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G20 Interfaith Forum Announces Annual Summit in Salt Lake City, October 15–17, 2026

As the United States hosts the G20, the world’s leading interfaith policy forum will convene faith leaders, scholars, and policymakers to bring the prophetic voice and on-the-ground wisdom of the world’s faith communities to bear on the defining challenges of our time.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—The G20 Interfaith Forum Association (IF20), the world’s premier organization at the intersection of faith and global policy, will hold its annual Forum in Salt Lake City, Utah, from October 15–17, 2026. The event will bring together an international gathering of religious leaders, interfaith scholars, civil society representatives, and policymakers under the theme *Interfaith Engagement for Policy Impact*.

The Forum coincides with the United States’ presidency of the G20, with the G20 Leaders’ Summit scheduled for December 14–15 in Miami. As a parallel engagement process, IF20 provides faith-informed perspectives on the priorities shaping the global agenda — because faith communities are not peripheral to the world’s great challenges, they are embedded in them. With 84 percent of the world’s population identifying as religious, faith institutions represent humanity’s most expansive civil society infrastructure, running schools, hospitals, and aid networks where governments and international bodies often cannot reach. The G20 Interfaith Forum exists to ensure that this unparalleled on-the-ground presence, and the prophetic moral voice religious traditions have always offered in moments of civilizational reckoning, have a seat at the table where global policy is made.

Imam Mohamed Magid — Executive Imam of the ADAMS Center in Virginia, former President of the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Co-President of Religions for Peace, and a member of the IF20 Advisory Council — welcomed the Forum’s convening:

“I look forward to the upcoming G20 Interfaith Forum in Salt Lake City, where faith leaders and scholars will come together to advance ethical, values-based solutions to the world’s most pressing challenges. This forum represents an important opportunity to ensure that faith perspectives contribute meaningfully to global policy discussions.”

— *Imam Mohamed Magid*

The Forum’s plenary and working sessions will address the three priority themes of the 2026 U.S. G20 presidency, plus a fourth theme of particular urgency as the 2030 deadline approaches:

1. **Economic Growth for the Common Good.** Religious traditions across the world hold that economies exist to serve human dignity. IF20 will examine how faith-rooted values and models — from Islamic finance to cooperative development — can inform G20 economic policy in ways that reduce inequality and serve the common good.

2. **Energy Security for a Sustainable Future.** The imperative to care for creation is shared across traditions — from the Islamic concept of khalifa (stewardship) to the Jewish principle of tikkun olam. IF20 will explore how religious frameworks can strengthen the ethical case for just and sustainable energy transitions.
3. **AI and the Human Future.** Religious and philosophical traditions have spent millennia grappling with questions of human dignity, justice, and the limits of human power — precisely the questions AI now forces upon us. IF20 will bring faith voices into global conversations about the governance of AI and the preservation of what is irreducibly human.
4. **Interfaith Engagement and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.** With the world far off track on the SDGs and the 2030 deadline imminent, the international community faces a reckoning. IF20 will make a central argument: any effort to reset these goals must include faith actors, who deliver the majority of education and healthcare in many of the world’s most vulnerable regions. Goals set without the communities that bear the greatest burden of achieving them are neither credible nor just.

Additional themes — including the global food crisis, mental health, children’s issues, and refugees and displacement — will be addressed through the Forum’s working group sessions. The Forum is designed for active participation, and proposals for sessions relevant to Forum priorities from individuals and organizations are welcome.

About the G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20)

The G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) is the world’s leading organization working at the intersection of faith and global policy. IF20 seeks global solutions by collaborating with religious thought leaders and political representatives to shape the G20 agenda, drawing on the vital roles that religious institutions and beliefs play in world affairs. Through its extensive network of networks, IF20 helps prioritize key global policy goals and points toward practical means of implementation at every level of society.

About the G20 Process

The Group of Twenty (G20) is the premier forum for international economic cooperation, bringing together the leaders of the world’s most prosperous economies. G20 members collectively represent approximately 80 percent of world economic output, two-thirds of the global population, and three-quarters of international trade. The 2026 G20 Leaders’ Summit will be hosted by the United States and held at Trump National Doral Miami on December 14–15, 2026.

For more information or to express interest in participating, please contact secretariat@g20interfaith.org or visit www.g20interfaith.org.

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