



**The G20 Interfaith Forum
Faith In Action:
Focus on Vulnerable Communities
Cape Town, South Africa**

August 10-14, 2025 (as of April 28)

Sunday, August 10, 2025

17:00 - 20:30 Registration

18:30 - 20:30 Reception, hosted by IF20, for all registered attendees and invited guests from South Africa

Monday, 11 August 2025

8:00 - 9:00 Registration

9:00 - 11:00 Opening Plenary (i):

Interfaith Opening

Welcome: **Prof. W. Cole Durham, Jr.**, President, G20 Interfaith Forum Association
Prof Maniraj Sukdaven, Co-Chair, G20 Interfaith Local Organizing Committee [OR Michael Swain]

Welcome: [Government leader TBC]

Archbishop Thabo Magkoba, Archbishop of Cape Town

Welcome by Master of Ceremonies (MC) M. Sukdaven (*Proposed*)

National Anthem

Interfaith Opening [Local organizing committee to arrange]

Call to action by inspirational young leader [Proposal: Kiera Moodley; Asanda Mbili]

Presentation of G20 Interfaith history, context, and leading issues.

Prof. Katherine Marshall, Vice President, G20 Interfaith Association

Presentation of South African and African Interfaith history \ (TBC, Renier?)

Keynote address by a world leader [Tone setting major speech]

Ideal: President Ramaphosa Possibles: Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka (2), Trevor Manuel, Thabo Makgoba, Fortune Charumbira President of the Pan African Parliament (3), Mohammed Al-Issa; Aleta King (USA Department of Agriculture).

Presentations on leading issues by religious leaders representing different religious traditions on priority issues for the G20

Possible candidates:

Francis Kuria, Religions for Peace

Metropolitan Emmanuel

Rev. Dr. [Fidon Mwombeki](#),

Rabbi Diana Gerson. (likely somewhere else)

Indonesia, Minister of Religious Affairs and Minister of Education. (wcd)

Sadhvi Saraswati (likely be somewhere else)

His Virtue Sheikh-ul-islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh

Sister Alessandra Smerelli (get email address from Katherine or spreadsheet)

Rabbi Skorka, Rabbi David Rosen

Elder Rasband

Bani Dugal

Vinya Ariyaratne (Part of Arigatou)

Video message(s) from leading religious leader(s) (possibles)

Patriarch Bartholomeo

Ethiopian Patriarch

Sheikh Bin Bayah

Muhammed Al Issa, World Muslim League

Ela Gandhi

Sulak Sivaraksa. (Senior engaged Buddhist).

Vinu Aram, Shanti Ashram, Religions for Peace. (invite, with film alternative)

Kosho Niwano, Rissho Kosei-Kai (film only)

11:00-11:30 Break and Group Photo

11:30-13:00 Plenary (ii): 2025 Imperatives and Interfaith Contributions

The G20 Interfaith Forum's primary goal and priority is action to support the world's most vulnerable communities, an imperative shared by diverse religious communities around the world, in their teachings and practice. South Africa's G20 agenda, the global agendas for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Africa 2063 (African Union) echo this critical attention to action to address issues of poverty and hunger, inequalities that hinder the flourishing of women and families, and national development strategies. The session will highlight the need for action on Africa's most urgent priorities, including financial sustainability, debt action, and climate finance, as well as food security, migration and refugees, disaster preparedness, and education and health imperatives.

Moderators:

Prof Puleng Lenka-Bula (TBI)

Musimbi Kanyoro, Former YWCA, Global Fund for Women, possible moderator (TBI)

Panel Participants

AU representative

Father Charles B. Chilufya (debt, health issues) <cchilufya@jesuits.net

Bishop Sipuka (SACC, food security, partnership model regarding resource utilization)

Esben Larsen (World Bank, Pandemic Fund, Former Minister of environment, theologian)

Ebrahim Rasool. (have a separate conversation)

Eric LeCompte (Jubilee USA, debt negotiations, worked with Vatican)

Sharon Eubank (LBS charities, disaster relief, crisis management, action orientated)

Mathole Motshekga (MM, South African Interfaith Council and Royal African Society)

Lord Russell Rook, UK House of Lords

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Plenary (iii). Action on Hunger and Poverty

Concrete actions to address poverty and hunger are priorities for the G20, building on the launch of the Global Alliance against Hunger in November 2024. This session will outline the shared and distinctive teachings of different religious traditions on hunger and its links to poverty, and the widely diverse programs that serve those in need. It will highlight the vital roles of religious leaders, communities, and actors within the Global Alliance. South Africa's engagement of religious communities illuminates the links between teachings, ethical commitment and practical action on the ground.

Moderators:

(South African and International)

Asma Lateef

Malusi Mpulwana – veteran SACC

Mpumulelo

Speakers:

Rev Mzwandile Molo – Secretary of the SACC
 Renato Godinho Renato.godinho@mds.gov.br (FAO in Rome, Key to Global Alliance)
 David Beckman – Head of Bread for the World, Rev Methodist Food
 Nicta Lubaale, Secretary General, OAIC (Nairobi) [General. Organization of African Instituted Churches.)
 Prof J. May, Food Security Speaker (RK)J.
 Andrea Kaufmann, World Vision – working on food and poverty issues
 Mboni Jakes Radebe – Revelation Church, General
 Karabo Dube – Rural Invest General
 Prof David Mosomo

15:00-15:30 BREAK

15:30-17:00 **Concurrent Sessions A**

A1 Focus on Religious Freedom Challenges for Africa

The right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB), central to human rights, is linked to peace and to social cohesion. This session will highlight progress and challenges, with a focus on the African context.

(Cole Durham and Michael Swain to provide description and framing)

A2 Fighting Hunger as a Critical Element in Addressing Poverty

Global commitments to revitalize action to end hunger, both where famine looms and for broader threats to vulnerable communities (children especially) must include religious actors as integral, essential partners. This session will highlight national and faith commitments under the Global Alliance against Hunger, assessing the state of knowledge on how best to end hunger and link it to broader development and humanitarian strategies, with examples of best practice at national and community levels.

Moderator(s)

Discussion launchers:

Peter Prove, World Council of Churches
 Khushwant Singh, KAICIID
 Ahmed Shehata, Islamic Relief, USA
 South African mining leader who has focused on hunger
 *Dr Marlene Mahokoto (pastor in Uniting Reformed Church, Stellenbosch University)
 *Bert Pretorius

148	Peter Prove	0 World Council of Churches	A
183	Karabo Dube	0 Invest Rural	A
73	Vicentia Refiloe Kgabe	Bis Diocese of Lesotho in the Ang	A
149	Emtiaz Sooliman	0 Gift of the Givers	A
79	Gift Moerane	Pre Sout Africa Interfaith Council - A	A
14	Bert Pretorius	Pre South African Community of Fa	A
186	Mangope Phala	0 Zion Christian Church	A
187	Bridget Motsepe	Am Pan African Parliment	A
188	Mzukisi Falewi	0 Presbetarian Church	A

A3 2025 as a Jubilee Year: Principles of Equity in the Architecture of Finance

Action to address solidarity, equality, and sustainability (South Africa's G20 themes) demand political will, resources, and creative partnerships. The Catholic Church's urgent call to unity and action during the Jubilee year 2025 highlights the links among the three imperatives. The session will focus on alliances and action that the call has engaged, with a focus on how calls for resources relate to priorities for the G20. The discussion will draw on examples linked to disaster preparedness, action on just energy transitions, and humanitarian response.

Moderator(s)

Cardinal Brislin

Discussion launchers:

Eric Lecompte

Msgr. Ekpo (Vatican)

Molefe Tsele, Chaplain, African National Congress

Ithhumeleng Mosa, Former Tshwane University of Technology

Sithembele Sipuka, President, South African Council of Churches

Rabbi Abraham Skorka

South African SOAS leader. (Husna)

A4 Health for All: Religious Communities and the Challenges of Rebuilding from COVID-19

Health for all, well linked to environmental challenges, is a leading global priority, and is a priority for urgent action for South Africa and the entire African continent. This session will review the continuing legacies of the COVID-19 and other pandemics, with special attention to the Pandemic Fund. The discussion will focus on the rebuilding of trust in public health systems and on the interlinkages among different sectors where the health of people and planet are concerned.

Moderator(s)

Esben Larsen

Discussion launchers:

VC Cape Town University (member of Lancet Commission)

Deus Bazira, Georgetown University

Leonardo Palumbi Community of Sant'Egidio,

Representative from Mozambique or Malawi from DREAM program

77	Glenda Gray	DocSouth African Medical R	Katherine Marshall
69	Salim Abdool Karim	DiriCentre for the AIDS Programme o	Moderator
137	Esben Lunde Larsen	0.Folketing for the Venstre party	A4b Panelist
151	Mosa Moshabela	ViciVC Cape Town University (memb	A4c Panelist
152	Deus Bazira	Pro:Georgetown University Global He	A4d Panelist
153	Leonardo Palombi	0 Leonardo Palumbi Community of	A4e Panelist
194	Baleka Mbete	0 Former Chairperson of Something	Panelist
193	Mbulelo Dyasi Sanare	0	0 Panelist
195	Martin Egbert	0.Clubfeet Organisation	Panelist
78	Malusi Mpumlwana	RevSouth African Council of Church	Panelist

A5 Strategies for Action t Linking Religious Communities and Global Agendas: *Inter alia*, World Economic Forum, PaRD, KAICIID, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities, World Bank, African Development Bank, Joint Learning Initiative.

This session will highlight strategic approaches and reviews of institutions that are engaged in support for the SDG framework, including finance for development and humanitarian action. What are the main priorities and how is religious engagement understood? What are prominent examples of experience? It offers an opportunity for organizations (intergovernmental, nongovernment, and philanthropic) that work with religious organizations to highlight their strategies and experiences.

Moderator(s)

Peter Mandaville

Presenters:

David Sangokoya, WEF

KAICIID

Khushwant Singh, PaRD

Dana Homaid, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities

Nelson Muffuh, the United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Africa.

Maurice Bloem, Joint Learning Initiative

Rudelmar del Faria, ACT Alliance

World Bank – Rose Kimeu

17:00 - 17:30 Transition break

17:30-19:00 **Concurrent Sessions B**

B1 Positives and Negatives of Modern Communications: Addressing Disinformation and Related Social Tensions

Social media is revolutionizing community relations, including within and among religious communities. This session will explore its power for good, reinforcing knowledge and social cohesion, but also the challenges of disinformation and misinformation. How are religious communities most directly affected? What actions are being taken or could be taken to enhance media understanding and literacy and to counter the ill effects of other negative manifestations? Where are there tensions on how the problem is defined, recognized, and responded to and how are they most specific to religious communities?

Moderator(s)

Rabbi David Saperstein

Discussion Launchers:

Adama Dieng

Peter Mandaville

Nick Miller

UN representative

Liesl Pretorius

Khathu Kakuya

Yashika Singh

Sara Gon, Free Speech Foundation

Seth Mazibuku, Moral Regeneration Movement

B2 Learning from Brazil's G20 Interfaith Experience, Looking to 2026

The engagement of different religious approaches and actors during preparations for the 2024 G20 Interfaith Forum in Brazil suggested important lessons for interreligious cooperation at global, national, and local levels. This session will look to the experience of Brazil but extend the conversation in identifying lessons from the G20 Interfaith gatherings in India, Abu Dhabi, and Saudi Arabia and looking ahead to 2026 G20 agendas.

Moderator(s)

Rodrigo Vitorino Alves Souza

Discussion launchers

India contribution?

B3 Addressing Ethnic Tensions, Discrimination, and Racism: Positive Strategies and Challenges Ahead

Racism links to many dimensions of inequality and discrimination, including religious, ethnic, gender, and class. This session will explore specific challenges at these intersections, with a focus on action needed to propel commitments and promises into effective strategies and programs.

Moderator(s)

Audrey Kitagawa

Discussion launchers:

Fadi Daou, Globethics

213	Hlanisa Mliwa	0	National Association of Democr	B3a Moder
167	Audrey E. Kitagawa	Pre	International Academy for Multic	B3b Panelis
76	Sipho Mantula	Adv	Thabo Mbeki School of Public and	B3c Panelis
212	Fadi Daou	0	Globethics	B3d Panelis
215	Jonas Sibani	0	SA Human Rights Commission. M	B3e Panelis
214	Chris Nissan	0	SA Human Rights Commission	Panelist
216	Bongani Majola	0		0 Panelist
217	Allan Boesak	0		0 Panelist

B4 Child Rights and Dignity: A Religious Imperative

Focusing on children, including their situation within families and communities, is a leading priority of religious communities. Children's rights are also a central priority for the United Nations. Looking to action to assure the welfare of children highlights the importance of child protection. Internet and social media present both new opportunities and new perils for children. This session will explore innovative religiously-inspired responses to the linked challenges of child protection and promotion of thriving in families and communities.

Moderator(s)

Mustafa Ali, Arigatou International

Discussion Launchers:

Rev. Fred Nyabara

74	Ann Skelton	Pro	Professor of Law, South African ju	B4a Moderator
44	Nobukhosi Zulu	0	Unknown	B4b Panelist
45	Moulana Uwais Dockrat	0	Unknown	B4c Panelist
46	Elizabeth Francis Brink	Leg	Global Religious Freedom at ADF	B4d Panelist
208	Tembi Tulwana	0	Inkululeko Msizwe Foundation	B4e Panelist
168	Mustafa Y. Ali Youssouf	Ch	Founder and Chairman of the HO	B4f Panelist
219	Avhasei Mulovhedzi	Ger	South Africa Interfaith Council	Panelist
222	Shashi Nankoo	Diri	Educator Performance	Panelist
223	Ottiens Wycliffe	0	UNICEF ?????	Panelist
220	Lucy Tau	0	Kara Heritage School - Mothers a	Panelist
221	Fred Nyabara	0		0 Panelist

B5 Challenges of Inequality: How Inequality is Understood, Challenges of Colonial and Political legacies

Inequality is at the center of South Africa's G20 agenda: within communities and among nations. This session will explore religious approaches to inequalities as a global issue (within the SDG context, for example), academic debates, and policy approaches and examples. South Africa's journey up to and following the 1994 watershed events will provide a framework for the discussion.

Moderator(s)

Discussion Launchers

80	Thuli Madonzela	Pro	South African advocate and pr	B5a Moderator	Lo
72	Jan Lubbe	Ch	General Synod Moderamen, N	B5b Panelist	Lo
224	Christo Van der Rheede	Exe	FW de Klerk Foundation	B5c Panelist	
217	Allan Aubrey Boesak	Re	youth African Dutch Reformed C	B5d Panelist	
5	Luka David Mosoma	For	CRL Rights Commission	B5e Panelist	Lo
12	Mathole Motshekga	Ch	South African Interfaith Coun	B5 Panelist	Lo

TUESDAY August 12

9:00-11:00 Plenary (iv) Global Agendas, Global Imperatives for Human Development

This plenary session will focus on education and, more broadly, translating the oft-stated priority of youth into effective action. How do these challenges link to education's roles with regard to values and social cohesion? What are central religious roles in responding to global education challenges, including access, quality, and links to life skills? How do solidarity and equality goals relate to challenges to human development like human trafficking and modern slavery? The discussion aims to link the goals of quality education for all to the challenges of social cohesion and assuring diversity and equality among different communities. What are the roles of religious communities within education programs? The session will highlight examples of programs tailored to these objectives, such as Indonesia's Cross Cultural Religious Literacy (CCRL) program, Ethics

Education, as pioneered by Arigatou International, and South African examples. The challenges of intergroup tensions and efforts to address them, including youth perspectives, will be highlighted.

Moderator(s)

Azza Karam, Lead Integrity

Mohammed Elsanoussi, Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers

Speakers

Matius Ho, Leimena Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia

Maria Lucia Uribe Torres, Arigatou International Geneva

Kevin Hyland

Samia Huq, BRAC University, Bangladesh

Sister Jane Wakahiu, Hilton Foundation

Nocedo Madubedube, Equal Education

Johnathan Jansen, Stellenbosch University

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 Concurrent Sessions C

C1 Seeking Cross-cultural Religious Literacy, Addressing Religious Tensions, Violence, and Harmony

With evidence across many different societies of rising social tensions linked to religious as well as ethnic identities, action to address understanding among different religious communities and with more secular components of societies (sometimes termed religious literacy) has assumed increasing importance. This working session will center on specific examples from South Africa, South-East Asia, and other approaches, with a view to enrich IF20 action proposals to G20 leaders.

Moderator(s)

Matius Ho

Discussion Launchers

Mussie Hailu

Mohammed Haron

Peter Mageto

55	Rajendra Govender	Un	"Cultural, Religious and Lingu	C1a Moderator
236	Regina Mahaula	De	Department of Basic Education	C1b Panelist
241	Siviwe Gwarube	Mi	Basic Education Department	C1c Panelist
243	Mangope Maphila	Pre	South African Teachers Union	C1d Panelist
229	Matius Ho	Exe	Leimena Institute in Jakarta, I	C1e Panelist
246	Moulana Uwais Dokrat	Un	Unknown	C1f Panelist
247	Zimbabwe Zimbabwe	0	Mathole Motshegka to find de	C1g Panelist

C2 The Fight Against Human Trafficking: looking to 2030

The G20 Interfaith Forum has focused on the tragedy of human trafficking and human slavery over several years and is developing specific proposals that build on action related to religious

communities to strengthen global and local responses and to fight impunity. This session will highlight areas of progress and significant gaps where action is called for, setting global priorities within the context of religious and interreligious leadership,

Moderator(s)

Fred Axelgaard

Discussion Launchers

Kevin Hyland

Catholic Sister, Talitha Kum

Representative of the Knights of Malta

254	Fred Axelgaard	0	0	C2a Moderator
231	Kevin Hyland	0	0	C2b Panelist
255	Unknown Unknown	0	Talitha Kum (Rome)	C2c Panelist
256	Unknown Unknown	0	Knights of Malta	C2d Panelist
248	Khanyisile Motsa	0	Human Trafficking - Global Citi	C2e Panelist
117	David Saperstein	0	United States Ambassador-at-	Panelist
237	Jane Wakahiu	0	Hilton Foundation	Panelist
257	Mika Mthali	0	Moral Regeneration - Mphum	Panelist

C3 Religion and Civility: Lessons from Ubuntu

This session, developed and led by the G20 Interfaith Local Organizing Committee, will highlight both the underlying concepts and ways in which they translate into practice.

Moderator(s)

Discussion launchers

73	Vicentia Refiloe Kgabe	Bis	Diocese of Lesotho in the Ang	C3a Moderator
12	Mathole Motshekga	Ch	South African Interfaith Counc	C3b Panelist
259	Jane Mufamadi	0	Freedom Park	C3c Panelist
260	Mboni Radebe	0		C3d Panelist
261	Kevin Chaplin	0	Ubuntu Foundation	C3e Panelist
262	Peter Mageto	Vic	Africa Univercity (Kenya)	C3f Panelist
258	Ernest Thabo Masweu	Ch	Chaplain General on Defence	C3g Panelist
263	Carlton Mukwevho	0	SA Chapter of UNESCO	C3h Panelist

C4 Interreligious action in Africa: South Africa, AU Priorities and Action

Africa and South Africa offer extraordinary experience with interfaith cooperation in many fields, including working for peace, responding to health crises (HIV/AIDS, Ebola, COVID-19), and leading on empowerment of women. The African Union (AU), now a G20 member, aims to highlight the roles of religious communities in continental strategies. This session will highlight pertinent experience of religious and multireligious organizations as well as the challenges they confront.

Moderator(s)

Francis Kuria, Religions for Peace

Discussion launchers

Rev. Lethome

Sister Agatha Chikelue

Musimbi Kanyoro

Peter Yeboah, CHAG, Ghana

Douglas Fountain, CCIH

Mussie Hailu

124	Francis Kuria	Sec African Council of Religious Le	C4a Mod
264	Lethome Lethome	0	0 C4b Pane
263	Carlton Mukwevho	0 SA Chapter of UNESCO	C4c Pane
264	Lethome Lethome	0	0 C4d Pane
265	Agatha Chikele	0	0 C4e Pane
266	Desmond Fransman	0 Northern Cape Problems	Panelist
267	Michael Cassidy	0 Africa Enterprise	Panelist
268	Musimbi Kanyoro	0	0 Panelist
269	Peter Yeboah	0 CHAG, Ghana	Panelist
270	Douglas Fountain	0	0 Panelist

C5 Addressing Youth and Mental Health

Africa's demography (notably its youth bulge) will shape global development in the coming decades, highlighting the critical importance of engaging young people in the design of policies and programs today. Among challenges cited often are employment, quality education, and attention to numerous challenges to mental health. This session will present and explore analytic work and policy proposals linked to these challenges.

Moderator(s)

Andrea Kaufman, World Vision

Discussion Launchers

270	Douglas Fountain	0 Christain Connection Internati	C5a Moderator
271	Tlailani Tlailani	0 She is a woman and a doctor	C5b Panelist
147	Andrea Kaufmann	Sec World Vision External Engage	C5c Panelist
274	Kgashene Kgashene	0 Solomon Mahlangu Foundatic	C5d Panelist
275	Chriselda Kananda	0	0 C5e Panelist
273	Rick Durham	0 Whitney and Cole to follow up	C5f Panelist

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Afternoon: Service Project

The afternoon will be spent on a project or projects with a service focus in selected areas around Cape Town. In focusing on food delivery, the visits offer ways to learn about the challenges of hunger and poverty in the region.

Wednesday, August 13

9:00-11:00 **Plenary (v) Religious Action in Addressing the Priority of Sustainability**

Climate change is a leading issue for the G20, with sustainability a central priority for South Africa's G20 agenda. The priority issues of financing action to mitigate and alleviate climate change are a continuing G20 focus. Of immediate and priority importance for Africa are effective responses to natural disasters, notably those linked to climate change, and thus disaster prevention, response, and recovery. This plenary will focus on climate imperatives, with a focus on actual and potential roles of religious actors. The wisdom and issues facing traditional communities will be one focus. The challenges of sustainability also involve conflicts and population movements, thus refugees and migration (and associated social tensions) and the growing links of these developments to climate change. The session will link issues of disruption of societies to challenges for religious freedom.

Moderator(s)

Inger Andersen, UNEP Secretary General
Metropolitan Emmanuel

Speakers:

Somboon Chungprampree, INEB. (could speak to Myanmar/Bangkok earthquake)
Nazila Ghanea, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief
Sam Worthington, former leader of Interaction (disaster response)
Nigeria, Boko Haram and/or Delta

122	Metropolitan Emmanuel	Exe Religions for Peace	P5 Plenary Speaker
276	Inger Anderson	0 UNEP Secretary General	P5 Plenary Speaker
277	Somadoda Fikeleni	0	0 P5 Plenary Speaker
278	Somboon Chungprampree	0 INEB (Bangkok Earth quake)?	P5 Plenary Speaker
279	Gareth Stead	0 Every Nation	P5 Plenary Speaker
280	Sam Worthington	0 Interaction Former Leader	P5 Plenary Speaker
41	Nazila Ghanea	Un UN Special Rapporteur	P5 Plenary Speaker
281	Mankomo	0 KZN Province Interfaith Repres	P5 Plenary Speaker
			P5 Plenary Speaker

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 **Concurrent sessions D**

D1 Lessons from Religious Advocacy on Environment: The Examples of Laudato Si', Al Mizan

Religious leaders and actors have mobilized to address climate change through each UN COP meeting and in innumerable other contexts. The leadership of Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomeo, and the Sheikh of Al Azar, Ahmed Al-Tayeb, as well as Buddhist and traditional leaders, offers hope for forging solidarity and commitment to global action on climate. This session will focus both on ongoing advocacy and on future prospects for religious and interfaith mobilization that look towards action at both global and local levels.

Moderator(s)

Iyad Abu-Moghli

Discussion launchers

Catholic leader

Carlos Vicente, IRI Brazil

Indonesia

DRC

Traditional leader like Rigoberta Menchu Tum (Guatemala, Nobel prize laureate)

Thabo Maneje

D2 Roles of Cultural heritage and protection of sacred sites

Cultural identities take material form in different locations, and numerous actions by multireligious alliances to protect sacred sites offers inspiring examples. This session will

Moderator(s)

Sharon Rosen

Discussion launchers

Bhekinhlanhla Derrick Sibisi	President	Revelation Spiritual Home
Kgomotoso Phillips	Senior Researcher	Freedom Park

D3 Interactive session: Elders and Youth

This interactive session will pair young and older leaders in a series of lightening debates that challenge each others' approaches and look to future interactions and inspiration

Gift Moerane	President	Sout Africa Interfaith Council - Gauteng

D4. Crossing Bridges Among Sectors and Institutions

Partnerships and intersections among different siloed approaches demand creative new approaches. The traditions' integrated thinking and cooperative action that characterize religious communities and especially interreligious approaches offer inspiration extending far beyond purely religious approaches, This session will elaborate challenges and look to concrete examples in the effort to facilitate and promote innovative cross boundary work on priority G20 challenges. It will also focus on the specific approaches and contributions of leading religiously linked non government organizations, international and Africa based.

Moderator(s)

Katherine Marshall

Discussion launchers

Peter Mandaville

Judd Birdsall
Susan Hayward
Jose Casanova
Bani Dougal

D5 Women's Roles in building peace and sustainable communities: Religious dimensions

Women's absence from formal peace processes across the world is notorious and widely bemoaned, and the creative and important work of women working from and within religious communities tend to be still more invisible. This session will explore the nature of the challenge and highlight exemplary peacebuilding work at community and global levels that involve women's distinctive peacebuilding approaches.

Moderator(s)

Discussion Launchers:

Deepika Singh, Religions for Peace
Sister Agatha Chikelue
James Patton, Interamerican Development Bank
Nayla Tabbara, Aydan Foundation

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-16:00 **Concurrent sessions E**

E1 Focus on Refugees, Faith, Rights, and Protection

Critical challenges of human displacement, especially linked to conflicts but increasingly to the effects of changing climate conditions, present policy and humanitarian demands that from many perspectives demand new global, national, and local responses. Generosity in welcoming refugees, displaced people, and voluntary migrants can sadly give way to xenophobia and social tensions. The rich religious traditions of welcoming the stranger support both urgent responses and mechanisms to build on narratives and policies that are responsive to contemporary challenges but also prepare the way for what are widely understood as rising future levels of human movement and intersocietal engagement. Plural societies are an inevitability, and religious communities need to lead in the underlying societal understanding and response to current and future needs.

Moderator(s)

Sharon Eubank or
Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University

Discussion launchers:

Safek Pavey UNHCR
Christina Tobias-Nahi, Islamic Relief, USA
Gareth Stead
Lance Thomas, Project Manager, Centre for Faith and Community, University of Pretoria
Stephan De Beer, Director, University of Pretoria Centre of Faith and Ministry

E2 Religious Action on Corruption

The G20 focuses sharply on issues of resources and, at this pivotal moment, the need to mobilize and promote careful use of resources is of paramount importance. Ethical dimensions point to significant actual and potential roles of religious actors. This session will draw on the experience of religious communities in different world regions in contributing to national and global efforts to address corruption and nepotism.

Moderator(s)

Discussion Launchers

Elias Szczytnicki, Religions for Peace
Transparency International South Africa

Malusi Mpumlwana	Reverend	South African Council of Churches
Elias Szczytnicki	-	Latin America Expert
Luka David Mosoma	Former Chair	CRL Rights Commission
Kelebogile Thomas Resane	-	Postgraduate diploma in Education, North West University, 1999. Bachelor, University Pretoria, 2003. Master of Arts in Theology, University Pretoria, 2005.
Mogoeng Mogoeng	-	Former Chief Justice of South Africa
Ziphozihle Ciwa	Former President	SA Council of churches
Moss Ntlha	President	The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa (TEASA)

E3 Learning from Different Examples of Traditional, Cultural, and Indigenous Practice

This session will include ideas and examples of leadership from traditional and indigenous communities, with particular focus on the Southern African experience.

Moderator(s)

Discussion Launchers:

Motheo Koitsiwe	National Chairperson	Ras Foundation
Lawrence Bekisisa Zulu (Xulu?)	-	Heritage Development Trust
Mlingani Poswayo	0	Bahai Faith and also a Traditional Faith Leader
Imboni Doctor uZwi-Lezwe Radebe	-	Revelation Church
Mamsi Sebolai	-	Kara Heritage Institute
Henri Mayer	-	Khoi San - On Traditional Religion

E4 A Historical Reflection: A New Book on the G20 Interfaith Experience

The G20 Interfaith Journey since 2014 has been shaped by the dynamics of each host country and by the evolving network of networks, as well as by global events and crises. This session will focus on the newly published book that provides a critical examination of the evolving role of the G20 Interfaith Forum.

Moderator(s)

Jim Christie
Sherri Steiner

Discussion Launchers:

Yoshimura Miyake

E5 Ethical issues for Artificial Intelligence

Challenges linked to technology and especially the fast-developing systems of Artificial Intelligence (AI) present distinctive challenges for religious communities. These communities can also, with practical experience and pertinent ethical teachings, contribute to the active global and local debates on the topic. This session will build in ongoing work and dialogue with a view to highlighting the links between AI's potential and its dangers and the G20 and IF20 priorities, especially for the most vulnerable communities.

Moderator(s)**Discussion Launchers:**

Manisha Jain
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Tshilizi Marwala	Vice Chancellor	United Nations University
Medlar Mema	-	AI Person
German AI Paper	-	German Document a Year ago
Aaron Rensburg	-	UNESCO Ambassador to Paris [AI]

Thursday, August 14**9:00-11:00 Plenary (vi) Leaving No One Behind: Vulnerable Communities at the Center**

This plenary will draw together the recommended strategies that the IF20 is developing, with a focus on action proposals addressed both to the G20 and to religious and interreligious communities. It will draw on the discussions during the concurrent sessions and IF20 preparatory work. The approach will be interactive, seeking input from participants that highlight priorities and work to make proposed recommendations more relevant and concrete.

Moderator(s)

Tim Stratford

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-13:00 *Plenary (vii) Conclusions and Paths Forward*

This session will highlight contributions to the 2025 G20 Interfaith process and summarize next steps, notably leading to the November G20 Social Summit. Updates from different sessions will be distilled and plans going forward presented. South Africa's G20 leaders will highlight the plans for the Social Summit and Leader Summit in November and their reflections on the Cape Town Forum. The session will look forward to the 2026 G20.

Speakers:

Local Organizing committee

G20 Interfaith Forum: Katherine Marshall, Cole Durham

Archbishop Magkoba

US G20 leader

13:00 Lunch

Departures