EQUIPPING FOR ACTION – Thursday, 22nd August 15.00-17.30

The new format “Equipping for Action” is a great opportunity for Assembly participants from around the world to showcase and inspire others with the work they are doing in their respective countries and communities, to connect with new potential cooperation partners, to contribute to the understanding of best practices and to share important lessons learnt along the way of building peace and transforming conflicts.

The Session is composed of four different highly inter-active Session formats, which take place at the same time in different locations on the island of Lindau. This means that each participant has to choose one session to attend. You may choose between:

- **Option 1** Global Gallery
- **Option 2** Lightning Talks
- **Option 3** Religion & Diplomacy (various topics)
- **Option 4** Workshops (various topics)

**Subscription:** You can enroll for one of these formats while in Lindau. Please sign up for one session only by adding your name to the participant list for the format you wish to attend. Please note that each format and workshop has limited capacities, overbookings will not be possible.

For your information, during Tuesday’s Business Meeting and Wednesday’s Plenary session, precise instructions and detailed information on how to choose one of the above described formats of the Equipping for Action Session will be shared.

1.) **Global Gallery**

In a highly interactive session, participants learn about 25 different projects from around the world that showcase innovative approaches to and successful examples of multi-faith collaboration for peace. Participants review and discuss best practices while at the same time forging bonds with sister projects and potential future cooperation partners.


**Venue:** Foyer, Inselhalle
2.) Lightning Talks

Lightning Talks are inspiring talks, presenting personal stories and showcasing exemplary ideas within the range of religious, spiritual and peace-related issues. Religions for Peace Lightning Talks – being similar to the style of TED-Talks – differ from conventional speeches. These Talks will provide both powerful words and thought-provoking, inspirational new perspectives. Each Talk presents a strong and unique idea or story that is freely presented in a very concise manner. The motto is: enlighten us and be precise.

In a sequence of seven talks lasting 12 minutes each, seven religious representatives from all over the world will share their personal transformational experiences, stories and ideas along their way to building more peaceful societies.

1.) Is Religion the Problem or the Solution?
Chief Rabbi David Rosen, International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC), Israel; Co-President, Religions for Peace

2.) Crossing bridges in my mind – can foes be friends after a war?
Lejla Hasandedic-Dapo, United Religions Initiative, Youth Delegate, Bosnia and Herzegovina

3.) Answering the core question: What’s religion got to do with a nation’s development strategy?
Prof. Dr. Katherine Marshall, Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue, Georgetown University

4.) From Suffragettes to Women Interfaith Activists of Today: Changers and Challengers of Society
Ravinder Kaur Nijjar, Chair RfP UK Women of Faith Network, Sikh Representative on Scottish Religious Leaders Forum

5.) Religious Hooliganism – The Fever Pitch of Faith
Father Dr. Nikodemus C. Schnabel, O.S.B., Benedictine monk of Dormition Abbey, Jerusalem

6.) What if they were one of us? From refugee to relative
Abdul Nasser Magezi, Chair Uganda Interfaith Youth Network

7.) The Wellbeing of Nations
Prof. Dr. Jeffrey Sachs, Director, Center for Sustainable Development; Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General on the Sustainable Development Goals; International Trustee, Religions for Peace

Venue: Lindau Cinema Parkttheater (next to Inselhalle)
Zwanzigerstraße 3, 88131 Lindau (Lake Constance)
3.) Religion & Diplomacy

This is a new interactive format to combine the mandates, the experience and the expertise of religious leaders with the professional skills of diplomats. Jointly, they will address issues and challenges for peace and upcoming or already enfolding conflictual situations. The spirit of this format can generate new credible options for joint action combining the instruments of politics and spirituality in order to define specific tasks for the follow-up of Lindau.

Furthermore we want:

- to learn about the synergetic potential of connecting spirituality and politics/diplomacy
- to inspire new and better methods for conflict transformation and best practice
- to define new common approaches leading to better solutions for joint conflict prevention

The following round-table discussions are:

R&D1) “No Troubles” – Religion & Diplomacy preventing resurgence of violence in Northern Ireland in the wake of BREXIT
Moderated by Damien Cole, Director Policy Planning Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Ireland

R&D2) Religions for Social Cohesion – Lessons from the Marrakesh Declaration
Moderated by Pekka Metso, Ambassador at large for Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, Finland

R&D3) Conflict Transformation Tools in African Contexts – Mediation and other means for conflict transformation
Moderated by Jean-Nicolas Bitter, Senior adviser on Religion, Politics, Conflict, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

R&D4) Religion and Migration – North and South of the Mediterranean – origins and conclusions of a dilemma
Moderated by Martin Pammer, Head of Division Dialogue of Civilizations, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

R&D5) Religious tolerance vs. confrontation in South-East-Asia
Moderated by Ambassador Arif Havas Oegroseno, Indonesia

R&D6) Religion and Migration in Central America – heading where?
Moderated by Ambassador Christa Castro Varela, Honduras

R&D7) Understanding between Religion and Diplomacy
Moderated by Irmgard Maria Fellner, Director for Cultural Relations Policy and Deputy Director-General Department for Culture and Communication, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Co-Chairs: Ambassador Dr. Volker Berresheim, Religion and Foreign Policy, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Fmr Ambassador Lieselore Cyrus, Federal Foreign Office, Germany | Ambassador Dirk Lölke, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Fmr Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Schultheiß, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

We invite you to this new format and look forward to discuss with you. Come and make a difference!

Venue: Restaurant, Inselhalle
4.) **Workshops**

In small groups, participants hold in-depth conversations on some of the most pressing topics affecting communities today and learn new skills in interactive working groups. With partner experts of *Religions for Peace* acting as Co-Conveners, each participant shares his or her own personal expertise and experiences in engaging discussions that will culminate in the joint determination of relevant action points and concrete projects through the mobilization of multi-religious collaboration. To find the most suitable and interesting workshop for you, kindly find a list of all Workshops attached.

**W1) Building Multilateral-Faith-based Partnership for the SDGs**
Facilitator: Prof. Azza Karam, Senior Advisor, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) & Chair, UN Interagency Task Force on Religion & Development  
**Venue:** Room 2, Inselhalle

**W2) Child Spacing for Maternal and Child Health**
Facilitators: Hajat Nageeba Hassan Tegulwa, Chair, Uganda Women of Faith Network and Ms. Phyllis Kamau, Chair, Kenya Women of Faith Network  
**Venue:** Plenary Hall, Inselhalle

**W3) Combatting Religious Discrimination**
Facilitator: Ms. Susan Hayward, Senior Advisor, Religion & Inclusive Societies, U.S. Institute of Peace  
**Venue:** Press conference room, Inselhalle

**W4) Co-operation Between Religious and Civil Society Actors**
Facilitator: Mr. Rüdiger Noll, General Secretary, Oikosnet Europe  
**Venue:** Room 4, Inselhalle

**W5) Faith for Social and Behaviour Change (FSBC): A New Way of Working for Child and Family Well-being**
Facilitator: Dr. Kerida McDonald, Senior Advisor, Communication for Development Section UNICEF and Ms. Jean Duff, President, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities  
**Venue:** L2, Inselhalle

**W6) Interfaith Rainforest Initiative**
Facilitators: Dr. Charles Ian McNeill, Senior Advisor, Forests & Climate, UN Environment and Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director, GreenFaith  
**Venue:** Room 2, Inselhalle

**W7) Inter-religious Dialogue by and for Young People**
Facilitator: Ms. Bénédicte Charrier, Coexister  
**Venue:** Plenary Hall

**W8) It Takes the World to End Modern Day Slavery**
Facilitator: Dr. Lilian Sison, Chair, Asian Women of Faith Network  
**Venue:** Plenary Hall

**W9) Marrakesh Declaration on the Rights of Religious Minorities in Predominantly Muslim Majority Communities**
Facilitator: Mr. Peter Welbys, Inter-religious Advisor, Forum for Promoting Peace  
**Venue:** Room 5, Inselhalle

**W10) Faith Communities for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons**
Facilitator: Mr. Daniel Högsta, Campaign Coordinator, ICAN  
**Venue:** Plenary Hall, Inselhalle

**W11) Religious Actors’ Role in Facilitating Inclusive and Peaceful Societies**
Facilitator: Mr. Ulrich Nitschke, Head of the PaRD Secretariat, International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development  
**Venue:** Room 1, Inselhalle

**W12) Religion and Mediation**
(Con-Convenor: Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers and KAICIID)  
Facilitator: Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Senior Advisor, KAICIID  
**Venue:** Room 3, Inselhalle

**W13) Religious Values and Peace Education: A Practical Approach**
Facilitator: Prof. Dr. Johannes Lähnemann, Chair for Religious Education, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and Prof. Dr. Reinhold Mokrosch  
**Venue:** Room 6, Inselhalle

**W14) Is There a Shared Sacred Stories for the 21st Century?**
Facilitators: Mr. Bob Boisture, President and a Trustee, Fetzer Institute and Mr. Sharif Azami, Program Officer, Partnership, Fetzer Institute  
**Venue:** L3, Inselhalle

**W15) Special Training Session: Media Coaching**
Trainers: Ms. Constanze Abratzky and Dr. Jeanette Seiffert, Deutsche Welle  
**Venue:** Gewölbesaal (5 minutes walk from Inselhalle)

**W16) Sustainable Peacebuilding: Understanding and Supporting Processes of Forgiveness and Reconciliation**
Facilitator: Dr. Josef Boehle, Director, Peace Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation  
**Venue:** Room 7, Inselhalle
EQUIPPING FOR ACTION – Locations

Global Gallery: Foyer at Inselhalle
Lightning Talks: Park Theater Kino (Cinema) outside Inselhalle
Religion & Diplomacy: Restaurant at Inselhalle
Workshops: Several rooms at Inselhalle
DW Media Training: Gewölbesaal outside Inselhalle