



# G20 Interfaith Forum Africa Week Dialogue

## Future Africa Event Program

Future Africa, University of Pretoria, Hillcrest Campus, Pretoria,  
Gauteng, South Africa  
28 and 29 May 2025

### Objectives

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- Engage African leaders, experts, and stakeholders to shape the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) agenda and build momentum for the August 2025 meeting.
- Collaborate on FoRB policies focused on Africa, aligned with Africa Week on Global Security.
- Forge links from social and engagement groups to align priority recommendations with G20 priorities.
- Identify practical initiatives and common interests to advance South Africa's G20 priorities of solidarity, equality, and sustainability.
- Strengthen social partners' voices and foster collaboration with civil society and stakeholders in G20 discussions.

### Programme Schedule

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#### Wednesday 28th May 2025

**Moderator:** Mr. Michael Swain

**7:30 – 8:30**    **Arrival, registration and refreshments**

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome</b>  <b>Introductions:</b> Overview of the G20, G20 Interfaith Forum, South Africa G20 Themes of Solidarity, Inequality and Sustainability	Executive Mayor of Tshwane Dr Nasiphi Moya  Prof Nicholas Miller Sandile Makasi
<b>09:00 – 10:00</b> <b>Day 1: Session 1</b>	<b>Part One: African Traditional Religious Belief Systems and Spirituality</b> Exploring the complex relationship and intersections of religion, faith, belief, and culture in conflict resolution.	Prof Nicholas Miller Prof Pieter Francois Prof Mathole Motshekga
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	

<b>10:30 – 12:30</b> <b>Day 1: Session 2</b>	<b>Part Two: African Traditional Religious Belief Systems and Spirituality - Youth Perspective</b> Exploring the complex relationship and intersections of religion, faith, belief, and culture in conflict resolution.	Prof Nicholas Miller Prof Pieter Francois Prof Mathole Motshekga Dr. Nikiwe Bam
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<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
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<b>14:00 – 16:30</b> <b>Day 1: Session 3</b>	<b>The Youth's Voice in Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability</b>	Sandile Makasi Judith Mahlangu
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<b>16:30 - 16:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
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<b>16:45 – 18:00</b> <b>Day 1: Session 3</b>	<b>Formulation of recommendations draft –</b> Minutes and priority main outcome of the voice of the Youth	Discussion Leaders: Prof. W Cole Durham Sandile Makasi
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## Thursday 29th May 2025

**Moderator:** Prof. David Mosoma

### 7:30 – 8:30 Arrival, registration and refreshments

<b>8:30 – 08:40</b>	<b>Welcome Address by Gauteng Premier</b>	Gauteng Premier - Panyaza Lesufi
<b>8:40 – 10:00 Day 2: Session 1</b>	<b>Themes and Priorities of the South African G20 Presidency and Best practices for policy recommendation formulation and submission</b>	Ambassador Xolisa Mabhongo Sous Sherpa Social Summit G20 South Africa Prof. W Cole Durham - President IF20
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>10:30 – 13:00</b> <b>Day 2: Session 2</b>	<b>Roundtable Dialogue: Priority areas that support G20 process</b> - How do we develop shared priorities for the G20 process?	Sandile Makasi Prof. W Cole Durham
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:00 – 16:00</b> <b>Day 2: Session 3</b>	<b>Roundtable Dialogue: Priority areas that support G20 process</b> - Identifying areas of common interest	Moderator: Solly Moeng Prof. W Cole Durham Sandile Makasi
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>16:30 – 18:00</b>	<b>Press Release and Media Briefing</b>	

**Theme 1: Sustainable Livelihoods – (Food Security and Poverty)**

Examining pathways to economic growth, food security, and human well-being. Food expert

**Theme 2: Peace and Coexistence in an African context (Addressing Interreligious Tensions through Education and Enhancing Understanding)**

Exploring the complex relationship and intersections of religion, faith, belief, culture, and conflict resolution. FoRb Context and Religion in the name of Violence.

**Theme 3: Human Development and Education**

Discussing innovative approaches to education, skills development, and social mobility through the interfaith lens.

**Theme 4: Environmental Stewardship aligned with no.5 of global priorities**

Investigating strategies for sustainable resource management, climate resilience, and environmental protection.

These themes will serve as a foundation for our discussions, fostering a rich exchange of ideas and perspectives among participants.

**Relevance**

Attending the Africa Week in Pretoria would be highly relevant for the G20 Interfaith Forum for several reasons:

**1. Regional perspectives and insights:**

Africa Week's focus on global security, sustainable development, and human rights aligns with the G20 Interfaith Forum's objectives of promoting interfaith dialogue, understanding, and cooperation.

**2. Regional perspectives and insights:**

Africa Week will provide a platform for African leaders, experts, and stakeholders to share their perspectives and insights on regional challenges and opportunities. This would be invaluable for the G20 Interfaith Forum in understanding the African context and its implications for global governance.

**3. Networking and partnership-building:**

Attending Africa Week would offer opportunities for the G20 Interfaith Forum to connect with African leaders, organizations, and networks, potentially leading to new partnerships and collaborations.

**4. Informing the G20 Interfaith Forum agenda for South Africa 2025:**

Participation in the Africa Week could inform the agenda and discussions of the G20 Interfaith Forum in August, ensuring that African perspectives and concerns are taken into account.

**Importance of Participation**

Participating in the Africa Week leading up to the G20 Interfaith Meeting in August would be important for several reasons:

**1. Assisting in setting the tone for the G20 Interfaith Meeting:**

Africa Week could help set the tone for the G20 Interfaith Meeting in August in Cape Town; highlighting key themes, challenges, and opportunities that require interfaith dialogue and cooperation.

**2. Building momentum and engagement:**

Participation in the Africa Week could help build momentum and engagement for the G20 Interfaith Meeting, encouraging African leaders and stakeholders to participate in the August event.

**3. Demonstrating commitment to African perspectives:**

By attending the Africa Week, the G20 Interfaith Forum would demonstrate its commitment to understanding and incorporating African perspectives into its work, enhancing its credibility and relevance.

**4. Opportunities for G20 Social Summit Stakeholders:**

This will be an important opportunity for G20 Stakeholders to collaborate in sharpening focus of the G20 Social Summit Priorities.