

G20 Interfaith Forum



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From **Bettina Krause (Adventist News Network)**: "As the world's political leaders gathered [in September 2016] for the G20 Economic Summit in Hangzhou, China, an international group of religious scholars met in Beijing to consider how religion can help foster international dialogue and problem-solving. / Ganoune Diop, director of public affairs and religious liberty for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was invited to address the group of some 40 scholars and religious leaders. He told the group that before talking about our differences, we must first recognize shared human values. Click [here](#) to view this report.

From **Katherine Marshall (Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs, Georgetown University)**: "Echoing the title, the overall line of argument was that common values trump real divides linked to culture or religion. There were many papers exploring scholarship about religious traditions that have shaped China, touching more on "harmony" than on tensions. / Lively exchanges and some fairly blunt discussions turned about a central topic: Internet and religion. How, some asked, is the Internet really changing transmission and practice of religious beliefs and adherence, and how can and should the negative features of the Internet and the Internet age be governed? How and how far to control is plainly an issue. It was largely in this connection that the issues around radical religion and violence were touched upon." Click [here](#) to view this report.



Ganoune Diop (Left) standing with Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake (Right) from the Konko Church of Izu (Shinto), Japan, during the G20 Interfaith Summit in Hangzhou, China. The Summit allowed religious leaders to consider how religion can help foster international dialogue and problem-solving. [Photo courtesy of Ganoune Diop]