

BETWEEN VISION AND REALITY.

International digital
conference on
interreligious dialogue.
20-21 october 2021



Online conference 20-21 October 2021: **Between vision and reality.** International digital conference on interreligious dialogue

Religions play a major role in social conflicts all over the world – as fire accelerants, but also as peacemakers. Nonetheless, while many conflicts are ostensibly religiously motivated, they are often an expression of deeper-seated crises and conflicts – over land, for example, or power, influence and money. Interreligious dialogue can help overcome these conflicts.

With this in mind, missio, the International Catholic Mission Society in Aachen, Germany, is hosting a two-day international digital conference on interreligious dialogue. The topic will be considered from a variety of viewpoints; stakeholders in interreligious dialogue will have an opportunity to speak and to offer insights into specific examples of international projects to promote dialogue of the religions.

Following the successful peace conference in 2020 (further information: www.missio-hilft.de/Friedenskonferenz) the dialogue conference is the second international digital missio event of this kind.

The conference, which will be held online, is geared towards interested parties in the fields of peace work, international development work, conflict research, and intercultural and interfaith dialogue.

Registration

Please follow the link for registration:
www.missio-hilft.de/dialogkonferenz.

The conference is free of charge.

Translation German/English will be available both ways.

It is possible to only attend selected workshops or talks.

The website of the conference
www.missio-hilft.de/dialogkonferenz
is also available in english.

All times CET

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WEDNESDAY
20.
October 2021

08:45– 9:00 a.m.:

Technical and organisational information (facilitator)

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.:

OPENING AND WELCOME

- *Father Dirk Bingener, President missio Aachen*
- *Archbishop Ludwig Schick, former Chairman of the Commission for international affairs of the German Bishops' Conference*

BLOCK 1:

WOULD THE WORLD BE MORE PEACEFUL WITHOUT RELIGION?

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.: **Panel discussion**

Participants:

- *Prof Adrien Sawadogo, University of Nairobi*
- *Dr Markus Weingardt, Weltethos Foundation*
- *Karen Hinrichs, Peace Institute, University of Freiburg*
- *Markus Grübel, representative of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Sub-committee on Civilian Crisis Prevention of the German government*

Chair: *Andreas Zumach, journalist and UN correspondent taz*

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: **Keynote remarks**

Prof Norbert Frieters-Reermann (KathO Aachen) and Dr Marco Moerschbacher (missio Aachen)

on the concept of “Do no harm”, religion and violence and the importance of dialogue

- *Dr Matthias Vogt (German Association of the Holy Land)*
- *Father Gideon Pwakim (priest of the archdiocese of Jos, Nigeria)*
- *Margarete Roskopf (missio Aachen)*

Conversation with the keynote speakers

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BLOCK 2: DIALOGUE OF LIFE

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: **Keynote remarks**

- *Gabriele Erpenbeck and Dr Hamideh Mohagheghi (Central Committee of German Catholics, ZdK, Bonn)*
On the statement of the ZdK Christian-Muslim dialogue group
- *Bishop Stephen Mamza (diocese of Yola, Nigeria)*
- *Father Dr Sebastian M. Michael SVD,*
Challenges and Opportunities in Inter-Religious Dialogue from Indian Perspective

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.: **Workshops**

- 1. Interreligious Dialogue among Senior High School Students for Social Transformation in Ghana**
Father Boniface Maasoayele, Interreligious Centre for Dialogue, Ghana
- 2. Interfaith Dialogue with Young People**
Anja Baukmann, KJA Düsseldorf
- 3. Peace and reconciliation of Hindus and Muslims in Northern India: SAMVAAD (Meaning "Dialogue")**
Father Anand Matthew, India and Bettina Leibfritz, missio, Aachen
- 4. From conflict to peace:
Bringing together secular and faith based approaches**
Dagmar Nolden und Carla Schraml, Berghof-Foundation, Tübingen
- 5. Satellite tv as a tool of interreligious dialogue in the Middle East and North Africa**
Kurt Johansen, Sat-7, Dänemark
- 6. Religion-sensitive and conflict-sensitive work with Palestinian refugees in Jordan**
Prof. Dr. Norbert Frieters-Reermann, KathO Aachen und Alia Bush-naq, Jordanien
- 7. Messengers of Peace – women and the interreligious dialogue in Senegal**
Prof. Anne Béatrice Faye, Senegal
- 8. Concepts of Pope Francis' dialogic interreligious theology of peace**
Professor em. Dr. Josef Freise, Neuwied

6:30 - 7:30 p.m.: **Culture and spiritual experience**

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BLOCK 3: DIALOGUE IN CELEBRATION

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.: **Keynote remarks**

- *Dr Muhammadu Sambo Haruna (Emir of Wase, Nigeria) and archbishop Dr Ignatius Kaigama (diocese of Abuja, Nigeria)*
- *Stephanie Krauch (Abrahamic Forum, Darmstadt)*
- *Father Dr Rodrigo Naortangar SJ, **Politically motivated fear of people of different faith (Republic of Chad)***
- *Rabbi Lea Mühlstein (JCM conference, London)*

11:00 – 12:30 p.m.: **Workshops**

- 1. Women's Interfaith Council, Nigeria.** *(tbc)*
- 2. Multi-religious celebrations in the school setting**
Dr. Katharina Lammers, archdiocese of Paderborn
- 3. Creating space for interreligious dialogue in the Garden of Religions - a virtual tour**
Anne Phlak, In Via, Cologne
- 4. Interreligious youth work** *(tbc)*
- 5. Celebrating together in the school context**
Abrahamic Forum
- 6. Shalom-Salam-God bless: intercultural encounters**
Ruth Kathrin Lauppert-Scholz, MA Granatapfel Kulturvermittlung
- 7. JCM Conference**
Lea Mühlstein, Lusungu Mbilinyi, Halima Krausen
- 8. The Bridge Nürnberg**
Christian Muslim learning space (tbc)

BLOCK 4: DIALOGUE OF FAITH

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.: **Keynote remarks**

- *P. Sebastian Painadath SJ, (India): **Interfaith Ashram***
- *Professor Dr. Nayla Tabbara und Rev. Prof. Dr Fadi Daou (Libanon): **Divine hospitality: Christian and Muslim theologies in dialogue.***
- *Dr Hamideh Mohagheghi: **House of Religions in Hannover, Germany.***

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.: **Workshops**

- 1. Khrist Bhakta Movement** *(tbc)*
Father Anil Dev: Matridan Ashram
- 2. Dialogue facilitators for Christianity and Islam. Ways to encounter church space and mosque.**
Katrin Großmann, Central Committee of German Catholics [ZdK] Bonn
- 3. Does God still dwell here? The conversion of churches for other religions.** *Timo Güzelmansur, Centre for Christian-Muslim Encounter and Documentation [CIBEDO], Frankfurt/M.*
- 4. Theological foundations for interfaith fraternity**
Prof Nayla Tabbara and Rev. Prof Fadi Daou, Libanon
- 5. Citizenship and Diversity: Christian-Muslim Living Together in Palestine**
Fuad Giacaman, Arab Educational Institute
- 6. Faith and peacemaking.**
Dr Ana Raffai und Otto Raffai, RAND, Croatia
- 7. Christian-Muslim Peace Initiatives: Training for "Messengers of Peace".** *Rafet Öztürk CMFD, Berlin*
- 8. Dialogue of Faith – experiences of interreligious dialogue of IRDIS** *Matthias Eder, Kenia*

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.: **Evaluation and conclusion**

