



## FAITH IN THE FUTURE

The UN Bristol Meeting on faiths and  
the Sustainable Development Goals  
8-9 September 2015  
Bristol, UK

### PROGRAMME

#### MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

*Arrivals at the Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel, Colledge Green, Bristol, BS1 5TA*

17.00–19.00: Optional tour of Sacred Bristol by Martin Palmer, ARC  
Please meet in the hotel reception at 16.45.

19.30–21.00: Informal buffet dinner, Palm Court, Royal Marriott Hotel

#### TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

*Breakfast available from 6.30am*

**8.45am**      **Meet in the hotel reception in your traditional religious clothing (if applicable)**

9.00–10.30: Procession to the Lord Mayor's Chapel and Opening Ceremony

10.30:            Tea / Coffee break

11.00–12.45: **Session One: Setting the Context**

Reflection:    **Dr Husna Ahmad**, Global One 2015

- 11.03–11.10: Introduction to the programme
- 11.10–11.20: Context of the Faith Long-term Plans: **Martin Palmer**, ARC
- 11.20–12.00: Report on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the progress to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): **Magdy Martinez-Soliman**, UNDP, and **Paul Ladd**, UNDP

12.00–12.30: Table Discussion

12.30–12.45: Formal presentation of the Bristol Commitments to the UN

*Reflection:* **Bishop Walter Thomas**, New Psalmist Baptist Church

12.45–13.45: Lunch

### 13.45–15.15: **Session Two: Faiths in Action**

*Reflection:* **Prof Lu Feng**, International Confucian Ecological Alliance

13.48–14.30: Presentation on where the faiths are active, based on their reviews of their Long-term Plans, illustrating the areas of commitment, geographic range & significant developments: **Martin Palmer**, ARC

14.30–14.35: Mapping of UNICEFs engagement with faith leaders, organisations and communities across the globe: **Caterina Tino**, UNICEF

14.35–14.40: Presentation on measurement and metrics for faith activity and engagement in the SDGs: **Jean Duff**, Partnership for Faith and Development

14.40–14.45: The Bahá'í International Community and the SDGs: **Daniel Perell**

*Discussion with the panel*

*Reflection:* **Lucy Roberts**, American Friends Service Committee

15.15–15.45: Tea / coffee break

### 15.45–16.45: **Session Three: Faith Networks**

A significant feature of the success of the original Long-term Plans has been the creation of faith networks and interfaith partnerships with governments and other secular agencies. These networks provide key information, education and capacity for the faiths to respond to potential partnerships around key themes.

*Reflection:* **Dr Vinya Ariyaratne**, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement

15.48–16.45: Presentations:

- EcoSikh: **Ravneet Singh**
- Society of Jesus: **Fr Francisco J. Alvarez de los Mozos**
- Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa: **Allen Ottaro**
- The Bhumi Project: **Gopal Patel**
- Daoist Ecology Temple Alliance: **Prof Fan Guangchun**
- Kenya Interfaith Network on Environment Action: **Rev. Dr. Fr Charles Odira**
- International Confucian Ecological Alliance: **Prof Lu Feng**
- GreenFaith: **Rev Fletcher Harper**

*Reflection:* **Hody Nemes**, Hazon

17.00: *Optional:* Special SDG and faiths evening prayer, hosted by the Cathedral, followed at 17.45 with a special tour of the Cathedral and its history

18.30: Gather in the reception of the hotel to proceed as a group for the evening welcome event, hosted by the City of Bristol

*Shinto blessing:* **Rev Katsuji Iwahashi**, Jinja Honcho

*Welcome:* **Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson**, welcomes delegates to Bristol 2015 Green Capital of Europe

*Response:* **Azza Karam**, UNFPA, on behalf of the UN

*Comments:* **Andrew Wallis**, CEO of the charity Unseen

## WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

*Breakfast available from 6.30am*

The focus of our second day is the relationship between the faiths' new 10-year plans and the SDGs. We have clustered the SDGs and the key themes of the 10-year plans into six broad categories, leading ultimately to both partnerships and celebration.

9.00–11.00: **Session Four: Justice, Peace and Creation**

*Reflection:* **Fr Michael Healey**, Clifton Diocese

### Justice and Peace

SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere

*SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation.*

*SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries*

*SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

*SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Bishop Nathan Kyamanywa**, Church of Uganda
- **Dr Vinya Ariyaratne**, Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement
- **Adam Taylor**, The World Bank
- **Dionne Gravesende**, Christian Aid

Followed by table discussion, feedback

## Creation

*SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

*SDG 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development*

*SDG 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Dr Nanditha Krishna**, The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation
- **Rabbi Arthur Waskow**, The Shalom Center
- **Glyn Davies**, WWF UK
- **Chantal Elkin**, ARC

Followed by table discussion, feedback

*Reflection: Prof Din Syamsuddin*, Central Board of Muhammadiyah, Indonesia

11.00–11.30: Tea / coffee break

11.30–13.00: **Session Five: Education and Lifestyles**

*Reflection: Dr Karen Nazaryan*, Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church

## Education

*SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere*

*SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all*

*SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Dr Dorcas Otieno**, Kenya Organisation for Environmental Education
- **Rev Fletcher Harper**, GreenFaith
- **Shamila Mahmood**, Islamic Relief Worldwide
- **Mary Bellekom**, ARC

Followed by table discussion, feedback

## **Lifestyles**

*SDG 2. End Hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture*

*SDG 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages*

*SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all*

*SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Dr Karen Nazaryan**, Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church
- **Abdalla Mohamed**, Supreme Muslim Council of Kenya
- **Immam Kasozi**, Uganda Islamic Council
- **Anne Meikle**, WWF Wales
- **Sally Smith**, UNAIDS

Discussion with the panel

*Reflection:* **Fachruddin Mangunjaya**, National University Indonesia

13.00–14.00: Lunch

14.00–15.30: **Session Six: Energy and Water**

*Reflection:* **Ravneet Singh**, EcoSikh

## **Energy**

*SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all*

*SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

*SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns*

*SDG 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts (taking note of agreements made by the UNFCCC forum)*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Rev Katsuji Iwahashi**, Jinja Honcho
- **Tomoaki Takahashi**, Great Forest Wall Project
- **Dan Misleh**, Catholic Climate Covenant
- **Stephanie Lux**, Elysee Palace, France

Followed by table discussion, feedback

## Water

*SDG 2. End Hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture*

*SDG 6. Ensure availability & sustainable management of water and sanitation for all*

*SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

*SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns*

*SDG 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **Rev Al Bailey**, New Psalmist Baptist Church
- **Dr Husna Ahmad**, Global One 2015
- **Lizzie McLeod**, The Nature Conservancy
- **James Morant**, New Psalmist Baptist Church

Discussion with the panel

*Reflection:* **Prof Fan Guangchun**, Shaanxi Academy of Sciences

15.30–16.00: Tea / Coffee

## 16.00–18.00: Session Seven: Partnerships and Celebration

This final session will feature the Bristol “Flamingo Chicks”, an inclusive dance group that gives children with disabilities the opportunity to explore movement and have fun alongside their friends.

*Reflection:* **Fr Francisco J. Alvarez de los Mozos**, Society of Jesus

16.05–16.20: Introduction

Dance – *Theme: Celebrating unity and bringing people together*

Certificate presentation

## Partnerships

*SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere*

*SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all*

*SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation, and foster innovation.*

*SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

*SDG 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development*

Brief introductions to the theme from:

- **David Shreeve**, Church of England
- **Saif Ahmad**, Al Khair Foundation
- **Felipe Queipo**, UN, Focus on Earth
- **Ulrich Nietzsche**, German Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Co-operation

Followed by table discussion, feedback

## Celebration

Brief introductions to the theme:

- **Bishop Walter Thomas**, New Psalmist Baptist Church
- **Dr Rajwant Singh, Ravneet Singh**, EcoSikh
- **Caroline Lensing-Hebben**, UNDP

Discussion with the panel

*Reflection:* **Immam Kasozi**, Uganda Islamic Council

**19.30:** **Farewell Dinner** – Palm Court, Royal Marriott Hotel

*Opening Reflection:* **Daniel Perell**, Bahá'í International Community

*Closing Reflection:* **Jayshree Balachander**, Green Pilgrimage Network, India

## THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Departures

