

IF20

G20 INTERFAITH FORUM

2026 Annual Program

Resilient Hope, Shared Future



**The IF20 exists to advance
faith-informed solutions to
global policy challenges.**



“When I talk about a ‘prophetic voice,’ it’s ‘to be pushing towards a vision.’ For most of history, the idea that ‘poverty would always be with us’ was true. People were poor. Many were enslaved. But we’ve been given a gift – we have the potential for every child to go to bed not hungry. We can offer education. We can offer decent health care. And that fundamentally shifts the responsibility that we all have to do something about it. I would call that a ‘prophetic’ vision.”

Katherine Marshall

Georgetown University,
IF20 Vice Chair



84% of the world's population is religious.

Religious groups have been caring for the vulnerable since before there were nation states.

The IF20 brings faith-inspired leaders and organizations back into dialogue with government and civil society.



The IF20 answers the question –

How does freedom of religion enhance good governance and human flourishing?

Engage with the G20 Process



“Multifaith collaboration turns important words into important actions. For that reason, the IF20 will play a vital role as the UK hosts the G20 in 2027, enabling governments around the world to harness the power of faith in action.”

Lord Russell Rook

Peer, House of Lords

Anglican Minister in Lay Employ

Draw on Faith-inspired Insights



“Participating in the IF20’s 2025 Organizing Committee leadership allowed us to find common ground, build trust, and develop cooperation with leaders across my country.”

Sandile Makasi

Communications Director, Africa
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Leave No One Behind



“Kevin Hyland wrote the U.N. development goal on ‘trafficking.’ The IF20 has given Kevin a global, morally effective platform to address governments.”

Fred Axelgard, Praeveni Global Board

Kevin Hyland, OBE

UK Government Anti-slavery Commissioner
Senior Advisor, Praeveni Global

Build Networks of Multi-disciplinary Expertise



“By assembling the key players around the key issues to communicate and collaborate, the IF20 is a critical force multiplier in my work.”

Esben Larsen

Senior One Health Specialist – World Bank
Former Minister of Environment & Food – Denmark

Emphasize Intergenerational Engagement



"I love my work with the IF20 because I meet inspiring leaders from around the world and help spread the important work they are doing to better their communities."

Brooke Lounsbury

Brigham Young University Student
IF20 Social Media Manager

Advance Best Practices

“We had not met before the IF20 brought us together. The IF20 enabled us to bring Michael’s freedom of religion best practices to the whole continent via Mussie’s work at the African Union.”



Michael Swain
Executive Director
Freedom of Religion
South Africa



Mussie Hailu
Ambassador to the
African Union
United Religions Initiative

Find Common Ground and Consensus



"I participate in the IF20 because it is a powerful platform to identify common values and goals and to cultivate meaningful collaboration on solutions."

Mohamed Magid

Imam & Past President
Islamic Society of North America

Promote Non-denominational & Nonpartisan Cooperation



**Imam Talib Shareef &
Imam Rashad Abdul-
Rahmann**

International Coalition for
Peace & Reconciliation

**Rabbi Aharon Lavi &
Rabbi Yakov Nagen**
Jerusalem Interfaith Center

“We signed our ‘Joint Jewish-Muslim Fraternity Declaration’ at the IF20’s 2025 Annual Forum, pledging to confront religious extremism, preserve open channels of dialogue, and foster constructive cooperation between faith communities even in times of deep division.”

Demonstrate the Value of Religious Freedom



“The power and prestige of the IF20’s platform allowed my team to engage multiple government ministers and officers, faith leaders, academics, and civil society actors in hands-on interfaith collaboration during Brazil’s 2024 host year.”

Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves

Law Professor

Federal University of Uberlandia, Brazil

Care for the Vulnerable



"The IF20 brings together global leaders you don't often get in the same room and helps us understand the priorities and challenges in the countries where we work. These relationships allow us to move faster and increase our impact."

Nicole Stirling

Chief Relationship Officer
The Stirling Foundation



IF20 Forums – 2014-2025



Annual Forum 2025 – Cape Town



457 Participants

48 Countries

50 Religions

Net Promoter Score = **63.5%**

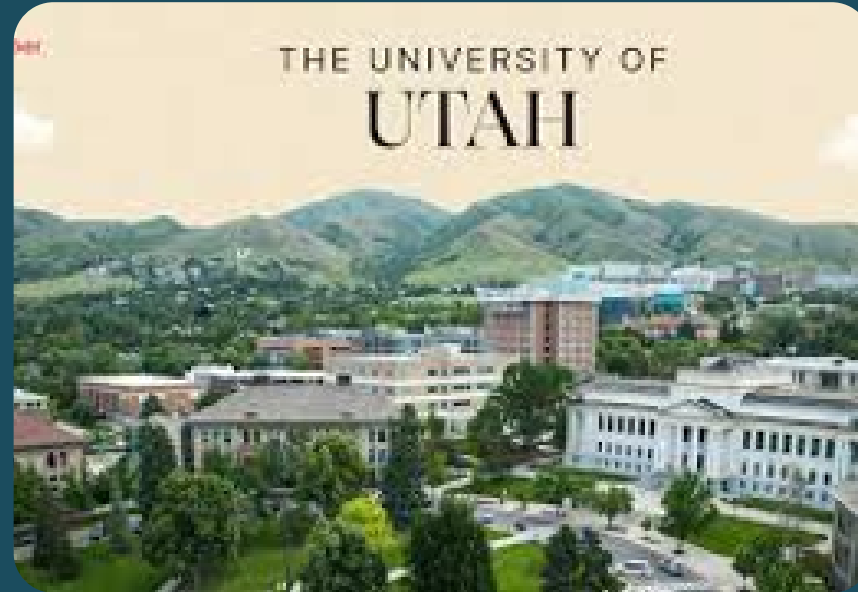
NPS > 50+ = excellent

NPS > 70+ = world-class

positive NPS (above 0) = good



G20 Host 2026 — United States



The IF20's 2026 Annual Forum will convene on the University of Utah campus Oct 15-17

Opening Ceremonies with world religious leaders and the *Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square*

Closing Ceremonies with IF20 2027 UK Chair *Lord Russell Rook* at the *Cathedral of the Madeleine*

2026 Annual Forum Highlights



Utah Gov. Cox and Nobel Laureate David Beasley in a Disagree Better dialogue

"Faith and Education" plenary with BYU Pres. Reese

Spotlight – the World Bank's work with Sharon Eubank on the Pandemic Fund

"Olympics & Interfaith" session with Fraser Bullock and Olympic Athletes

Mission Statement

The **IF20's mission** is to address pressing global challenges by drawing on multifaith insights to generate actionable policy ideas for the G20 that advance the common good. We follow these key principles:

Engaging with the G20 Process. The *IF20* functions in parallel to the G20's formal engagement groups by advancing policy recommendations that bring faith-informed perspectives directly into global policy discussions.

Faith-inspired Insights. Long before the rise of modern states, religious communities worked to address humanity's deepest needs. They draw on extensive grassroots networks, lived experience, and generations of accumulated wisdom and moral authority. Public policy is stronger when informed by the insights and credibility of these communities.

Leaving No One Behind. The *IF20* champions human dignity and our common responsibility to care for the world's most vulnerable, especially in times of crisis, conflict, or rapid social change.

Building Networks of Multi-disciplinary Expertise. The *IF20* convenes diverse networks of religious actors, non-governmental organizations, academic experts, and public officials, with an emphasis on intergenerational engagement, to develop rigorous, practical recommendations that lay the foundation for partnerships and collaboration.

Advancing Best Practices. As global needs increase and available resources become more constrained, the *IF20* highlights and communicates effective, evidence-informed ways that faith-inspired insights and initiatives contribute to meaningful and scalable solutions.

Common Ground and Consensus. The *IF20* is committed to strengthening collaboration among religious traditions by identifying shared moral priorities and cultivating consensus. This apolitical, non-denominational, and nonpartisan approach enables diverse religious communities to achieve cooperation without compromising their distinctive commitments. The UN Sustainable Development Goals, and their future successors, serve as a unifying reference point for this multifaith work.

Commitment to Religious Freedom. The policies, solutions, and practices associated with *IF20* programs demonstrate the valuable contributions religious organizations make to broader societal goals and highlight core human rights, including freedom of religion or belief as a principle of good governance, essential to human flourishing.

Through these principles, the *IF20* transforms dialogue into policy-relevant insights and shared action on global challenges.

IF20 Partners 2025

