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MULTI-STAKE HOLDER ACTION TO ADDRESS COVID-19

How we can build a new social contract that honors the dignity of every human being

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The Conference

The current crisis the world is going through is more than a health/epidemiological crisis. It has the potential to produce social, political and economic devastation in countries that are already fragile and facing humanitarian crises, armed conflict, poverty and inequalities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has surfaced the frailties of a “normal” that was already facing a crisis in most societies, especially the shocking economic and social inequalities and the persistent discriminations such as racism, xenophobia, homophobia and misogyny. These resurfaced frailties will have implications for humanity and will not spare any sector.

This pandemic is creating a world that is less open and less free. It has placed humanity on a new and worrisome path, and it is making the battle to “leave no one behind” more difficult. The deepening inequality gaps escalated by the pandemic have profound implications for fundamental human rights. Threats related to climate change, the shrinking space for civil society, populism, radical nationalism and authoritarianism are now snowballing.

Independent of one’s ideological and strategic entry point, it is hard to believe that the world will be the same after the COVID-19 pandemic. To address the consequences of this crisis as “business as usual” will result in failure.

Recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic makes the need for innovative and effective partnerships urgent, it is essential for all stakeholders to embrace upstream collaboration. This new scenario provides us with a unique window of opportunity to build a new social contract that honors the dignity of every human being. We cannot ignore the opening for faith -based organizations to offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations and setting the priorities for societies.

The Programme

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria, General Secretary of the ACT Alliance

FIRST SESSION: THE WORLD TODAY AND AFTER COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has clearly revealed existing regional, international and national challenges and exacerbated inequalities, marginalization and poverty. An honest assessment of the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on societies, economies and vulnerable groups is essential to tailor the responses of different stakeholders to recover from the crisis and build back better to ensure that no one is left behind. This session will be used to unpack the problem and the challenges that we are facing in different sectors and how it is affecting marginalized and vulnerable communities from different perspectives.

Speakers

Dr. Natalia Kanem, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund

HE Ms. Trine Rask Thygesen, State Secretary for Development Policy, Danish International Development Agency

Mr. Adrian Monck, Managing Director, World Economic Forum

Ms. Zainah Anwar, Director of Musawah and founding member of Sisters in Islam

Moderator: Mr. Peter Prove, Director of International Affairs, World Council of Churches

SECOND SESSION: MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ACTION

After decades of globalisation and integration, the world seems to be retreating from multilateralism, and reverting to increased unilateral actions, protectionism and nationalisms. This in turn is leading to withdrawal from treaty obligations and decreasing or cutting support for multilateral institutions, and even military and economic coercion. Furthermore, it is leading to constrained space for civil society at national and global levels, and use the guise of public health as an excuse to restrict or deny human rights.

While this trend has been in play long before COVID-19 arrived, the pandemic has clearly illustrated that when it comes to global, cross-border problems, only a multilateral and multi-stakeholder approach can be effective in providing successful solutions.

Speakers

Mr. Abdoulaye Mar Dieye, Assistant Secretary General and Senior Adviser to the UNDP Administrator

HE Dilma Rousseff, Former President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

Mr. Rolof Mulder, CEO and Founder of Hospitainer

Ms. Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, CEO of Christian Aid

Moderator: Ms. Bani Dugal, Principal Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations

THIRD SESSION: ROLE OF FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Religious communities and organizations provide physical infrastructure and complex social networks that can be leveraged during and after a crisis. They provide informal and organized psychosocial support, food, education, social protection and gender awareness work. In many countries they are responsible for providing a significant part of health care services, especially in underserved and marginalized communities.

Faith communities and faith-related organizations are also active at the national level in advocacy for inclusive social policies, debt relief, democratic accountability, and respect for human rights.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, some local faith groups have openly challenged public health policies. At the same time, we have seen many faith actors stepping up to the challenge, both in terms of services and support, and working with faith communities to

promote evidence-based health information and safe practices. This has reinforced the often-conflicting approach to engagement with faith actors, ranging from recognition and inclusion of the unique role and contribution they can provide to suspicion or distrust. The current trends towards a shrinking space and restrictions on meaningful

Speakers

Ms. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

HE Mr. Ayman Riyad AL Mufleh, Minister of Social Development of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Prof. Dr. Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace

Most Revd Dr. Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

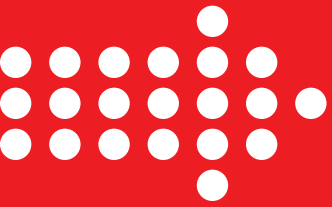
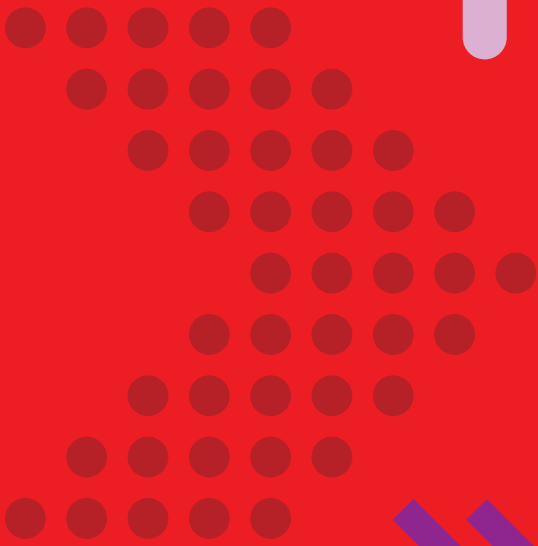
Moderator: Mr. Erik Lysén, Director of Act Church of Sweden

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen, General Secretary of DanChurchAid and Moderator of ACT Alliance



SPEAKERS





Rudelmar Bueno de Faria

General Secretary, ACT Alliance

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria is the General Secretary (CEO) of the ACT Alliance. Prior to this, he served as the World Council of Churches Representative to the United Nations and Deputy Director of the Lutheran World Service. Mr. de Faria has over 25 years of experience working with national and international non-governmental organizations. His education and training embraces business administration, international relations, community development and international humanitarian law. Under his leadership ACT Alliance developed a new strategic direction focusing on gender, including strategic partnerships with UNFPA and UN Women and ACT commitments to Nairobi ICPD+25.



HE Trine Rask Thygesen

**State Secretary for Development Policy,
Danish International Development Agency**

HE Trine Rask Thygesen is the State Secretary for Development Policy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. She joined the ministry in 1997. Since then, she has held multiple positions within the areas of foreign policy, development policy, multilateral cooperation and humanitarian action. She was Ambassador to South Africa from 2015 before returning to be Under Secretary for Global Development and Cooperation in 2018. Trine Rask Thygesen holds an MSc in Economics from Aarhus University of Denmark.



Dr Natalia Kanem

Executive Director, UNFPA

Dr Natalia Kanem is United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations sexual and reproductive health agency. Appointed by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in 2017, Dr. Kanem has more than 30 years of strategic leadership experience in the fields of preventive medicine, public and reproductive health, social justice and philanthropy. She started her research career with the Johns Hopkins and Columbia University schools of medicine and public health.



Adrian Monck

Managing Director, World Economic Forum

Adrian Monck is a Managing Director as well as Head of Communications and Media at the World Economic Forum. Before joining the Forum, Adrian had a diverse and award-winning career in journalism. He began his career at the US network CBS before joining UK broadcaster ITN's News at Ten in 1992. While there, he won awards for his reporting on, among other issues, the Bosnian War and aid to Rwanda. In 1996, Monck launched – and became managing editor of – the news service for the UK's youngest terrestrial channel, Five. Under his stewardship, Five News received several awards for the quality and style of its broadcasting. He has served as president of the UK's Media Society and co-authored two books. Adrian is married and has two children.



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Zainah Anwar

Director of Musawah, Founding member of Sisters in Islam

Zainah Anwar is a founding member and former executive director of Sisters in Islam, a Malaysian non-governmental organization working on women's rights within the Islamic framework. The group works in the areas of research, advocacy, public education and legal reform and services to push for a progressive rights-based understanding of Islam. It engages with a wide range of issues, including Islamic Family Law, Islamic Criminal Law, domestic violence, freedom of religion, freedom of expression, Islam as a source of law and public policy, and Islam and women's rights. Zainah is currently the director for Musawah, a global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family.



@Hospitainer

Rolof Mulder

CEO and Founder of Hospitainer

Hospitainer, as a social enterprise, provides medical turn-key solutions based on shipping containers. Ranging from OT, X-ray, lab, dental, to sanitation and morgue. The units can be placed on the ground, on wheels or on a vessel and are scalable, because of the modular set-up. It can also supply the equipment, medicine, installation, training and maintenance. The Hospitainer Mobile Hospital can be used in refugee camps, disaster areas and developing countries. Since the last 10 years Hospitainer works together with different partners like the UN, MSF, other NGOs and Governments in 26 countries. Hospitainer is driven by Christian values to deliver medical help to those in need, especially in places where medical care is lacking.



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Amanda Khozi Mukwashi

CEO of Christian Aid

Amanda Khozi Mukwashi has devoted more than 25 years to working on poverty alleviation, tackling injustice and inequalities. She has worked in both intergovernmental and non-governmental spaces, bringing in-depth experience from across the development sector. She is the Chief Executive Officer of Christian Aid, leading development and humanitarian interventions in Africa, Asia & the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean. Amanda has also served with the United Nations under the United Nations Volunteer programme in Germany, as Chief, Volunteer Knowledge and Innovation and Chief of Advisory Services. for Bond and as President of Akina Mama wa Afrika. Amanda is a published author. "But Where Are You Really From?" is her first book.



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HE Dilma Rousseff

Former President of Brazil

HE Ms Dilma Rousseff is a Brazilian economist and politician who served as the 36th president of Brazil, holding the position from 2011 until 2016. She was the first woman to hold the Brazilian presidency and had previously served as Chief of Staff to former president Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. She also served as president of the Foundation of Economics and Statistics. Ms. Rousseff played a decisive role in coordinating the Growth Acceleration Program (PAC), a set of policies and measures to promote investments in infrastructure; and "My House, My Life", the biggest housing program in the nation's history. During her Presidency, Ms Rousseff focused her agenda on ensuring the country's economic stability and job creation, as well as reducing poverty. Internationally she focused on guaranteeing respect for Human Rights and Peace, promoting a non-interventionist policy.



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Abdoulaye Mar Dieye,

Assistant Secretary General and Senior Adviser to the UNDP

M. Dieye, from Senegal, is a development expert and a macroeconomist; He is currently serving as United Nations Assistant Secretary General; and Special Adviser to the UNDP Administrator. He has served as Director for the UNDP Bureau for Policy and Programs Support; Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Africa; Chief of Staff of UNDP; Deputy Regional Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States; Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary General, United Nations Operations in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI); and UN Resident Coordinator. He has led seminal policy production of UNDP in including publications on inequalities; human development; violent extremism from a development perspective; gender equality and women empowerment; promoting economic emergence and structural economic transformation in Africa.



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Chief

Michelle Bachelet

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Michelle Bachelet is the current United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Ms. Bachelet was elected President of Chile on two occasions (2006 – 2010 and 2014 – 2018). She was the first female president of Chile. She also served as Health Minister (2000-2002) as well as Chile's and Latin America's first female Defense Minister (2002 – 2004). In 2011, she was named the first Director of UN Women, an organization dedicated to fighting for the rights of women and girls internationally. Economic empowerment and ending violence against women were two of her priorities during her tenure. She has recently pledged to be a Gender Champion, committing to advance gender equality in OHCHR and in international fora.



HE Ayman Riyadh Al Mufleh

Minister of Social Development of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

H.E Ayman Al-Mufleh was appointed the Minister of Social Development of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in October 2020. The Ministry of Social Development (MOSD) leads the creation of comprehensive and integrated policies to ensure societal growth through the provision of services that improve the quality of living among the citizens of Jordan. Throughout his 35-year career H.E held various leadership positions in both the government and private sector. H.E Al-Mufleh holds two of the Kingdoms' highest awards "Al Istiklal Medal of the First Order" and "Al Istiklal Medal of the Third Order" in addition to the "Long and Meritorious Service" military medal.



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Prof Dr Azza Karam

Secretary General of Religions for Peace

Prof Dr Karam is the Secretary General of Religions for Peace International, and Professor of Religion and Development at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Previously, she served as the Senior Advisor on Culture at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Coordinator/chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development; Senior Policy Advisor at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)'s Regional Bureau for Arab States; and President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations. She was the Lead Facilitator for the United Nations' Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development and Diplomacy, building on a legacy of serving as a trainer cum Mediator on intercultural leadership and management in the Arab region as well as in Europe, Africa, and Central Asia.



@Archibishop

Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba

Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Most Revd Dr Thabo Cecil Makgoba is the Archbishop of Cape Town and Metropolitan of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa since 2008. He is former chair of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network. He has and continues to serve as a Board Member in a number of NGO's and both Ecumenical and Inter-faith bodies. Since 2012, he is Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape. Recipient of awards and honors, including: Cross of St Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury; Ernest Oppenheimer Memorial Trust Scholarship. Procter Fellow, EDS, Cambridge, USA. Adjunct Professor at GSB, Allan Gray School for values.

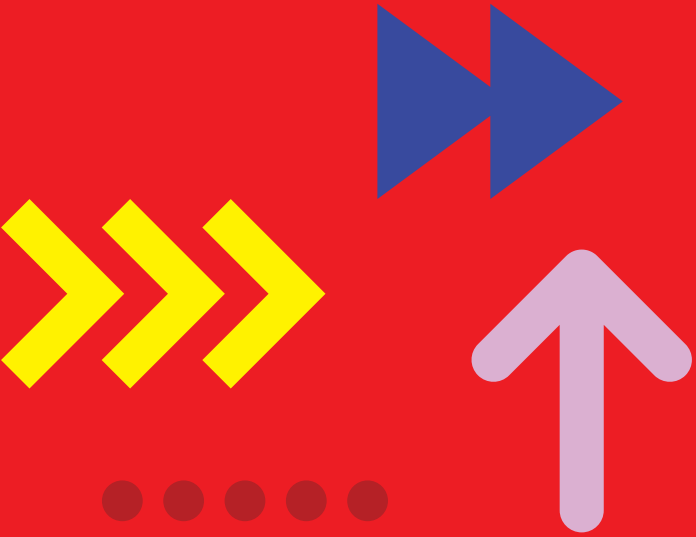


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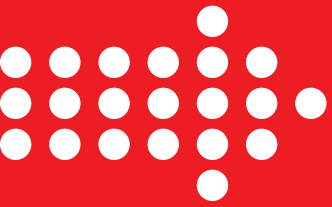
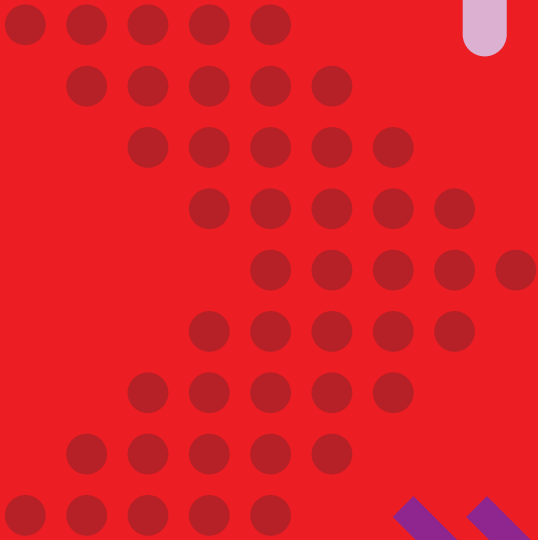
Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen

General Secretary of DanChurchAid, Chair of the Board at ACT Alliance

Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen has an MA in Theology from the University of Aarhus and a MA in Management Development from the Copenhagen Business School. She worked as International Director for DCA and Country Director for Save the Children in Bosnia and Herzegovina, focusing on rehabilitation and conflict resolution after the war in the former Yugoslavia. She is currently Chair of the Board of ACT Alliance.



MODERATORS





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Peter Prove

Director of International Affairs, World Council of Churches

Peter N. Prove is the director of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs at World Council of Churches since August 2014. From mid-2010 to 2014 he was Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance Executive Director and had served as Assistant to the General Secretary for International Affairs and Human Rights in The Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland, since 1997. A lawyer by profession, he holds a Masters of Law from the University of Queensland, Brisbane Australia, with combined focuses on international trade law and international human rights law. He was a member of the EAA Strategy Group on Global Trade for the duration of the EAA Trade Campaign. He also represented the EAA as a member of the United Nations International Task Team on HIV-related travel restrictions.



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Bani Dugal

Principal Representative Bahá'í International Community's United Nations Office

Bani Dugal is the Principal Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations. She is currently the Vice Chair of the Steering Committee of the NGO Working Group on the Security Council, and Co-Chair of the Multi Faith Advisory Council to the UN Inter Agency Task Force for Religion and Development and is a co-president and member of the World Council of Religions for Peace. She previously served as President of the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Co-Facilitator of the UN Gender Equality Architecture Reform Campaign (GEAR), Co-Facilitator of the Faith and Feminism Working Group, Chair of the Global Forum of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, amongst many positions she has held at the UN in NY.



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Erik Lysén

Director of Act Church of Sweden

Erik Lysén has held the position as Director, Act Church of Sweden since 2011. Church of Sweden's International Department, of which he is the head, has more than 100 staff employed. In addition, 20 staff are local representatives in focus countries in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Prior to that, Erik Lysén was the head of the Policy and Advocacy unit of Church of Sweden's International Department between the years 2006 and 2011. He began his work with Church of Sweden in 2001, working as a Policy Adviser on global economic issues. Earlier work experiences include a three-year period in South Africa from 1991 to 1994, where he worked as a Regional Representative for another Swedish church aid organisation, Diakonia. Upon his return to Sweden, Erik worked for a couple of years for the Christian Council of Sweden before becoming the regional Africa secretary of Diakonia between 1997 and 2001.

