press, 2016), co-authored by the Berkley Center's José Casanova, and Embryo Politics: Ethics and Policy in Atlantic Democracies (Cornell University Press, 2011).

His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Orthodox Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

Born Demetrios Arhondonis in 1940 on the island of Imvros (today, Gökçeada, Turkey), **His All-Holiness Bartholomew** was elected in October 1991 as the 270th Archbishop of the 2000-year-old Church founded by the Apostle Andrew. A citizen of Turkey, the Ecumenical Patriarch was ordained to the Diaconate in 1961 and to the Priesthood in 1969. He has exchanged numerous invitations of Church and state dignitaries and has been invited to speak at the European Parliament, the United Nations, UNESCO, and the World Economic Forum. His efforts to promote religious freedom and human rights and his initiatives to advance religious tolerance among the world's religions, together with his work toward international peace and environmental protection, have justly placed him at the forefront of global visionaries as an apostle of love, peace and reconciliation.

Prof. Ursula Basset, Professor at Pontificia Universidad Católica, Argentina

Prof. Ursula Cristina Basset is a lawyer, with a PhD in Juridical Sciences. Prof. Basset is a Professor and Researcher at Pontificia Universidad Católica and Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires. She is the Director of the Postgraduate Career in Family Law (Universidad Católica de Salta); a member of the Directive Board of the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family; a member of the Executive Board of the International Society of Family Law; a member of the Institute of Bioethics of the National Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (Buenos Aires, Argentina); a member of the Subcomission of Reform of the Civil Code (Argentina); and is the author of several publications in Family Law and Bioethics.

Elder David A. Bednar, Quorum of Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Elder David A. Bednar was ordained and set apart as a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 7 October 2004. Elder Bednar was born on 15 June 1952, in Oakland, California. He served as a full-time missionary in Southern Germany and then attended Brigham Young University, where he received a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. He also received a Doctoral Degree in Organizational Behaviour from Purdue University. After completing his education, Elder Bednar was a Professor of Business Management at Texas Tech University and at the University of Arkansas. He then served as the President of Brigham Young University–Idaho from 1997-2004. Elder Bednar married Susan Kae Robinson in the Salt Lake Temple on 20 March 1975, and they are the parents of three sons.

Dr. Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Regional Director for Africa at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

Dr. Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo has a wealth of experience in international development and over 24 years of experience of environmental projects and programmes management. Prior to her appointment at UNEP, Ms. Biao has been with the Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) where she was the Director of Programmes. She also worked for the Canadian Centre for International Studies (CECI) as Regional Director for Africa. Ms. Biao has worked with a wide range of international organizations, including the UN agencies and leading international institutions working in environment, addressing sustainable development and poverty reduction. She has been involved in multi-country project design, development, management and resource mobilization in numerous countries within Western, Southern, Eastern, and Central Africa. In 2007, she was appointed as Minister of Environment and Nature Protection for the government of Benin. Ms. Biao holds an M.Sc. in Forestry economics, a PhD in Public Policy and Administration, and a certificate in Renewable Energy.

H.E. Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah, President of Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies

H.E. Sheikh Abdallah Bin Bayyah is recognised by Muslim scholars around the world as one of the greatest living authorities on the Islamic legal methodology known as Usul al-Fiqh (Principles of Jurisprudence). He is known for his scholarship drawing on scripture and traditional texts across all four major Sunni schools of jurisprudence to address the crucial contemporary concerns of Muslim communities. The Shaykh has developed theories of Islamic jurisprudence in non-Muslim societies, called the Jurisprudence of Minorities (*fiqh al-aqalliyyat*). He is an outspoken critic of terrorism, authoring several articles and books exploring Islamic responses to the issue. The

Shaykh's work is focused on addressing some of the most pressing issues facing global Islam. In 2014, the Shaykh established the Forum for Promoting Peace in Abu Dhabi, under the patronage of Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed, the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates.

H.E. Faisal bin Muaammar, Secretary General of The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

H.E. Faisal bin Muaammar is currently founder and Secretary General of two organizations focused on enhancing understanding and knowledge: the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) in Vienna, and the King Abdulaziz Public Library (KAPL) in Riyadh. H.E. Mr. Bin Muaammar is also Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques. His senior positions in the Saudi Arabian administration have included Vice Minister of Education, Advisor to the Royal Court of then-Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and Deputy of the National Guard for Cultural and Educational Affairs.

H.E. Amb. Ramón Blecua, Ambassador at Large for Mediation and Intercultural Dialogue of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain

H.E. Amb. Ramon Blecua is the EU Ambassador to Iraq. Previously he was Deputy Head of Mission in the Spanish Embassy in New Delhi. He held several postings in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassies of Spain in Ghana, Indonesia, Egypt and Guatemala from 1988 to 1996, as well as subsequent postings including Chief of Cabinet of the Director of the Cervantes Institute, Deputy Head of Mission in Tehran, Deputy Consul General in Buenos Aires and Cultural Counsellor in Cairo. He was Spanish Representative to the Palestinian/Israeli peace negotiations in Cairo from 1992 to 1995 and he participated in the International Commission on Security Sector Reform of Guatemala as Cooperation Aid Coordinator for the implementation of the peace agreements. He is a frequent speaker at institutes and universities worldwide and has published articles and essays on international relations, development cooperation and cultural diplomacy.

H.E. Rev. Kjell Magne Bondevik, former Prime Minister of Norway and Founder and Executive Chair of the Oslo Center

H.E. Rev. Kjell Magne Bondevik became a theological candidate from the MF Norwegian School of Theology in 1975 and was ordained as pastor in the Church of Norway four years later. In 1997 Rev. Bondevik became Prime Minister of Norway and maintained that position until March of 2000. Again, in October of 2001, he would serve as Prime Minister until 2005. Before the 2005 elections Rev. Bondevik declined re-nomination and left Norwegian politics. Although Rev. Bondevik left the Norwegian political stage in 2005 he continued to stay active in the public realm. In 2006 he initiated the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights, an independent non-profit foundation. At the same time, he began serving as the UN special envoy for the humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa. In 2007 he was elected moderator of the World Council of Churches' Commission on International Affairs, representing the Church of Norway.

Prof. Patrice Brodeur, Senior Advisor at The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Prof. Patrice Brodeur is Senior Adviser at the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) and Associate Professor at the Institute of Religious Studies, University of Montreal (Canada). He received a B.A (Religious Studies) and M.A. (Islamic Studies) from McGill University (Canada), as well as an A.M. and Ph.D. (Comparative Religions: Islam and Judaism) from Harvard University (USA). He also studied two years at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and one year at the University of Jordan. From 2005 to 2015, he had a Junior Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism and Globalization at the University of Montreal, leading an interdisciplinary research team on contemporary Islamic thought as well as on various forms of dialogue.

Prof. Pablo Canziani, Professor of Environmental Science at the National Technological University, Regional College Buenos Aires, Argentina, and member of the Commission "Justice and Peace" of the Catholic Church in Argentina

Prof. Pablo Canziani is an atmospheric scientist who had been tapped by Cardinal Bergoglio to help the Argentinian Church better engage environmental issues. An active Catholic, he possesses a masters and PhD from the University of Buenos Aires and a NASA post-doc at the University of Washington, Seattle. Dr. Canziani is a member of the Argentinian National Research Council and currently working in applied climate change studies. He is the co-founder of the Global Catholic Climate Movement of the Regional Center for Climate Change and

Policy-Making, UNESCO, as well as a member of the Argentina Academy of Environmental Sciences and the newly created network of Argentinian lay citizens. In this latter role he is working on the creation of a professional solidarity group for the environment and development. He is currently a member of the National Committee for Justice and Peace of the Argentinian Conference of Bishops.

Rev. Prof. James Christie, Ambassador-at-Large of the Canadian Multifaith Federation and Professor of Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue at the University of Winnipeg's Global College

Dr. James Christie is Professor of Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue Theology; former Dean of the Faculty of Theology of The University of Winnipeg; a life-long ecumenist; and a pioneer in Dialogue theology. In July of 2010, he was appointed Director of the Ridd Institute for Religion and Global Policy in the Global College of The University of Winnipeg. A bilingual native of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Quebec, In the wider church, Dr. Christie has held several senior positions, including Chairperson of the Presbytery of York, President of Toronto Conference and Interim General Secretary for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue for the United Church of Canada. He has represented the United Church on the Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches, was a long-time director of both the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto and the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of the National Capital Region.

Mr. Somboon (Moo) Chungprampree, Executive Secretary of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB)

Mr. Somboon Chungprampree (Moo), is a Thai social activist working for Peace and Justice in Asia. Moo's activism began as a university student involved in movements which focused on Environmental Justice. He is a civic leader and serves on the Board of a number of international and national foundations. Since 1997, he has held different positions with key Thai and Asia regional and international civil society organizations. They include Sathirakoses-Nagapradipa Foundation (SNF), a Thai NGO established in 1968, Spirit in Education Movement (SEM), focusing on empowering civil society in Burma, Laos PDR, Cambodia, and Thailand, School for Well-being Studies and Research, and Wongsanit Ashram. He has served as Executive Secretary of the International Network of Engaged Buddhists (INEB) since 2010. He is the editor of the Seeds of Peace journal issued three times a year.

Ms. Simona Cruciani, Political Affairs Officer at the UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

Ms. Simona Cruciani serves as a Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect (OSAPG) where she is the focal point for the implementation of the UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech and runs the Global Programme with Religious Leaders on Preventing Incitement to Violence that could Lead to Atrocity Crimes. Before joining the OSAPG, Simona served in United Nations field operations, from 2004 to 2006 in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Burundi as an Electoral and Civil Affairs Officer, and from 2006 to 2008 at the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan as a Civil Affairs Officer. Simona's focus has primarily been on preventing and responding to atrocity crimes as well as supporting human security, democratization and human rights in conflict and post-conflict situations. Simona holds master's degrees in Contemporary History, International Affairs and Public Health.

Rev. Prof. Fadi Daou, Chairperson and CEO of Adyan Foundation

Rev. Prof. Fadi Daou is the CEO of Adyan Foundation. He holds a PHD in Theology and an MA in Political Philosophy, accompanied by an extensive research and publication activity in Religions, Citizenship, and Diversity education. He chaired in Lebanon the Educational Public Policy Reform: "National Strategy for Citizenship and Coexistence Education" (2012-2017), implemented by Adyan Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. Under Fadi Daou leadership, Adyan's successful work has been recognized in 2018 by the prestigious Niwano International Peace Prize Award.

Mr. Hani Dawah, Deputy of Media Senior Advisor to Egypt's Mufti; member at the Executive Committee at Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation among Religious Institutions in the Arab World and KAICIID Fellow

Mr. Hani Dawah is Deputy of Media Senior Advisor to Egypt's Mufti and a member of the Executive Committee at the Platform for Dialogue and Cooperation among Religious Institutions in the Arab World. Hani is the editor-

in-chief of “Bridges” and “Da’am” magazines, monthly issued by the General Secretariat for Fatwa Authorities Worldwide. In 2014, he was assigned as a member of the “Committee of Fifty” that was commissioned for making constitutional amendments in Egypt’s constitution back in 2012. He is KAICIID Fellow (2017) and a prolific writer in many Egyptian and Arab newspapers.

Chief Rabbi Itzhak Dayan, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community (CIG) in Geneva

Chief Rabbi Itzhak Dayan was born in Morocco and is currently Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community in Geneva since 2002 and is the former Chief Rabbi of Thessaloniki (Greece). He is a member of the Council of European Rabbis (CER), the Interreligious Platform of Geneva and is actively in dialogue between Jews and Christians. He is a former assistant professor and researcher in the Faculty of Agriculture at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His background was in the pharmaceutical area, as he holds a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the Weizmann Institute in Israel. He speaks French, English, Hebrew, Greek and Arabic.

Mr. Jean-Francois de Lavison, President and Founder of Ahimsa Fund

Mr. Jean-François de Lavison launched Ahimsa Partners in January 2010, which proposes innovative partnerships in the field of global health by engaging various stakeholders (Private and Public sectors, International Organizations, Foundations, Academies, Civil Society, NGOs,) throughout the world. Jean-François is also the founder and President of Ahimsa Fund, a non-profit organization (endowment fund) whose objective is to make good health contagious, through innovative business and financial models. Ahimsa Fund focuses on the world’s most underprivileged populations and develops realistic, innovative, cost-effective and replicable public health initiatives with the empowerment of the local population to improve health access, engaging the faith inspired communities around the world. Previously, Jean-François worked in the healthcare industry, holding various international positions and participating in the Mérieux Group’s international expansion. He was also Treasurer of Foundation Mérieux and has been elected President of the European Diagnostic Manufacturers Association (EDMA) and President of the humanitarian French NGO: Bioforce.

H.E. Adama Dieng, Former UN Special Adviser of the Secretary-General of Genocide Prevention

H.E. Adama Dieng is a former UN Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide, and former board member of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and a former registrar of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Adama Dieng holds degrees in Law from Dakar University (CFPA) and in International Law from the Research Centre of The Hague Academy of International Law. He held several positions before becoming registrar of the Supreme Court of Senegal and, from 1976 to 1982. He then served as Legal Officer of Africa for the International Commission of Jurists from 1982 to 1989, Executive Secretary (1989-1990) and Secretary-General from October 1990 to May 2000. He is a council member of the Observatoire Panafricain de la Démocratie, a member of the executive committee of Africa Leadership Forum and a board member of the International Institute of Human Rights.

Dr. Ganoune Diop, Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Maryland

Dr. Ganoune Diop is Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Before his election in July 2015 at the 60th General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas, he served as the church’s liaison to the United Nations in New York and Geneva, and as its representative within the international community of civic and political leaders. Dr. Diop’s passion for God has led him to extensive theological, philosophical, and literary studies. Dr. Diop has a PhD in Old Testament Studies from Andrews University. He is currently a PhD candidate in New Testament Studies. Most recently he was honoured with a Doctorate Honoris Causa, granted for his contributions to developing a global culture of human rights and respect for human dignity. Dr. Diop is also an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, and has served as a local church pastor.

Dr. Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović, Project Manager of Network for Dialogue, KAICIID Fellow

Dr. Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović is the Project Manager of the Network for Dialogue, where she coordinates and manages a Network of European grassroots dialogue organizations who work in the field of social inclusion and integration. She is also a senior research fellow at the Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of

Sciences and Arts. Aleksandra holds a master's degree in political sciences (2008) as well as a PhD in Ethnology and Anthropology (2012) from the University of Belgrade, Serbia. Her academic research has been primarily focused on the anthropology of religion, Church history, religion and migration, and contemporary evangelical movements in Serbia and Romania. She has published academic papers in various languages, edited volumes, and participated in numerous workshops and conferences worldwide. Aleksandra has several years' experience working and researching in multiethnic, multiconfessional, and multilingual Christian communities in the Balkans.

Ms. Bani Dugal, Chairperson of the UN task force on engagement with faith-based organizations

Ms. Bani Dugal is the Principal Representative of the Baha'i International Community to the United Nations. She is Vice Chair of the Steering Committee of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council, Co-Chair of the Multi Faith Advisory Council to the UN Inter Agency Task Force for Religion and Development and a co-president and member of the World Council of Religions for Peace. She previously served as President of the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Co-Facilitator of the UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign, Co-Facilitator of the Faith and Feminism Working Group, Chair of the Global Forum of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, amongst many positions she has held at the UN in NY. Ms. Dugal holds a Masters (LL.M) in Environmental Law from Pace University, NY. She has practiced law before the Supreme Court of India.

Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr., President of the G20 Interfaith Forum Association

Prof. W. Cole Durham, Jr., is the immediate past President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) and, among other positions, the Founding Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University. He has been heavily involved in comparative law scholarship, with a special emphasis on comparative constitutional law. He has been particularly active in matters involving relations between religion and state, and he has extensive experience with comparative criminal law and nonprofit law. He also played an active role in advising governments on constitutional provisions and legislation including the law of associations, particularly religious associations.

Dr. Mohamed Elsanousi, Executive Director of the Network for Traditional and Religious Peacemakers

Dr. Mohamed Elsanousi is the Executive Director of the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers, a global network that builds bridges between grassroots peacemakers and global players to work towards sustainable peace. Prior to this position, Dr. Elsanousi was the director of Interfaith and Government Relations for the Islamic Society of North America. He also served on the Taskforce for the U.S. Department of State's working group on Religion and Foreign Policy in which he was charged with making recommendations to the Secretary of State and the Federal Advisory Commission on how the US government can better engage with civil society and religious actors. Dr. Elsanousi holds a bachelor's degree in Shariah and Law, a Master of Laws and a PhD in Law and Society from the Indiana University School of Law.

His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis of France, Exarch of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Over the past 14 years, as president of the Orthodox Episcopal Assembly in France, **His Eminence Metropolitan Emmanuel** of France has tirelessly encouraged inter-orthodox as well as interreligious dialogue and cooperation. He is Co-President of the Council of Christian Churches of France, as well as Co-President of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP). Metropolitan Emmanuel has been a Member of the Central Committee of CEC since 2003 and a Board Member of The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) since 2012. He has been named "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" in France, among other Church and State distinctions, for his services representing the Ecumenical Patriarchate to other faiths, and to the European Union.

Mr. Claudio Gregorio Epelman, Executive Director of the Latin American Jewish Congress

Mr. Claudio Epelman is the Executive Director of the Latin American Jewish Congress, regional branch of the World Jewish Congress, & Representative to the Holy See and Commissioner for Interreligious Dialogue of the World Jewish Congress. Epelman represents Jewish communities from Latin America in meetings with Heads of States and international organizations. Epelman is Member of the Advisory Council, King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID), Co-President of the International

Council of Religions for Peace and Vice Moderator of the Latin American Council of Religious Leaders of the World Conference of Religions for Peace. He is very committed to inter-faith initiatives both promoting Jewish and Muslim dialogue, and building bridges with the Catholic community. His work in interreligious dialogue was recognized by the Argentine government in 2007.

Sister Sharon Eubank, LDS Charities and Relief Society Presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

After federal government and small business experience, **Ms. Sharon Eubank** joined LDS Charities in 1998. She worked to establish 17 international employment offices helping women entrepreneurs in small businesses. In 2011, Ms. Eubank was appointed the director of LDS Charities' worldwide operations. She implemented practical improvements that sourced supplies from local markets, expanded a qualified volunteer base, cooperated more closely with other faith based organizations, and strategically partnered with global organizations on chronic issues such as maternal and newborn survival, education for displaced children, and cyclical famine related disasters. In addition to her work at LDS Charities, Ms. Eubank was asked in 2017 to serve in the general presidency of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' women's organization called Relief Society. In this capacity, she helps provide leadership and resource for 7.1 million members in 162 countries.

Amb. David Fernandez Puyana, Permanent Observer at the United Nations University for Peace (UPEACE) to the United Nations in Geneva

Amb. David Fernández Puyana advises the Foundation Peace without Borders. He is a Professor of International Law and European Studies at the Abat Oliba University. He served as legal and diplomatic adviser at the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica to the UN in Geneva and assisted the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the UN Intergovernmental Open Ended Working Group on the right to peace (2013-2015). He was one of the architects of the Declaration on the Right to Peace adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2016, the first UN peace instrument in the XXI century. He obtained the title of Doctor in Law with European Mention by the University of Pompeu Fabra (Spain). He was appointed in 2017 Associate Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Science and in 2019, member of the Club of Rome, for his contribution to humanities, culture and world peace.

Dr. Scherto Gill, Research Fellow at the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace and Visiting Fellow at the School of Education, University of Sussex, UK

Dr. Scherto Gill is Senior Fellow at the GHFP Research Institute, Visiting Fellow at the University of Sussex, Research Fellow at University of Wales, and Fellow of Royal Society of the Arts (FRSA). Through academic research and grassroots projects, Scherto actively explores ways to implement ideas such as deep dialogue, ethics of caring, holistic well-being and harmony in social transformation and peace. She writes in the fields of education, ethics, and governance. Her most recent books include: *Happiness, Flourishing and the Good Life: A Transformative Vision of Human Well-Being* (Routledge), *Understanding Peace Holistically* (Peter Lang), *Beyond the Tyranny of Testing* (Oxford University Press), *Ethical Education: Towards an Ecology of Human Development* (Cambridge University Press); and *Being Peace and Making Peace* (Spirit of Humanity Press).

Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, President of the Conference of European Rabbis

Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt, who was born in Zurich, Switzerland, has been the Chief Rabbi of Moscow since 1993. He is the spiritual leader of the central synagogue of Moscow and heads the rabbinical court of the CIS. In 1990 he created the guidelines in conjunction with the Israeli Ministry of Interior to reconfirm Jews who have hidden their Jewish identity during Soviet times. Goldschmidt also represents the Russian Jewish community politically and has addressed among others the EU Parliament, The Israeli Knesset, Oxford University, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on anti-Semitism, and Harvard University, discussing the state of the Jewish Community, and the threats of anti-Semitism. He also leads the Conference of European Rabbis, the rabbinical umbrella group of Europe as the chairman of the Standing Committee.

H.E. Grand Mufti Dr. Nedzad Grabus, Mufti of the Islamic Community in Slovenia

H.E. Grand Mufti Nedzad Grabus holds the position of Mufti of the Islamic Community in Slovenia. He is a Professor of Theology at the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was the editor of the first interreligious programme in Sarajevo that covered both Islamic and Christian issues. Dr. Grabus is a

member of the editorial board of the journal for Ecumenical Theology and Interreligious Dialogue “Unity and Dialogue” of the Institute for Ecumenical Theology and Interreligious Dialogue in Maribor, Slovenia. He is vice president of ECRL, as well as Co-President of the Muslim-Jewish Leadership Council. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of Religions for Peace.

H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar, President of the Islamic Development Bank Group

Dr. Bandar Hajjar assumed presidency of the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group on October 1, 2016. Through his strategic programme, the IsDB is empowering people for a sustainable future by building global partnerships and driving innovation through a value chain approach to development. Dr. Bandar is also consolidating the bank’s position as a global leader in Islamic finance and the largest issuers of Sukuk. Dr. Bandar Hajjar is also the current chairperson of the Heads of MDBs Meetings for the year 2020 which is a regional and international dialogue platform of eleven multilateral development banks and the International Monetary Fund. H.E. Dr. Bandar Hajjar holds a bachelor’s degree with First-Class Honours in Economics and Political Sciences from King Saud University, Riyadh, a master’s degree in Economics from Indiana University, USA, and a PhD in Economics from Loughborough University in the United Kingdom.

Prof. Lara Hanna-Wakim, Vice-Director of the Higher Center for Research at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik-Lebanon, and Regional Coordinator of Faith for Earth Initiative (UNEP)

Prof. Lara Hanna-Wakim, Vice-Director of the Higher Center for Research at USEK, is the Regional Coordinator for the “Faith for Earth Initiative” at UNEP, and the National Contact Point for “Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials” for the EU Commission within Horizon 2020 Framework Programs. Prof. Hanna-Wakim was honored, at the Lebanese Parliament, as Women Leader in Lebanese Universities and Research Pioneers, by the National Initiative for the Centennial of Greater Lebanon, and by the Lebanese Minister of Agriculture to acknowledge her major accomplishments and outstanding leadership and performance. She holds a PhD in Food Process Engineering from AgroParis Tech (France), an MS in Quality Assurance from INAP-G (France), an Agricultural Engineering Diploma from USEK (Lebanon), an MS in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education from Norwich University (USA) and an MA/PG Diploma in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education from University of Chester (UK).

Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director of GreenFaith

Rev. Fletcher Harper, an Episcopal priest, has been Executive Director of GreenFaith, an international interfaith environmental organization, since 2002. An award-winning spiritual writer and widely-recognized preacher on the environment, he has developed a range of innovative programs to make GreenFaith an international leader in the religious-environmental movement. He led multi-faith organizing for the 2014 and 2017 Peoples Climate Marches, played a lead role in the faith-based fossil fuel divestment movement, and coordinated the development of GreenFaith’s international work. Rev. Harper is a graduate of Princeton University and Union Theological Seminary. He served as a parish priest for ten years prior to joining GreenFaith. He accepted GreenFaith’s ‘Many Faith’s, one Earth’ Award from UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in 2009 and was named an Ashoka Fellow in 2011. He is the author of *GreenFaith: Mobilizing God’s People to Protect the Earth* (Abingdon Press, March 2015).

Rev. Susan Hayward, Senior Advisor for religion and inclusive societies at the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP)

Rev. Susan Hayward is a Senior Advisor for religion and inclusive societies at the U.S. Institute of Peace. Hayward leads the Institute’s efforts to understand religious dimensions of conflict and engage religious actors and organizations in peacebuilding. Since joining the Institute in 2007, her field work has focused on Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Colombia and Iraq. She co-edited a book on the topic: *Women, Religion and Peacebuilding: Illuminating the Unseen*. Her research interests include interfaith engagement in the midst of political violence, political Buddhism, and the role of religion in hampering and propelling women’s work for peace and justice. She serves on the selection committee for international awards recognising religious peacebuilders, including with the Niwano Foundation and the Tanenbaum Center; as an Academic Adviser for the Transatlantic Policy Network for Religion and Diplomacy; and as a member of the U.S. State Department’s Religion and Foreign Policy Civil Society Working Group.

Ms. Sarah Hess, Technical Officer on High Impact Events Preparedness at WHO

Ms. Sarah Hess is a public health expert skilled in Global Public Health, Global Health Policy, Health Emergency Preparedness, Infectious Diseases, Community Engagement, and Communication. She has been serving with the World Health Organization (WHO) since 2014 as a Technical Officer in the HIV and hepatitis Department and since 2018 with the Health Emergencies Programme on high Impact Events Preparedness. Sarah works in the risk communication and community engagement pillar of the COVID-19 response, leading partnerships and community empowerment.

Chief Rabbi Schlomo Hofmeister, Chief Rabbi of the Jewish Community in Vienna, Austria

Chief Rabbi Schlomo Hofmeister has been the Community Rabbi of Vienna since 2008. He has received various rabbinic ordinations in different theoretical as well as practical areas of Jewish Law from some of the most prominent rabbinic authorities of the 20th century as well as a Master of Science degree from the London School of Economic and Political Sciences (LSE). He is a Board Member of the Conference of European Rabbis (CER); the President of the Union of Mohalim in Europe (UME); the Chief Rabbi of Lower Austria, Burgenland, Styria and Carinthia; the Secretary General of the Rabbinical Court of Austria and also the highest rabbinic representative of the Jewish Community of Austria in all interreligious and socio-political matters.

Prof. Samia Huq, Associate Professor and Interim Dean School of Humanities and Social Science at BRACU University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Prof. Samia Huq is an anthropologist and Associate Professor at the Department of Economics and Social Science and Dean of General Education at BRAC University, Dhaka. She obtained her PhD from Brandeis University, USA, looking at women's religious discussion groups in urban Bangladesh. Dr. Huq is also Research Fellow at the Center for Peace and Justice (CPJ) at Brac University where she runs the project on Faith and Development in collaboration with the World Faiths Development Dialogue at Georgetown University. As part of the project, Dr Huq is exploring the intersection of faith and development around questions of education, gender equality and aspirations of the youth, and facilitating dialogues between faith inspired and secular development actors on these issues. She is author of several peer reviewed journal articles, book chapters and currently working on her monograph on women, Islam and modernity in Bangladesh.

Mr. Kevin Hyland, former United Kingdom's first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner

Following 30 years in policing, including leading London's Human Trafficking Unit, in 2014 **Mr. Kevin Hyland OBE** was appointed as the UK's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner serving with distinction until 2018. He was instrumental in the establishment and remains chief advisor to the Santa Marta Group, a high-level partnership between law enforcement agencies, faith groups and civil society launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican in 2014. He leads several international anti trafficking projects chairing the Responsible Recruitment Group of the Institute of Human Rights and Business and the Island of Ireland Human Trafficking Project and provides strategic leadership to the OSCE in producing global victim support guidance. He is the recipient of numerous awards including at UN level for his work in human rights and equality and in 2018 was the co-recipient of the Holy See UN 'Path to Peace Award.'

H.E. Amb. Teresa Indjein, Director General for International Cultural Relations of the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria

Amb. Dr. Teresa Indjein, lawyer and diplomat, joined the Austrian Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1992 and has headed the Culture Section at the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Austria since 2016. She has been a cultural attaché in Washington and headed the Kulturforum in Berlin from 2002 to 2008. Ambassador Indjein studied law, music and languages. As the head of the Cultural Policy Section of the Foreign Ministry, she is the home base and head of official worldwide cultural activities in Austria.

Msgr. David-Maria A. Jaeger OFM, Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome

Msgr. David-Maria Jaeger, OFM, JCD, is a Prelate Auditor (Judge) of the Roman Rota, a top papal law court, and an ordained Catholic priest. Born to Jewish parents in Israel, he has worked to improve Catholic-Jewish relations

around the world. Msgr. Jaeger was a Vatican negotiator on the Fundamental Agreement between the Holy See and the State of Israel (1993). He is Professor of Canon Law at the Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome.

H.E. Aksel Jakobsen, State Secretary and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway

H.E. Aksel Jakobsen is State Secretary of International Development for the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to taking up his current post, he worked as an advisor to GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and he has previously acted as senior policy advisor to the Christian Democratic Party's Parliamentary group and as political advisor to the former Minister of Health and the Minister of Labour. He serves as member of the Board of the Norwegian think tank "Skaperkraft", which aims to stimulate reflection and engagement around societal challenges. Jakobsen has a law degree from the University of Tromsø.

Ms. Nayana Jayarajan, The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Ms. Nayana Jayarajan is Deputy Director of Communications at KAICIID. A former journalist, she has spent over a decade leveraging strategic communications for advocacy around human rights and the public good; from campaigning for climate change policy for Greenpeace, to advocating for press freedom and digital rights at the Emmy-award winning International Press Institute. She has previously worked as a reporter with India's national newspaper, the Hindu, and as a news producer for global news network CNBC, and currently contributes columns and opinion pieces to a number of leading publications. Her work as a journalist and researcher has been cited and published by international media organizations including Reuters, AFP, The Hindu (India), The New Indian Express, GlobalPost, and the Guardian (UK). At KAICIID, Nayana leads the team responsible for communicating the work of the organization to the wider world through website, social media, publications, multimedia, and other means.

Ms. Ana Jimenez, Political Advisor at United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

Ms. Ana Jimenez is a career diplomat from Spain with extensive experience in the work of the United Nations both as a First Secretary and Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN in NY (2001-2006 and 2008-2013) and as a UN staff member in the Department of Political Affairs (1999-2001 and 2007-2008), the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (2014-February 2019) and in her current position as Political Advisor to the High Representative of the United Alliance of Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Miguel Angel Moratinos. During her ten-year tenure at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN in NY, she acquired considerable negotiating and consensus-building expertise through my participation in numerous intergovernmental processes in the UN General Assembly and UN Security Council.

Dr. S. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana, Research Affiliate at Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University

Dr. S. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana is a Research Affiliate at Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University. She also served as the Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Georgetown University's MA Program in Conflict Resolution and as the Associate Director at Salam Institute for Peace and Justice. Her experience includes research, programming in conflict resolution and development in the MENA region, intergroup and interfaith mediation and dialogue facilitation, gender-responsive programming, and evaluation and monitoring. She is the author of "Standing on an Isthmus: Islamic Narratives of War and Peace in the Palestinian Territories" and co-author of "Anthology on Islam and Peace and Conflict Resolution in Islam: Precept and Practice," and "On the Significance of Religion in Conflict and Conflict Resolution" in the Religion Matters Book Series.

Rabbi Naomi Kalish, Harold and Carole Wolfe Director of the Center for Pastoral Education; KAICIID Fellow

Rabbi Naomi Kalish teaches students and religious leaders pastoral care and counseling at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City. Prior, she worked as a hospital chaplain at New York–Presbyterian Hospital (NYP). She is an Adjunct Lecturer at Columbia University where she teaches "Spirituality and Healthcare" to medical, nursing, public health and other healthcare students about the significance of religion and spirituality in illness, healing, hospitalization, death and dying, and bereavement. She was a founding national co-chair of the Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom's Sadaqah-Tzedakah Day in the United States. She has focused on developing an

interfaith calendar and programming for youth in interreligious dialogue. Rabbi Kalish is a doctoral candidate in Education and Jewish Studies at New York University and is writing a history of the Jewish entry into the field of chaplaincy education as part of a broader exploration of the teaching of multifaith chaplaincy.

Prof. Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace

Prof. Dr. Azza Karam serves as the Secretary General of Religions for Peace – the largest multireligious leadership platform with 90 national and 6 regional Interreligious Councils. She also holds a Professorship of Religion and Development at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, in The Netherlands – of which she is a citizen. She served as a Senior Advisor on Culture, at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and as Coordinator/Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development; where she coordinated engagement with members of a Global Interfaith Network for Population and Development with over 600 faith-based organizations from all regions of the world, representing all religions and interreligious affiliation. She is the Lead Facilitator for the United Nations’ Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development and Diplomacy, building on a legacy of serving as a trainer cum facilitator of intercultural leadership and management.

Dr. Pritpal Kaur Ahluwalia, Education Director at the Sikh Coalition and Co-President at Religions for Peace

Dr. Pritpal Kaur holds a PhD in Sikh Studies from the University of Birmingham’s Department of Theology and Religion (UK). Her thesis focussed on the 1925 Gurdwaras Act and analysed models of religious leadership in the Sikh Dharam. She was one of the inaugural Faiths Act Fellows for an interfaith program run by the Tony Blair Faith Foundation and the Interfaith Youth Core, which harnessed interfaith action towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals. She is currently a World Council member for Religions for Peace. Pritpal Kaur was a Faith Coordinator for developing and implementing a values based curriculum at the Nishkam School Trust before moving to the US where she now serves as Education Director at the Sikh Coalition, the largest Sikh civil rights organization in North America. As Education Director, she oversees the educational endeavours of the Sikh Coalition, including reviewing and creating educational content and resources about Sikhs.

Rev. Victor Kazanjian, Executive Director of United Religions Initiative (URI)

The Rev. Victor H. Kazanjian Jr. is Executive Director of the United Religions Initiative (URI). Rev. Kazanjian served as the Dean of Intercultural Education and Religious and Spiritual Life, co-director of the Peace and Justice Studies Program, and director of the Peace Studies Program in India at Wellesley College, USA. Rev. Kazanjian is also a visiting faculty member and Fulbright Scholar at the Malaviya Center for Peace Research at Banaras Hindu University in Varanasi, India, where he served as Fulbright Professor of Peace & Justice Studies. Specialising in interreligious dialogue and conflict transformation, diversity and democracy, and peace building, Rev. Kazanjian is a recognised thought leader and the author and editor of numerous books and articles. He is an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church and was trained as a community organiser working to address the systemic causes of poverty and injustice through the support of religious and community-based groups.

Ms. Audrey Kitagawa, Chair of Board of the Parliament of the World’s Religions

Ms. Audrey E. Kitagawa, JD, is Chair of the Parliament of the World’s Religions, President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family, a UN Representative for United Religions Initiative, and the former Advisor to the Office of the Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict at the United Nations. Next to book chapters, she authored articles include ‘The Role of Identity in the Rise and Decline of Buddhism in Hawaii, the 50th State of the United States of America’, in the Buddhist Journal Sambhod and ‘The Power of Om: Transformation of Consciousness and Practical Spirituality’, in World Affairs: The Journal of International Issues. She has been listed in Who’s Who of American Law, Who’s Who of American Women, Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in the World, and Prominent People of Hawaii.

Dr. Elizabeta Kitanovic, Executive Secretary for Human Rights at the Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Dr. Elizabeta Kitanovic is Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Communication of the Church and Society Commission of CEC in Brussels. She is working as a senior human rights advocate vis-a-vis International Organizations. She is editor of the Human Rights Training Manual for European Churches and is editor and

founder of the first European Churches Human Rights Library and the CSC Annual Report. In 2009/2010 she was a member of the Advisory Panel of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and was again nominated for 2012/2014. Dr. Kitanovic completed her studies in Theology and post-graduate studies in International Affairs of the Political Science Faculty in Belgrade. Prior to her current post she was at first working for the Serbian Orthodox Church and then for the Ministry of Religious Affairs of the Serbian Government as Adviser for Interreligious Affairs and its PR.

H.E. The Most Reverend Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah, Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Sokoto, Nigeria

The Most Rev. Dr. Matthew Hassan Kukah was ordained on December 19, 1976. He was formerly the Secretary General of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Kaduna until he was ordained as Bishop on September 8, 2011. Kukah has served in many presidential initiatives such as the Human Rights Violation Investigation Commission, the Electoral Reform Committee and the National Political Reform Conference. He also served on a Committee set up by the Northern Governors to examine the crisis of Boko Haram. He is Chairman of the Interreligious Dialogue Committees for both the Bishops' Conferences of Nigeria and West Africa and is a Member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Vatican City. He is also founder of the Kukah Centre, a Public Policy Think tank with focus on faith and public policy in Abuja and Kaduna, Nigeria.

Dr. Thomas Lawo, Coordinator and Head of Secretariat a.i. of the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)

Dr. Thomas Lawo is a Senior Advisor for Religion and Sustainable Development at the German Society for International Cooperation (*Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ*), and acting Head of Secretariat Coordinator of the International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) in Bonn, Germany. He holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Sociology and Nutrition Sciences from Bonn University and a doctorate in Nutrition Sciences. He has worked in international development cooperation since 1978, serving as country director for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Myanmar from 2013 until 2015. Prior, he was general secretary and CEO of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), Bonn from 2000-2013 and Director of Misereor (German Catholic Bishops' Human Development Agency) and Head of the Asia Department (1990-1999). From 1985-1990, he was research fellow at the Asian and Pacific Development Centre (APDC) and associate fellow at the Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM).

Ms. Esther Lehmann-Sow, Global Director of Faith & Development at World Vision International

With more than 25 years of field experience working with vulnerable communities and children, **Ms. Esther Lehmann-Sow** has managed country programme offices, led major emergency responses and directed World Vision's work across West and Central Africa. Esther is passionate about the holistic well-being of children, and the role of faith communities in realising this. She has worked in a number of multi-faith settings to test, refine and scale approaches that engage faith communities to promote positive values and behaviours for the most vulnerable children. In her current role, Esther leads World Vision's global work to drive positive change for the world's most vulnerable children by boldly and humbly living out the organisation's Christian faith and calling, and by joining hands with diverse partners. Esther is a German citizen, widowed, mother of three, and currently lives in Dakar, Senegal.

Prof. Jónatas E. M. Machado, Professor of International Public Law and European Union Law at University of Coimbra, Portugal

Prof. Jónatas Machado is an International Law, European Union Law and Tax Law Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra, and Autonomous University of Lisbon, Portugal. He authored several books and law articles on these and other constitutional law topics, such as Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Speech and Media Law. He obtained a Master's degree and a PhD degree writing on Freedom of Religion and Freedom of Expression. He is a legal advisor, a Member of the European Consortium on Church and State Research, a Member of the list of OSCE Conciliators, and a Tax Law Arbitrator in the Center of Administrative Arbitration, Lisbon. Professor Machado is Executive Director of the Human Rights Center of the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra.

The anticorruption principle as a multilevel principle in International, European and Constitutional law is currently an important area of his research and teaching.

Prof. Susanna Mancini, Professor at the Department of Legal Studies at the University of Bologna, Italy

Prof. Susanna Mancini (PhD, European University Institute, 1995; JD, University of Bologna, 1991) holds the Chair of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Bologna School of Law, and is a vice president of the International Association of Constitutional Law. She is interested in exploring how race and gender-related social and cultural constructs have shaped the balance of power and privilege in a liberal society, and in the role of the law in perpetuating and/or combating the marginalization of women and of racial, religious, linguistic and sexual minorities. Her work explores issue of law and religion, reproductive rights, the partnership of feminism and multiculturalism, self-determination and secession.

His Grace Metropolitan Marcos Narouz, The Coptic Orthodox Bishop for the Diocese of Shoubra El Kheima; on behalf of His Holiness Pope Tawadros II Pope of Alexandria and Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria

H.G. Metropolitan Marcos is the Coptic Orthodox Bishop for the Diocese of Shoubra El Kheima. He holds a Bachelor Degree in mechanical engineering from Ain Shams University Cairo and worked as an engineer in the Middle Delta bus company from 1968-1976 before entering into monastic life at Saint Bishoy Monestary in Wadi El Natrun in Northern Egypt. He oversees a Diocese of 400,000 people, including 51 Churches and 165 priests, next to medical centres, kindergartens, senior homes and orphanages.

Prof. Katherine Marshall, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Association, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, and Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD)

Prof. Katherine Marshall has been a leader in developing the G20 Interfaith Forum since 2016. Her work at Georgetown University and WFDD centers on bridging religion and global development to advance sustainable and inclusive development, through research, policy engagement, and teaching. Marshall worked at the World Bank from 1971 to 2006 as a senior manager. As counselor to the President from 2000-2006, she led efforts to engage with religious communities worldwide, with ethics and values as the central focus. She thus brings five decades of operational and research experience in international development in many world regions, notably Africa, Latin America, East Asia, and the Middle East, always focusing on the world's poorest and most vulnerable countries.

Prof. Javier Martinez-Torron, Professor at Complutense University and Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation, Section on Law and Religion and Canon Law, Spain

Prof. Javier Martinez-Torron is a Professor of Law at Complutense University and Vice-President of the Section of Law and Religion and Canon Law of the Spanish Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation. He has been a Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion of Belief (2005-2013), and of the Advisory Commission on Religious Freedom of the Spanish Ministry of Justice (2002-2014). Visiting professor, lecturer and researcher in numerous Universities and institutions in the five continents (among them Stanford, Cambridge, Oxford, Chicago, Columbia, Berkeley, Harvard, Freiburg, Strasbourg, Turin, Messina, Haifa, UNAM (Mexico), and National University of Colombia). His academic work focuses on the legal analysis of freedom of religion or belief, and its interactions with other fundamental rights, from a comparative and international perspective. His writings, published in 23 countries and in 13 languages, include 24 books as author, co-author or editor, and about 130 essays in legal periodicals or collective volumes.

Prof. Alberto Melloni, Professor and UNESCO Chair in Religious Pluralism and Peace at the University of Bologna, Italy

Prof. Alberto Melloni is currently Professor of the History of Christianity at the University of Modena-Reggio Emilia. He is holder of the UNESCO Chair on religious pluralism and peace, he is Director of the Foundation of religious studies in Bologna and Palermo. He is the founder of the European Academy of Religion and the European research Infrastructure Resilience. He is a scholar of Christian institutions and the encounter between confessional and religious diversity. He is member of the Accademia dei Lincei.

Ms. Ruth Messinger, Global Ambassador of the American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

Ms. Ruth W. Messinger is the Global Ambassador of American Jewish World Service, an international human rights and development organization which she ran from 1998-2016. She focuses on teaching leadership and moral courage to current and future clergy and organization administrators and on the group's response to international disasters. Additionally, Messinger does social justice and organizing work with several different non-profit organizations, focused on human rights, voting rights, race equity, immigration and the environment. Previously, Ruth had a twenty-year career in elected office in New York City. She is married to an educator and has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake, Chair of the Board at the International Shinto Studies Association

Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake is a Japanese Shinto priest and scholar. Rev. Miyake was appointed the Superior General of Konko Church of Izu in 2006 and appointed Chair of the Board of International Shinto Studies Association in 2013. For the past 4 decades he has been active worldwide in the interfaith field, such as Religions for Peace (RfP). In 1997 he established RELNET Corporation, whose website publishes widely on religion-related matters in Japanese. He is serving as Chair of the Board of International Shinto Studies Association. Most recently, he led G20 Interfaith Forum 2019 to success as Chair of the Steering Committee.

H.E. Dr. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group

H.E. Dr. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Mohammed served as the Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and efforts to protect the natural environment. Dr. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility of post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Dr. Mohammed has been conferred several honorary doctorates and has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development. The recipient of various global awards, Dr. Mohammed has served on numerous international advisory boards and panels. She is the mother of six children and has two grandchildren.

H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, UN Envoy for Financing for Development

Dr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, is an economist with more than 30 years of experience in international finance and development. He is the United Nations Special Envoy on Financing the 2030 Agenda. He was the former Minister of Investment of Egypt, and most recently, served as the World Bank Group Senior Vice President for the 2030 Development Agenda, United Nations Relations and Partnerships. His roles at the World Bank also included Managing Director, responsible for Human Development, Sustainable Development, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, Finance and Private Sector Development, and the World Bank Institute; World Bank President's Special Envoy on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the Post-2015 Development Agenda (later SDGs), and Financing for Development; and Corporate Secretary and Executive Secretary to the Development Committee of the World Bank Group's Board of Governors. Mr. Mohieldin also served on several Boards of Directors in the Central Bank of Egypt and the corporate sector.

H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)

H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos assumed his post on 7th January 2019. Mr. Moratinos has committed his professional and political career to international relationships and development cooperation, notably as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain from 2004 to 2010. During his tenure as Foreign Minister, Spain presided over the UN Security Council in 2004, held the chairmanships-in-office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and the Council of the European Union. As a true believer in the value of multilateralism, Mr. Moratinos helped in the creation and launching of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations in 2005. Born in 1951, Mr. Moratinos graduated in Law and Political Sciences at the University Complutense in Madrid and then in Diplomatic Studies at the Spanish Diplomatic School.

Mr. Andrew Morley, President and CEO of World Vision International

Mr. Andrew Morley became President of World Vision International on 7 February 2019, having been Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Collaboration Officer from January 2016. Immediately before joining World Vision, he was a partner in a private equity investment group and a Global Trustee at Christian Aid. Prior to this, Andrew held senior roles in Google Mobility Motorola Mobile, Sky Television, Cable and Wireless, Harrods Group and Ford Motor Company. He spent much of his career on international assignments, and has lived and worked in Africa, Australia, France, Germany, Singapore and the United States. Mr. Morley is an ordained minister and serves part-time at Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Church in central London. He holds a BA Honours Degree in Marketing and Business Management from Liverpool John Moore's University and a BA Honours Degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission from Durham University (St. Mellitus).

Prof. Paul Morris, UNESCO Chair in Interreligious Understanding and Relations at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Prof. Paul Morris is Emeritus Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington where he holds the UNESCO Chair in Interreligious Understanding and Relations in New Zealand and the Pacific. He taught at Lancaster University before returning to New Zealand and has held visiting appointments at universities in Australia, USA, France and the UK. Professor Morris is a New Zealand Literature Montana prize winner and received the 2007 International Council of Christians and Jews Gold Medal for Peace through Dialogue (Heppenheim, Germany). His publications also include books and articles on religion in the Pacific, religion and law, theology, citizenship and religion, religion in New Zealand, and religion and poetry.

Ms. Kirsten Laursen Muth, CEO of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI)

Ms. Kirsten Laursen Muth is CEO of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities (JLI), an international collaboration on evidence for the role of faith actors in humanitarianism, development, community engagement and shaping social norms. JLI prioritizes increased access to and use of evidence to advance innovative and effective evidence-based partnerships between secular and faith actors, and fair and equitable partnerships between community-led and global researchers. Previous positions include Special Advisor and Senior Director for International Programs at Episcopal Relief & Development; Deputy Director of Programs at Church World Service; and Deputy Director of Training and Communication Education at Helen Keller International. She is a co-founder of Speak One Voice, a women's leadership movement to end VAWG, and an Advisor to Working for Women, and was formerly Board Vice-Chair of IMA World Health.

H.E. Dr. Hassan Nadhem, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities in Iraq

H.E. Dr. Hassan Nadhem is the Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities in Iraq. He formerly served as the Chairholder for the UNESCO Chair for Interreligious Dialogue Studies in the Islamic World at the University of Kufa, Iraq. As a university professor, he has taught in many institutions and universities across the Arab world and the West: he served as at-distance lecturer and supervisor of the course on Quranic and Hadith Sciences at the Islamic College for Advanced Studies at Middlesex University in London. Dr. Nadhem is a critic and translator; has translated and published more than 20 books; is the founder and editor of a series of books published by the University of Kufa titled *Intellectual Studies*; and is the Editor-in-Chief of Kufa Review.

Prof. Paolo Naso, Professor of Political Science at Università La Sapienza Rome, Italy

Prof. Paolo Naso, born in Palermo, Italy, graduated in Modern History in 1985 at the University of Studies of Milan, with a Dissertation on Modern History. He has been part of the association of journalists since 1992. Paolo has been teaching political science and political journalism at the University La Sapienza in Rome since 2002, where he also has been coordinating the Masters Programme in Religion and Intercultural Mediation since 2010. Since 1989 he has been serving as the Programmes Director at the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy (specifically for the Study Commission and Mediterranean Hope, focusing on the Mediterranean migrations). He was also a consultant for matters concerning multiculturalism at the Municipality of Rome, whereby he had the opportunity to organize and implement a project in 2013 for the Ministry of the Interior on "the promotion of Religious Pluralism".

Prof. Juan G. Navarro Floria, Professor of Law at Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina

Prof. Juan G. Navarro Floria graduated in law from Pontificia Universidad Católica of Argentina, where he teaches civil law, ecclesiastical law, and law and religion in Latin America. He is also a lawyer, litigator, and legal advisor in the fields of law and religion. He was Chief Advisor to the Secretariat of Religious Affairs of the Argentine Government, founder, board member, and past president of the Argentine Council of Religious Freedom (CALIR), and also founder and past-president of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. He is a member of the National Committee "Justicia y Paz" at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Argentina, and founder and member of the Steering Committee of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS–Milan). Publications include books, chapters of books, and articles in scientific reviews in Argentina and other countries in America and Europe.

The Rt Hon Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, House of Lords, UK

Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne is a Peer of the Realm and a member of the House of Lords. She is a member of the Conservative Party and serves as the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Iraq and Turkmenistan. She chairs The Windsor Dialogue on Religious Persecution and its impact on Forced Migration whose major partners are BYU and LDS Charities. Baroness Nicholson served as Vice Chairman of the Conservative Party from 1983 – 1987. She was elected to the House of Commons in 1987 as Member of Parliament and re-elected in 1992. She was appointed to the House of Lords in 1997. In 1999 she was elected as a Member of the European Parliament and re-elected for the same constituency in 2004 – 2009. She is the Founding Chairman of AMAR International which has now grown to become one of the leading charities in the Middle East.

Rev. Kosho Niwano, President-designate of Rissho Kosei-kai; Co-Moderator and Executive Committee Member of Religions for Peace and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Rev. Kosho Niwano, President-designate of Rissho Kosei-kai, a lay Buddhist movement in Japan, is actively engaged in both domestic and international interreligious dialogue and peace activities as a co-moderator of Religions for Peace International, and as a member of the Board of Directors of KAICIID (The King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue). Domestically, she is a board member of Shinshuren (Federation of New Religious Organizations of Japan) as well as of Religions for Peace Japan. She also devotes to studying and practicing the Dharma of the Lotus Sutra and sharing it with members at the worship services, other various gatherings and events. She is now taking a pre-doctoral course on Applied Religious Studies, majoring in interreligious dialogue and cooperation at the Sophia University.

Dr. Amanah Nurish, member of the Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS); KAICIID Fellow

Dr. Amanah Nurish is an anthropologist and KAICIID International fellow cohort 2016. Her specialists are minority religions in Southeast Asia as well as environmental issues linked to religious and ethical values. She is a lecturer at the postgraduate program, University of Indonesia. Dr. Amanah Nurish is currently leading a project on "The Rise of Religious Radicalism in Post-Disaster Regions" sponsored by Indonesian ministry of education. In the past few years, she actively engaged working with international organizations such as USAID on a project of climate change, working with UNDP with a project of violent extremism, and Center for Study of Religion and Conflict – Arizona State University (ASU) as research associate. Along with her academic career, she actively advocates religious minority groups for legal issues and human rights. She wrote books, articles, modules, curriculum, journals, and newspapers from local, national, and international level.

Prof. Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Prof. Michael O'Flaherty is Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights. Previously, Michael O'Flaherty was Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He has served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Member of the UN Human Rights Committee and head of a number of UN Human Rights Field Operations. Michael O'Flaherty has been a member of the UK Foreign Office's advisory bodies on freedom of expression and the prevention of torture and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs' human rights advisory committee. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and has sat on the advisory boards of numerous human rights groups and journals internationally.

H.E. Dr. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, ex-member of the Shura Council in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and former Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and former United Nations Under-Secretary General

Dr. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid is presently the Chair of Women 20, which is one of the civil society Engagement Groups of the G20. She has been recently appointed as a member in the Independent Panel for Pandemic Preparedness and Response, formed by World Health Assembly Resolution WHA73.1 adopted on 19 May 2020. Dr. Obaid was the first Arab woman to head a UN agency. In 1998, she was appointed at the United Nations Population Fund, New York, where she served as the Director, Regional Division for Arab States. And in 2000, she was selected as Executive Director/Under-Secretary General, where she supported the work of governments and civil society organizations from 2001 to 2010. Dr. Obaid is one of the first group of 30 Saudi women appointed by King Abdallah bin Abdulaziz in 2013 as members of the Shura Council (Consultative Council) where she served for four years (2013 – 2016).

Mr. Kevin O'Brien, Executive Director of the Handa Foundation

Mr. Kevin O'Brien studied engineering at Northwestern University and business management at UCLA. During his career in the States he was awarded more than 60 patents related to the design of roller coasters, airplanes, and other mechanical devices. He later built and sold his own technology company, and served as an executive for a large security company, before moving his family to Asia at the age of 40. Over the past eight years he has worked to create financially sustainable facilities in Cambodia and Laos, including two hospitals, eight medical centers, a nursing school, a farm and a sports center. He currently serves as the Country Director of The Handa Foundation.

Imam Yahya Pallavicini, President Comunità Religiosa Islamica Italiana (COREIS) in Italy

Imam Yahya Pallavicini is president of COREIS, the Islamic Religious Community of Italy, one of the principal organisations of institutional representation of Islam in Italy with a vocation for theological training, ecumenism and intercultural education in the West. Yahya has been a member a member of the Italian Minister of the Interior's Council on Islam in Italy since 2005. Moreover, he is a member of the ECRL European Council of Religious Leaders and ISESCO Ambassador for Dialogue among Civilizations. In 2006 Yahya supported the Message of Amman and participated among the 138 Muslim international scholars in A Common Word Initiative. Since 2015, in cooperation with the United Nations, KAICIID and other partners, he has been participating in the writing of a Plan of Action for Religious Leaders to Prevent Incitement to Violence that could lead to Atrocity Crimes. Since 2018 he has been coordinating the Muslim Jewish Leaders Council (MJLC).

H.E. Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict

H.E. Under-Secretary-General Pramila Patten was appointed as the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict in 2017. She was also appointed as Acting Special Adviser on the Prevention of Genocide on 5th August 2020. Prior to this appointment and since 2003, Ms. Patten served as a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). She has been a member of several High-Level Panels and Projects, including the High-Level Advisory Group for the Global Study on the Implementation of UN Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security, and the Advisory Panel for the African Women's Rights Observatory (AWRO) within the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). A national of Mauritius, she has been a practicing lawyer since 1982 and a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

Mr. James Patton, President/CEO of the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy (ICRD)

Mr. James Patton is the President and CEO of The International Center for Religion & Diplomacy. He has conducted international development, conflict transformation and social reconciliation for over two decades, building collaborative networks and programmes with social and political actors in complex conflict environments. His experience includes: assessing the impact of drug policies in Bolivia; training Cambodian Buddhists on post-conflict stability; coordinating citizen security in the Andean region; training religious actors in North Africa on countering violent extremism; and leading stability assessments for the United States

Department of State in South Sudan. He is a Council on Foreign Relations Lifetime Member; Senior Visiting Fellow at Brigham Young University's Wheatley Institution; and co-author, with Rev. David Steele, of the forthcoming U.S. Institute of Peace publication, *Religion and Conflict Guide Series: Religion and Reconciliation*.

Prof. Peter Petkoff, Director of the Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, Centre for Religion and Culture at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford, UK

Prof. Peter Petkoff is a Senior Law Lecturer at the Brunel Law School. He is also Director of the Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, a collaborative international research network at Regent's Park College, Oxford, and Managing Editor of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion. He is Legal Consultant on Media Freedom and Freedom of Expression for the Representative on Freedom of the Media at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and has been a TEPSA consultant of the European Parliament as well as a consultant for the All Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief at the House of Lords. Peter is involved in cutting edge research on the relationship between religion and politics and law and religion. He is currently writing a book for Oxford University Press on Holy Sites under International Law.

Ms. Marylita Poma, Communications Officer, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative in Peru

Ms. Marylita Poma is a Communications Officer at the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative in Peru (IRI Peru), specialized on interfaith, cross-cultural and environmental communication. She is a Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies from Randolph-Macon College and currently she is writing her dissertation thesis for her Public Administration Master's degree. At IRI Peru, her work experience focuses on the appliance of cross-cultural strategies for communication campaigns in mass media about rainforest protection, indigenous people's rights, environmental activism, and political advocacy.

Dr. Hayu Prabowo, Director of Siaga Bumi; Chair of the Council of Ulama's environment and natural resources body; representative of Religions for Peace

Dr. Hayu Prabowo Siaga Bumi is the Chairman of Environmental and Natural Resources at the Indonesian Council of Islamic Scholars. He is also the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Indonesia Movement to Save the Earth (Earth Alert). Mr Prabowo is the Co-founder of Islamic Boarding Schools and Madrasah, Al Amanah, Wonogiri, Central Java. He is the head of Environmental, Health and Hospital at The Shariah Economic Society and a member of scientific publication, The Indonesia Association of Islamic Economists. Mr. Prabowo is a lecturer Graduate Study of Islamic Banking, Indonesian Banking School and holds a PhD in Islamic Economics and Finance.

Mr. Peter Prove, Director of International Affairs at World Council of Churches

Mr. Peter Prove is the Director of the WCC Commission of the Churches on International Affairs since 2014. Before, he was the executive director of the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance. A Lutheran lawyer from Australia, Peter Prove Peter has almost two decades of experience in the international policy arena. He has served in numerous leadership roles in UN and civil society contexts, including as president of the NGO Special Committee on Human Rights (Geneva); as a member of the UN International Task Team on HIV-related Travel Restrictions, the UNCTAD Expert Advisory Group on Promoting Responsible Sovereign Lending and Borrowing, the UNAIDS International Advisory Group on Universal Access, and the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Councils network; and as a founding member of the International NGO Committee on Human Rights in Trade and Investment (INCHRITI) and the International Dalit Solidarity Network (IDSN).

Ms. Sara Rahim, Head of Programme at A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY) and Youth Representative to the United Nations for Parliament of the World's Religions

Ms. Sara Rahim is a Youth Representative to the United Nations for Parliament of the World's Religions. She sits on the Advisory Council of UK-based Grassroot Diplomat and the Sanctuaries, a spiritually diverse arts collective in Washington D.C. She has spoken prominently about the role of interfaith cooperation to institutions across the United States and Europe. Sara has worked in business development with World Learning, and has implemented programmes in refugee health education, interfaith engagement, and youth literacy in Europe and the Middle East. Sara has worked in refugee resettlement at World Relief, and with Interfaith Youth Core,

coaching students to be leaders of interfaith action. Sara Rahim is a Master of Public Policy candidate at the University of Chicago, specialising in International Policy and Inclusive Development.

Ms. Asha Ramgobin, Director of Human Rights Development Initiative, South Africa

Ms. Asha Ramgobin, founder and current executive director of Human Rights Development Initiative, a position she has held for 12 years, is nominated by the Center for Sexuality and AIDS. She has an LLM in International Human Rights Law from Lund University which she obtained after graduating from University of Durban-Westville. Her CV demonstrates extensive community service and she has published extensively. She has actively participated at a regional level and at the past 58th Session of African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights gave an address from the regional NGO Forum that clearly demonstrated her speaking truth to the power.

Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi, Director-General and Chief Imam of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society

Sayed Ali Abbas Razawi is the Director-General and Chief Imam of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society. He is a global ambassador for 'Glasgow The Caring City' and a member of the Oxfam Zakat advisory board GB. In England, he is a trustee of the Maimonides Interfaith Foundation. Internationally, Imam Razawi is a member of the European Council of Religious Leaders (ECRL), a member of the Global Sustainability Network (GSN), with a specific focus on goal 8.7 and sits on the advisory board of the Islamic Reporting Initiative (IRI). In 2016, with the help of Interfaith Scotland, Imam Razawi founded the Shia-Sunni Alliance in Scotland, to promote ecumenical dialogue and good-will. In April 2017 he was part of a historic private meeting of four senior British imams with the Pope. The discussion centred around coexistence and reconciliation. He has since been working to support minority Christian groups in the Middle East.

Chief Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs at the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Rabbi David Rosen, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, is the International Director of Interreligious Affairs of AJC, and Director of its Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding. He is a past chairman of IJIC, the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations; an International President of Religions for Peace (RFP) and a member of the Board of Directors of The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID). He is also Honorary President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ); on the Executive of the World Council of Religious Leaders and the Elijah Interfaith Institute's Board of World Religious Leaders. In 2005 he was Knighted by Pope Benedict XVI, and in 2010 H.M. Queen Elizabeth II made him a CBE (Commander of the British Empire). In addition to honorary doctorates, Rabbi Rosen is the recipient of various awards.

Ms. Sharon Rosen, Global Director for Religious Engagement at Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

Ms. Sharon Rosen has worked with Search for Common Ground since 2005, assuming the role of Global Director of Religious Engagement in 2017. In this role, she oversees the development and project implementation of Search's global religious engagement strategy. Prior to Search, she co-founded and directed Education for Life, an international non-governmental organization that provides tools for the development and wellbeing of children within state educational systems. She was also a faculty member at the Jerusalem Center for Near East Studies teaching courses on Bible, gender, and contemporary relevance. She is a member of the Religions for Peace Secretary General's Advisory Council. Sharon is an expert on designing and implementing interreligious programmes building on interreligious collaboration. She has led projects on religion and development, and recently completed a training toolkit: The Common Ground Approach to Religious Engagement. She co-created and leads the Universal Code of Conduct on Holy Sites initiative.

Ms. Nihal Saad, Chief of Cabinet and Spokesperson for the High Representative at UNAOC

Ms. Nihal Saad is Chief of Cabinet & Spokesperson for the High-Representative for UNAOC. Previously, she was the Spokesperson for the 66th President of the UN General Assembly. With more than 22 years of experience in journalism, Ms. Saad was the Head of the Press & Information Bureau at the Permanent Mission of Egypt to the UN. Before moving to New York, she was Senior Political Correspondent and TV host for Egypt's TV. She holds a Master's Degree in TV Journalism from the American University (Cairo) and a Diploma in Linguistics from Ain Shams University (Cairo). She has moderated several panel discussions in international and regional meetings.

Ms. Saad has appeared on several TV shows as a commentator on international affairs, incl. Larry King (CNN), Al Arabiya TV, France 24 and Egypt's TV.

Ms. Nika Saeedi, Team Leader of Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) at UNDP

Ms. Nika Saeedi is Team Leader - Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE), and leads UNDP workstream on Hate Speech. She also serves as the Religion and Development focal point at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York. Leveraging her educational background on Religion and Culture and with over 20 years of experience, Nika has identified opportunities to influence and articulate global policy and programme solutions and forge partnerships across all aspects of the prevention agenda. Nika has played an active role in steering UNDP's partnerships with women's civil society and faith-based actors in developing policy and programmatic offer. She has led the development of several global studies, including: 1) Invisible Women; 2) Global Handbook: Parliament as partners supporting the Women Peace and Security agenda; 3) Women and Natural Resources: Unlocking the Peacebuilding Potential. Each study led to new partnerships and innovative programmes for UNDP.

Dr. Mohammad Sammak, Secretary-General of the National Committee for Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Lebanon and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Dr. Mohammad Sammak is Secretary-General of the Committee for Islamic-Christian Dialogue. He has academic training in Political Science and Islamic Thought. He is also counsellor to the Mufti of Lebanon. For him, dialogue is a way of life. It is the culture of building bridges between people of different religions and cultures, and the art of searching for the truth in the point of view of the other. Highly involved in interconfessional dialogue, he has authored several books on the subject, including Islam and the Conflict of Civilizations, Introduction to Christian-Muslim Dialogue, and Living together in Christianity and Islam, Interfaith Dialogue: Cross-Cultural Views. He is a signatory on The Amman Message, an affirmation of unity and equality among Muslim branches and A Common Word between Us and You, a general letter to Christian leaders calling for increased dialogue and acceptance between faiths.

H.E. The Most Reverend Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, President of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo is an Argentine Catholic bishop, the current Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. Having issued a long set of various publications in the sciences, he earned several honors such as the Légion d'Honneur of France in 2000. Bishop Sánchez Sorondo was ordained a priest in 1968 in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Buenos Aires. From 1976 to 1998 he was lecturer in the history of philosophy at the Lateran University in Rome where from 1982 onwards he was full professor. From 1998 to 2014 he was full professor of the history of philosophy at the Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta (Rome). In 1998 he was appointed Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences. On 19 March 2001, Pope John Paul II consecrated him as Titular Bishop of Forum Novum (Vescovio).

Rabbi David Saperstein, Director Emeritus of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

For 40 years, **Rabbi David Saperstein** directed the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, representing the Reform Jewish Movement, the largest segment of American Jewry, to the U.S. Congress and Administration and currently serves as its Director Emeritus. For over two years (2015-2017), Rabbi Saperstein served as the U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, carrying out his responsibilities as the country's chief diplomat on religious freedom issues. Also an attorney, he taught seminars on Church-State Law and on Jewish Law for 35 years at Georgetown University Law Center. In 2019-2020, Rabbi Saperstein served as the President of the World Union for Progressive Judaism, the international arm of the Reform Jewish Movement. He currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and Center for Jewish Civilization and as a Distinguished Fellow at the PM Glynn Center at the Australian Catholic University.

Ms. Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, Secretary-General of the Global Interfaith WASH Alliance

Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, PhD is a renowned spiritual leader in India. She is President of Divine Shakti Foundation, a charitable organization bringing education and empowerment to women and children. She is Secretary-General of Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, launched by UNICEF, the first alliance of religious leaders for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Sadhviji is also Director of the world-famous International Yoga Festival. Originally from Los Angeles, and a graduate of Stanford University, Sadhviji has lived at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh in the Himalayas for 24 years, where she gives spiritual discourses, satsang and meditation, and leads myriad humanitarian programs.

H.E. Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President in the European Commission with the portfolio of Promoting the European Way of Life

H.E. Margaritis Schinas took office as Vice-President for Promoting our European Way of Life in the Von der Leyen Commission in December 2019. In this capacity, he oversees the EU's policies for migration, security union, social rights, skills, education, culture, youth, health and dialogue with churches, religious associations and non-confessional organisations. Mr. Schinas started his career in the European Commission in 1990. He also served as a Member of the European Parliament, from 2007 until 2009. Upon the completion of his parliamentary term of office, he returned to the European Commission and held various senior positions. In 2010, President Barroso appointed Mr. Schinas as Deputy Head of the Bureau of European Policy Advisers. Later he served as Resident Director and Head of the Athens Office of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). In 2014, President Juncker appointed Mr. Schinas as the European Commission's Chief Spokesperson.

Dr. Canon Sarah Snyder, Archbishop of Canterbury's Special Adviser for Reconciliation and Director of the Rose Castle Foundation, UK

Dr. Canon Sarah Snyder is a theologian and mediator, specialising in inter-religious peacebuilding and dialogue. Sarah brings wide-ranging international experience in situations of violent conflict. She has worked for many years to promote faith-based reconciliation, most recently as the Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor for Reconciliation – a role centred around supporting the Anglican Church to be an agent of conflict-transformation in conflict or post-conflict contexts. Previously, Sarah worked with the United Nations as Director of Partnerships at Religions for Peace International. A trained mediator, she has experience of working with communities and senior religious leaders. Sarah is Founding Director of the Rose Castle Foundation - an international centre of peace and reconciliation offering a safe space in which to address misunderstanding of the "other", particularly those of different religious traditions. Their residential programmes equip emerging leaders to act across deep divides within their spheres of influence.

Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp, President of Green Cross Netherlands

Rabbi Awraham Soetendorp was born in Amsterdam in 1943 and saved by non-Jews during the Second World War. He is Rabbi Emeritus of the Liberal Jewish Community in The Hague (The Netherlands) and re-established many Jewish communities in the Netherlands in the post-war years. He has been president of the European Region of the World Union for Progressive Judaism and Co-Chair of the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders. He is a founding member of Green Cross International, President of Green Cross Netherlands, and member of the Earth Charter Commission. He acts as adviser to the American Jewish World Service and is the Founder and Chair of Hope Foundation for Children for Universal Education, which aims to raise 0.1% of gross yearly income for education of children.

Rev. Richard Sudworth, Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury and National Inter Religious Affairs Advisor and member of KAICIID Board of Directors

Rev. Richard J. Sudworth was appointed to the post of Secretary for Inter Religious Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury and National Inter Religious Affairs Advisor in September 2018. He had previously worked in the inner city ministry of the Diocese of Birmingham for 15 years, having commenced his interfaith journey as a Church Mission Society (CMS) mission partner in North Africa and then as curate and parish priest in multifaith settings. Richard holds a doctorate in Christian-Muslim Relations from Heythrop College University of London and is the

author of articles and publications on Christian-Islam relations including *Distinctly Welcoming: Christian Presence in a Multifaith Society* and *Encountering Islam: Christian-Muslim Relations in the Public Square*.

Sri Swami Svatmananda, Director of the Sacred Divine Wisdom; KAICIID Fellow

Ordained as a Hindu monk in the Saraswati order, **Sri Swami Svatmananda** is a scholar of the Vedas - an ancient body of knowledge revealing the nature and workings of the universe. Presently, he conducts courses and workshops around the world in Vedanta (Teaching of Oneness), Vedic Astrology, Ayurveda (Harmonic balance of human and nature), Vaastu (Object management), and other Yogic knowledge. Prior to being ordained, Svatmananda had a successful career consulting for International Aid agencies, such as the UNDP, UNIDO, UNESCO, and governmental aid agencies such as USAID, DANIDA, SIDA, GTZ to name a few. He had engaged fortuitously in technology, venture capital and in international business before pursuing philanthropic interests. Culturally, Svatmananda's experience of growing up in four different continents and among multiple religious traditions enables him to connect amicably with anyone and engage comfortably in inter-religious and intercultural pursuits.

Mr. Elias Szczytnicki, Secretary General and Regional Director of Religions for Peace, Latin American and the Caribbean

Since 2004, **Mr. Elías Szczytnicki** has been the director of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office and secretary general of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders of the World Conference of Religions for Peace. He previously served as secretary of the Interfaith Committee of Peru, a national interreligious council that includes representatives of the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim religious communities, pursuing interreligious understanding, dialogue, and cooperation. In addition, Szczytnicki was a member of the Human Relations Committee of the Jewish Association of Peru and a lecturer in Judaism at the Center of Oriental Studies of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. Szczytnicki holds a bachelor's degree in Latin American history from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He has also been a Nahum Goldmann Fellow.

Prof. Mariz Tadros, Director of the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development (CREID) and Research Fellow at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), UK

Prof. Mariz Tadros is Professor of Politics and Development at the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex. She is director of the Coalition for Religious Equality and Inclusive Development (CREID), launched in November 2018, and funded by the UK's FCDO. She is also the PI for a British Academy grant on intangible heritage, social cohesion and development. Mariz had led several multi-disciplinary, multi-country programmes and has produced over 100 research outputs. Her latest publication is an IDS working paper *Invisible Targets of Hate*. Mariz has authored three books, two edited volumes and several volumes, and has written for the *Guardian*, *Opendemocracy*, *Middle East Report* and others. She holds a doctorate from Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford.

Dr. Tugba Tanyeri-Erdemir, Non-Resident Research Associate at Department of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, USA

Dr. Tugba Tanyeri-Erdemir is a research associate at the Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh and the coordinator of ADL's Task Force on Middle East Minorities. She is currently serving as the co-chair of the Middle East Working Group of International Religious Freedom Roundtable. Dr. Tanyeri-Erdemir's research focuses on cultural heritage management of sacred sites, converted and contested religious buildings, and re-utilization and museumification of religious heritage. She has participated in numerous international interdisciplinary research projects, including "Antagonistic Tolerance: A Comparative Analysis of Competitive Sharing of Religious Sites" funded by Wenner-Gren and National Science Foundation and was the leader of the Turkish team of FP7 Project "RELIGARE: Religious Diversity and Secular Models in Europe." Dr. Tanyeri-Erdemir is the co-author of *Antagonistic Tolerance: Competitive Sharing of Sacred Sites and Spaces* (Routledge, 2016) and she is writing her book on the Hagia Sophia's contested history and transformations.

H.E. Dr. Aminata Touré, former Prime Minister of Senegal

H.E. Dr. Aminata Touré served as the Prime Minister of Senegal from September 2013 until July 2014. She was also Justice Minister from 2012 to 2013 where she focused on anti-corruption campaigns. Since 2014, she led

several Presidential election observation missions. Dr. Aminata Touré was a Harvard Kennedy School Fisher Family Fellow with the Future of Diplomacy Project in the academic year 2018-2019. Dr. Touré has worked as a human rights and women's rights activist within Senegal and around the world. She was Director of the Gender and Human Rights World Department of the United Nations Population Funds in New York, Senior Adviser at UNFPA Headquarter in New York, UNFPA Senior adviser in Côte d'Ivoire, and UNFPA Senior adviser in Burkina Faso. Dr. Touré areas of competence include Business Administration and Finance, Economy, Good governance, and Gender.

Prof. Priyankar Upadhaya, UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding at Banaras Hindu University, India

Prof. Priyankar Upadhaya works at the Banaras Hindu University as the UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding and holds the distinguished PRIO Global Fellowship of Peace Research Institute Oslo. Recipient of several fellowships and award including the Guest Scholar Award of Woodrow Wilson Centre for International Scholars, Wash. DC, Senior Fulbright Award at US Airforce Academy, he is recently designated as the Rajiv Gandhi Chair for Peace and Disarmament by the Jawaharlal Nehru University. On the invitation of the President, UN General Assembly, he spoke at the High-Level Forum on Culture of Peace in September 2019 and made a presentation at the US Presidential invitation in Washington in September 2016. He has published from Oxford University Press, Manchester University, Cambridge University, Sage, Ashgate and Routledge. His volumes on 'Peace and Conflict: South Asian Experience' (Cambridge: 2015) and 'Long Walk of Peace: towards Conflict Prevention' (UNESCO: 2018) have received worldwide acclaim.

Ms. Maria Lucia Uribe, Director of Arigatou International in Geneva

Ms. Maria Lucia Uribe Torres is the Executive Director of Arigatou International Geneva. She heads the strategic direction of the Ethics Education for Children Initiative as an International Knowledge and Action Hub with partners in more than 30 countries. She is also in charge of Arigatou International's engagement in child rights initiatives with UN agencies and child rights focused NGOs in Geneva. Previously she was the Coordinator and Deputy Coordinator for Education and Fragility for the Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE), and served as Program Officer for Arigatou International in charge of coordinating the development of its flagship program, Learning to Live Together. She convenes the International Consortium on Nurturing Values and Spirituality in Early Childhood for the Prevention of Violence, and the Working Group on Children and Violence of Child Rights Connect. Ms. Uribe serves on the Steering Group of the Partnership for Religion and Development – PaRD.

Prof. Marco Ventura, Full Professor of Law and Religion at the University of Siena, Italy and Director of the Center for Religious Studies at Fondazione Bruno Kessler of Trento

Prof. Marco Ventura is the Director of the Center for Religious Studies at Fondazione Bruno Kessler of Trento, devoted to investigating and enhancing the interaction of religion and innovation. Since 2016 he is a member of the panel of experts on freedom of religion or belief of OSCE / ODIHR. He was the 2019 annual president of the European Consortium for Church and State Research. He is the scientific coordinator of a 2018-2020 EU funded Jean Monnet Project on Security in EU law and policy. He co-authored the 2017 Report on Freedom of religion or belief and religious tolerance for the Intergroup on FoRB of the EU Parliament. From 2013 to 2015 he visited Vietnam as an expert in the dialogue between the EU and the Vietnamese Committee on Religious Affairs. He has published extensively on freedom of religion or belief, law, society and religion, comparative religious laws, politics of religion.

Ms. Alissa Wahid, Founder and National Coordinator of Gusdurian Network of Indonesia (GNI)

Ms. Alissa Qotrunnada Munawaroh Wahid, publicly known in Indonesia as Alissa Wahid, is a trained family psychologist, but is most recognised for her work in the social sector on multiculturalism, democracy and human rights and moderate Muslim movements in Indonesia. She currently focuses on leadership development for interreligious youth leaders. She is the National Director of Gusdurian Network Indonesia (GNI), working to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding, active citizenship, democracy and human rights. GNI is known for its work at the local level, for example the 2015 International Day for Tolerance that took place in 50 cities. Ms. Wahid meets with and speaks to thousands of people annually through public events. She is a Civil Society

Ambassador for Sustainable Development Goals in Indonesia, focusing on Goal 16: Peace, Good Governance and Access to Justice. She was also awarded the Women Award 2016 from Indonesia Marketing Week.

Don. DDr. Michael H. Weninger, Member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue at Vatican

In 1982, **Don. DDr. Michael Heinrich Weninger** (born 1951 in Wiener Neustadt) joined the diplomatic service of the Republic of Austria. Among other things, he was head of the Austrian embassy in Belgrade from 1993 to 1997 and in Sarajevo from 2008 to 2009. Weninger, who has been a widower since 2009, was ordained a priest by Cardinal Christoph Schönborn in Vienna on June 24, 2011. Don. Weninger is also a member of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. From 2001 to 2009 he served as Political Advisor to the President of the European Commission in charge of the dialogue with religions, churches and communities of conviction.

Dr. Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer at the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

Dr. Michael Wiener has been working in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights since 2006. He has focused on the design and implementation of the Rabat Plan of Action on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence (2012) as well as the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights” (2017). He and the co-authors Heiner Bielefeldt and Nazila Ghanea were awarded in 2019 with the Premio Alberigo Senior Book Award for their international law commentary on “Freedom of Religion or Belief”, published by Oxford University Press. He has also been a Visiting Fellow of Kellogg College at the University of Oxford since 2011. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of London and has a doctorate from the University of Trier.

Mr. Fadlullah Wilmot, regional program manager for the Middle East and Africa for Muslim Aid

Mr. Fadlullah Wilmot is regional program manager for the Middle East and Africa for Muslim Aid. He is also former deputy CEO and head of international programs at Islamic Relief Australia. He was elected as a member of the Code of Conduct Committee of the Australian Council for International Development. Mr. Fadlullah Wilmot has graduated from the University of Tasmania, worked at Universities in Malaysia and Indonesia, and been involved in charitable humanitarian and development work in Southeast Asia, South Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Prof. Erin Wilson, Associate Professor of Global Politics and Religion and Vice Dean and Director of Education at University of Groningen, Netherlands

Dr. Erin K. Wilson is an Associate Professor of Global Politics and Religion, and Vice Dean and Director of Education in the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen, The Netherlands. Her research explores the intersection of religion and secularism with various global justice issues, including migration, gender equality, human rights and climate change. She is currently the co-chair of the Academic Advisory Network for the Transatlantic Policy Network on Religion and Diplomacy and from 2012-2017 she was the founding Director of the Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization. She holds a PhD in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

Ms. Lisa Winther, Senior Human Rights Advisor at the Stefanusalliansen, Norway

Ms. Lisa Winther is a senior human rights adviser at Stefanus Alliance International, a Norwegian based mission and human rights organization focusing on freedom of religion or belief (FORB) for all. She holds a degree in Middle Eastern Studies and Political Science from Uppsala University, and has been working for more than a decade in the field of development and human rights with issues related to freedom of religion or belief, gender equality and minority rights, especially related to the Middle Eastern Context. She has a leading role in the NORFORB project “the FORB learning platform”, www.forb-learning.org, offering learning resources and online courses for various target groups in freedom of religion or belief. Currently she is developing online resources on the intersection between FORB and Gender Equality funded by Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Father Augusto Zampini Davies, Adjunct Secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD) of the Holy See

Father Augusto Zampini is an Argentine priest from the Diocese of San Isidro, Buenos Aires. He is currently working as Director of Development and Faith at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development of the Vatican. He is an Honorary Fellow at Durham University, Roehampton University, and Stellenbosch University. He holds a PhD in Theology (Roehampton University, London, 2010-2014), and has been a post-doctoral research fellow at Margaret Beaufort Institute, University of Cambridge (2013- 2014). His area of research is social ethics and he has conducted research on environmental ethics in the light of the Catholic tradition. As a priest, Fr. Zampini most recently served at Holy Apostles, Archdiocese of Westminster, London and as an ad-hoc adviser to Cardinal Vincent Nichols on environmental issues. Fr. Zampini previously served as an assistant priest and chaplain in churches in Argentina, many of them located in the poorest neighbourhoods of Greater Buenos Aires.

Sheikh Mohamad Abou Zeid, Senior Judge at the Family Court of Saida in Lebanon

Sheikh Mohamad Abou Zeid has been a senior judge at the family court in Saida, Lebanon, since 2010. He is also a judge at the Islamic Sunni Courts since 2009 and a professor at the Jinan University since 2007, where he lectures on Contemporary Islamic Thoughts, Comparative Religions, Personal Status Laws, and Procedures of Lawsuits in Islamic Courts. He holds a MA in Comparative Religions from the University of Saint Joseph and a PhD from the Higher Institute for Islamic Studies. In addition to his profession as a judge, he is also a member of the child protection network and an author of several books on peacebuilding and Islamic-Christian dialogue.

Dr. Abdi Zenebe, Senior Advisor to the Minister at the Ministry of Peace in Ethiopia

Dr. Abdi Zenebe is the Chair of the Advisory Team to the Ministry of Peace in Ethiopia. He has been working across the Horn of Africa. Besides having rich academic experience about the political and security situation in the Horn of Africa and the sub-regions relations with extra-regional actors, Dr. Zenebe has the ability and the experience to work in a difficult environment. as Postgraduate Programs Coordinator at the Department of Political Science and International Studies, Bahir Dar University. He has completed his PhD in Political Science from Addis Ababa University. Abdi's specialization is on Horn of African security relations with the Arab World and the US.

H.E. Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, Archbishop of Bologna

H.E. Cardinal Matteo Zuppi studied at the seminary in Palestrina and earned his degree in theology at the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. He earned a doctorate at the Sapienza University of Rome, writing his thesis on the history of Christianity. He was ordained a priest in 1981. He worked with the Community of Sant'Egidio and participated in negotiations that helped end the civil war in Mozambique in 1992. In 2012, he was ordained a bishop in Rome, where he led efforts to improve care for the poor and the elderly and developed outreach programs for drug addicts and the Roma community. Pope Francis appointed him Archbishop of Bologna in October 2015. In 2019, Pope Francis made him Cardinal Priest of Sant'Egidio. He was made a member of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and a member of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See in 2020.