**G20 Interfaith Forum 2020 – Summary of discussion**

**October 13, Panel discussion on Human trafficking and modern slavery (PD03)**

**Description**: The horrors of human trafficking and different forms of modern slavery cause deep suffering to many who have little capacity to defend themselves. International law, police action and national efforts address some facets of the complex phenomenon but far more needs to be done. Strong religious voices give a high priority to this topic. An array of religious initiatives addresses the issues, but coordination among them and with secular actors is generally poor. The commitment to SDG target 8.7, to eradicate modern slavery, frames this round table which looks at strengthening both moral leadership and practical means to bring these scourges to an end so that relevant corporations, organizations and individuals exercise their due diligence to slavery-proof their supply chains.

**Guiding questions:**

• \_What are next steps as religious actors press to end modern slavery? Can best practices be expanded?

• \_What partnerships can be reinforced to bolster action including with business and public authorities?

• \_How can G20 work with religious organizations to reflect the issue’s priority and urgency?

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

Speakers:

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

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

• \_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

• \_Mr. Kevin Hyland, former first independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner of the United Kingdom

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

The topic of religious roles in addressing human trafficking and modern slavery has been a focal issue for the G20 Interfaith Forum for the past three years.