

2018 G20 Interfaith Forum

Speakers and Distinguished Guests

Omar Abboud - Argentina

Co-chair, Instituto para el Diálogo Interreligioso

Omar Abboud is a highly esteemed Islamic leader in Argentina with Syrian-Lebanese roots. He is Director of the Institute for Inter-religious Dialogue in Buenos Aires, founded in 2001 by Rabbi Daniel Goldman, Father Guillermo Marcó, and Jorge Mario Bergoglio (later Pope Francis). He has held the position of Secretary General of the Islamic Center of Argentina. A champion for social justice, he has worked to help uplift those in the slums of Buenos Aires out of poverty. His commitment to interspirituality is evident in his partnership with other religious leaders. He and Rabbi Abraham Skorka accompanied Pope Francis on a journey to the Holy Land. He was one of the delegation members of the Muslim delegation at the 3rd seminar of the Catholic-Muslim Forum, and a signatory of the Open Letter to al-Baghdadi and ISIS. Omar Abboud is the proud grandson of Ahmed Hasan Abboud, the first Muslim to translate Qur'an from Arabic into Spanish.



Elias Crisostomo Abramides - Argentina

Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople

Licentiate Elias Crisostomo Abramides was born in Argentina in a Greek family. His Church is the Ecumenical Patriarchate, based in Phanar, Turkey, founded by Apostle Andre. He is Ecumenical Officer of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Buenos Aires and South America. Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew granted him the title of Archon Protector of the Letters, Order of Saint Bartholomew. Since 1991 he has been Climate Change Advisor at the World Council of Churches (WCC) and is a founding member of the WCC Working Group on Climate Change. He also acts as the WCC Designated Contact Point to the UNFCCC Secretariat. He is fluent in Spanish, Greek, English, Portuguese, and Italian. He is the author of conferences, lectures, articles, and statements. He is a member of the Argentine Commission of Christian Churches in Argentina (CEICA) and the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR).



Alfredo Abriani - Argentina

National Undersecretary for Worship, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina

Alfredo Abriani earned a bachelor's degree in Human Sciences from St. Thomas Aquinas College, part of the Catholic University of Argentina (UCA), and a law degree at the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). In 2009, he graduated from the Program of Governance and Political Management at the University of San Andrés, CAF and The George Washington University. That same year he joined the Program leaders on the study of the United States and Bilateral Relations organized by the Center for American Studies. In 2014, he participated in the XIII Ibero Visitor Program held in Madrid, Spain by the Foundation for Analysis and Social Studies (FAES). In 2007, he served as a legal advisor at the General Secretariat of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires. He later was appointed General Coordinator of the Directorate General for Religious Affairs of



the Government of the City of Buenos Aires, and in 2011, served in the position of Director General of Religious Affairs of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires. He currently serves as National Undersecretary for Worship in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina since December 2015. Before serving in the government, he worked as a lawyer.

Brian Adams - Australia

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Director, Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University

Dr. Brian J. Adams is the Director of the Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue at Griffith University. As a former Rotary Peace Fellow, Brian is primarily focused on promoting respect and understanding across cultural, religious and organizational boundaries. Brian's 20+ years of work in Africa, Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific bring a compelling international perspective to the ICD. His background in mediation, conflict management and dialogue facilitation strengthen the Centre's ability to address some of the great challenges facing the world today, while his fluency in English, French, and Swahili allow him to expand the work of the ICD to marginalized groups in Australia and to troubled regions across the globe. Brian is also the author of the CURE Program for Productive Diversity. This program helps create the mindset, develop the skills and establish an environment for people to value the traditions and perspectives of other and to contribute their own. It lays the foundation on which productive diversity is built.



Gabriela Agosto - Argentina

Executive Secretary, National Council of Social Policy of the Presidency

Gabriela Agosto is Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies of Argentina. Previously, she was the Executive Director of the Civil Association, Social Observatory; General Coordinator of the National Registry of Beneficiaries of Social Plans in the National Social Security Administration (ANSES) project; Advisor to the Chamber of Deputies of the Nation and the Secretariat of Programming for the Prevention of Drug Addiction and the Fight against Drug Trafficking (SEDRONAR) (Presidency of the Argentine Nation); and National Coordinator of the Program for Strengthening Youth Development of the Ministry of Social Development (Presidency of the Argentine Nation). She holds a PhD in Political Science and Sociology from the Complutense University of Madrid; a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the Ortega y Gasset University Institute; a Diploma in Advanced Studies in Political Science and Administration from the Complutense University of Madrid; a Diploma in Communities of the Complutense University of Madrid; and a degree in Sociology from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA).



Uriel Aiskovich - Argentina

For the past ten years, Uriel Aiskovich has created and led a variety of nonprofits and NGOs that advance education, human rights, democracy, and cultural understanding. He is the founder and Executive Director of Altneuland Foundation, which promotes cultural diversity through art. He was the founder and Academic Director for seven years of MINU, an NGO that advocates democracy in high schools throughout Latin America by means of innovative educational programs such as Model UN, congress role playing, and more. He is the Community Director of Centro Hebreo Iona (Hebrew Iona Center), and an adjunct professor in Political and Social Theory at UCES.



Abdullah Al Lheedan - Saudi Arabia

Cultural Exchange Program

Abdullah Al Lheedan holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Southern California. He also earned a BA from the College of Administrative Science at King Saud University, and an MA in Political Science from the University of Southern California. He specializes in Islamic political thought. Al Lheedan is currently an assistant professor of political science at King Saud University. He previously served as an associate professor at the same university, as Adviser to the Minister of Islamic Affairs, and as a supervisor of the Knowledge Exchange Program. Al Lheedan has written five books in Arabic, one book in English, and co-authored two other books in English, as well as over 25 papers. He has participated in over 30 conferences.



Alvaro Albacete - Austria

Deputy Secretary General, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue Dialogue Centre (KAICIID)

Ambassador Albacete is Deputy Secretary General at KAICIID where he develops and coordinates KAICIID policy and action at the wider international level, in close co-operation with the European Union, the United Nations, and other international organizations. At the same time, Ambassador Albacete promotes dialogue and cooperation with non-Member States and designs and implements KAICIID's membership enlargement strategy. From February 2014, Ambassador Albacete served KAICIID as special advisor to the Secretary-General for public diplomacy. Previously, Ambassador Albacete was Ambassador at Large dealing with interreligious and intercultural dialogue for the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has worked for the European Commission in Bosnia-Herzegovina as an advisor in the area of good government for the Presidency of the State and the Ministry of European Integration between 1999 and 2002. He has also worked for the Inter-American Development Bank in Argentina, Bolivia, Panama and Paraguay, and has been a guest professor of the École Nationale d'Administration of France. He was trained in Driving Government Performance by the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Ambassador Albacete has served in diverse positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Spain, including the Division for the United Nations, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, Deputy Director of the Minister's Cabinet and Ambassador.



Katayoun Alidadi - United States

Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, Bryant University, USA; Research Partner, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

Katayoun Alidadi is an assistant professor of legal studies at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island, USA and a research partner at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany. Her research focuses on comparative law, human rights, and the intersections of law and religion. She is the author of *Religion, Equality and Employment in Europe: the Case for Reasonable Accommodation* (Hart, 2017) and co-editor of *A Test of Faith: Religious diversity and accommodation in the European workplace* (Ashgate, 2012) and *Belief, Law and Politics. What Future for a Secular Europe?* (Ashgate, 2014). Her new book is *Public Commissions on Cultural and Religious Diversity: Analysis, Reception and Challenges* (Routledge, 2018, with Marie-Claire Foblets) Originally from Tehran, Iran, her family fled after the 1979 revolution and settled in Belgium. Dr. Alidadi studied law at the KULeuven in Belgium and obtained an LLM in international legal studies from Harvard Law School. Her PhD in law is from



the KULeuven in Belgium. Prior to entering academia, she practiced corporate and public interest law in Brussels and Los Angeles. She participated in the 2015 and 2016 G20 Interfaith events, and is honored to contribute to the G20 Forum in Buenos Aires in 2018.

Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves - Brazil

Professor, Law Faculty, Universidade Federal de Uberlândia; Director, Brazilian Center of Studies in Law and Religion



Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves is a member of the Faculty of Law of Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, the Federal University of Uberlandia (Brazil) and the Leading Researcher of the Brazilian Center for Studies in Law and Religion. He is a researcher at the Ratio Legis - Center for Legal Research and Development of the Autonomous University of Lisbon on the topic religious freedom, social tension and security, and was an Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford (2014-2015). At the United Nations Office at Geneva he served as guest speaker at the Sixth Session of the Forum on Minority Issues on Beyond Freedom of Religion or Belief: Guaranteeing the Rights of Religious Minorities (OHCHR), which led to the publication of a set of recommendations by the Human Rights Council. He sits at the International Academic Advisory Board of the Advanced Program on Religion and the Rule of Law at Oxford and is a member of the Editorial Board of the Series *Law and Religion in a Global Context*, published by Springer, and the editor of the book *Latin American Perspectives on Law and Religion*. He was a member of the Expert Advisory Group for the International Development of Law Organization (IDLO) study on freedom of religion or belief.

Sharif Aly - United States

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Islamic Relief USA



Sharif Aly is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Islamic Relief USA, a leading international humanitarian and relief organization that operates in forty countries across the world, including domestically in the United States. As CEO, he oversees an annual budget of approximately \$130 million dedicated to providing relief and aid to alleviate hunger, poverty, and provide solutions for humanitarian crises, disasters, and long term sustainable development. In this role, Sharif has lead the strategic planning, operational plans, and budget development on behalf of IRUSA, and supported the development of a new strategic decentralized regional structure. Sharif has lead complex advocacy campaigns from inception to completion; managed development of evidence based research, policy, messaging and communications strategies; and established an advocacy platform to register, educate, organize and mobilize constituents on humanitarian policy issues. Under his leadership, IRUSA continues to foster a generous philanthropic legacy of the American Muslim community and supporters, as well as increase the extent of its programmatic impact for millions of its beneficiaries across the world. Aly received his JD from the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, where he distinguished himself as President of Muslim Law Students Association, and as a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee. Sharif currently serves on the American Red Cross' National Diversity Advisory Council.

Mohamed Amersi - United Kingdom

Founder & CEO of Emergent Telecom Ventures; Head of the Amersi Foundation

Mohamed Amersi is the Founder and CEO of Emergent Telecom Ventures, a consulting, advisory and asset management firm specializing in telecoms, media and technology. His non-profit, Amersi Foundation supports charities in education, poverty, conflict and religion in Africa, Middle East and Asia. More recently Mohamed launched the Inclusive Ventures Group, a social impact investing platform that has invested in education, livelihood, health and waste management in Africa and Asia. Mohamed is a fellow of Brasenose College, University of Oxford, a trustee of Prince's Trust International, a member of the Development Board of the British Academy, a member of the Governing Council of the Royal Agricultural University, a member of the Global Leadership Council of the Said Business School, University of Oxford, and a trustee of the Satyarthi Foundation, Rose Castle Foundation, and Reboot the Future.



Kristina Arriaga - United States

Vice Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF)

Kristina Arriaga is a commissioner on the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF). Before joining USCIRF, Kristina was the executive director of Becket, a law firm that focuses on religious liberty cases. During her tenure, Becket won several landmark religious freedom cases, securing the rights of Native Americans to use eagle feathers in their powwows, persuading the US Army to let a decorated Sikh soldier serve with his articles of faith, and defending the rights of a small order of Catholic nuns who take care of the dying elderly poor. Prior to her time at Becket, Arriaga served on the US delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission. She is a recognized expert on religious freedom and has appeared on MSNBC, CNN Espanol, C-Span, FOX, and NPR, among others. She is the 2017 recipient of the Newseum's Freedom of Expression Award for her work in religious liberty. She earned an MA from Georgetown University.



Carmen Asiaín Pereira - Uruguay

Alternate Senator, Parliament of Uruguay

Carmen Asiaín Pereira serves as a senator in the Parliament of Uruguay, and as vice president of the Latin American Consortium for Freedom of Religion and Belief. She is a professor of law and religion, graduate studies program, at the University of Montevideo and a professor of law and religion and of health law, graduate program, Facultad de Teología del Uruguay Monseñor Mariano Soler. She has participated as a panelist on religious liberty and law and religion at international conferences, and at the UN, and has published papers internationally on many topics. Dr. Asiaín is a member of the Judeo-Christian Fellowship and a founding member and vice-president of the Instituto de Derecho Religioso del Estado (IDRE), Uruguay, and of the International Advisory Council, Canon Law and Ecclesiastical Law General Journal, IUSTEL. As an attorney accredited by the National Ecclesiastical Court (Uruguay and Argentina) and a partner at the law firm of Pollak & Brum, she is a litigator in matrimonial canon law. She is an advisor and litigator in cases involving freedom of conscience and religion or belief against the State. Dr. Asiaín received a doctor in law and social sciences from the University of the Republic.



Kiran Bali - India

Global Chair, United Religion Initiative

Kiran Bali, MBE, JP is the Global Chair of United Religions Initiative. She is a practicing Hindu and has led at the global interfaith level for many years. An environmental activist, Kiran has been involved with grassroots projects tackling climate action. She gave the Hindu opening words for the One Earth, One Family multi-faith climate march calling for all religions to join hands to create a more sustainable future. She launched the Hindu declaration on Climate Change in India, and spoke at the launch of the interfaith declaration on climate change in New York. Kiran was honored by Queen Elizabeth II and has received a number of international awards. She is a regular keynote speaker at international events and has also addressed the UN General Assembly.



Darío Barolin - Uruguay

Executive Secretary, Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Latin America (AIPRAL)

Darío Barolin (Uruguay) is Executive Secretary of the Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches of Latin America (AIPRAL), and a pastor of the Evangelical Church Valdense del Río de La Plata. He holds a master's degree in theology from the Presbyterian Seminary of Princeton, New Jersey, United States, and a doctorate in theology from the ISEDET University Institute, CABA, Argentina. His areas of specialization are the Bible and the Old Testament.



Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno - Peru

Archbishop, Archdiocese of Huancayo; Vice-president of the Pan-Amazonic Ecclesial Network of the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM)

In 2001, Pedro Ricardo Barreto Jimeno was named titular bishop of Acufida and Apostolic Administrator of Jaén in Peru. In 2004, he was appointed Archbishop to Huancayo. A champion of environmental protection, Barreto served as President of the Bishops' Social Action Commission in 2006, and President of the Justice and Solidarity Department of the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) in 2011. He is a leading voice in Pan-Amazonian Church Network (REPAM).



Gustavo Béliz - Argentina

Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo

Dr. Gustavo Béliz is a lawyer from the UBA, with a research grant at the London School of Economics. He is the current Director of the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean of the Inter-American Development Bank agency where he has been working for 13 years, having previously resided in Washington and Montevideo. He was Minister of the Interior, Minister of Justice and Security and Human Rights, Secretary of State of the Public Function, President of the National Institute of Public Administration in Argentina, and deputy for the city of Buenos Aires. He published as author and editor 16 books on public policies, with emphasis on transparency, innovation and justice, and citizen security.



Raquel Bennett -

Representative, A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY)



Sergio Bergman - Argentina

Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, Argentine Government

Sergio Bergman is an Argentine rabbi, politician, pharmacist, writer, and social activist. Bergman serves as rabbi of the synagogue of the Congregación Israelita Argentina. He is CEO of Judaica Foundation and president of Argentina Ciudadana Foundation, as well as executive director of Action Network and Community Initiatives for Social Enterprise. As of 2015, he is Argentina's Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development. Bergman graduated from the Faculty of Pharmacy and Biochemistry, University of Buenos Aires. He received his rabbinical ordination in 1992, graduating from Marshall Meyer Latin American Rabbinical Seminary of Buenos Aires and the Jewish Institute of Religion in Jerusalem. He is an advisor and consultant to many communities and Israeli societies and a founding member of Cabildo Abierto Ciudadano.



Paola Bohórquez - Argentina

Program Associate, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

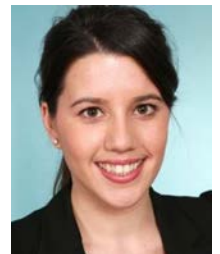
Paola Bahórquez is a program associate with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) since 2003. She received her degree in Economics from Universidad de Buenos Aires and a postgraduate degree in economics from Universidad Torcuato di Tella. She has been involved with UNDP since 1992 in various roles.



Jasmina Bosto - Austria

Executive Officer to the Deputy Secretary General, KAICIID Dialogue Center

Jasmina Bosto is the Executive Officer to the Deputy Secretary General at KAICIID International Dialogue Center since December of 2015. Prior to that, she served at KAICIID as a Partnerships Assistant and Programmes Department Assistant. She has interned for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Jasmina has an LLB from the University of Sarajevo and a Master of Advanced International Studies from the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, University of Vienna. She is a PhD candidate at the University of Vienna.



Gabriel Bottino - Argentina

Program Area Coordinator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Gabriel Bottino is the Program Area Coordinator in Argentina for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) since July 2017. Other positions at UNDP include National Program Officer and Inclusive Development Area Coordinator. He was a visiting scholar at Columbia University and a Fulbright NEXUS Scholar. He received his Master of Arts in Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning from Tufts University.



Patrice Brodeur - Canada

Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology and the Sciences of Religions, University of Montreal; Senior Advisor, KAICIID



Patrice Brodeur is an associate professor in the Faculty of Theology and the Sciences of Religions at the University of Montreal, as well as senior adviser at the KAICIID Dialogue Centre in Vienna, Austria. With over thirty years of experience in the area of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, primarily as an academic researcher and educator, the highlights of Prof. Brodeur's career include the development of an interdisciplinary research team on Islam, pluralism, and globalization at the University of Montreal (Canada), focusing on past and present intra- and inter-religious, as well as inter-civilizational and inter-worldview forms of dialogue. An esteemed author and multilinguist, Prof. Brodeur has received numerous prestigious awards, including fellowships, scholarships, research grants, and prizes during his distinguished career. He won 1st Prize for the Social entrepreneurship venture plan competition at the University of Notre Dame Mendoza Business School (2005) and received an "Interfaith Visionary Award" from the Temple of Understanding (2010).

Sayyid Ibrahimul Bukhari - India

Founder & Chairman, Ma'din Academy



Sheik Sayyid Ibrahimul Khalilul Bukhari was born in Kadalundi, a village in Calicut district, Kerala, India. He was educated by his parents, especially his father, Sayyid Ahmed Bukhari, spiritual guide of that region. Under the guidance of Beeran Koya Musliyar, he pursued his higher education and graduated with second rank in Islamic Theology (MFB) from Baqiyahu Ssalihath, Velloor in Tamil Nadu, India. Soon after completing his education, he established Ma'din Academy (Ma'dinu Ssaquafathil Islamiyya) at Swalath Nagar in Malappuram. Under his supervision and spiritual shadow, 15,000 students are educated in 26 institutions ranging from primary to post graduate level. Sayyid Ibrahimul Khaleelul Bukhari is one of India's most recognized Muslim personalities. He has traveled the world, lectured to thousands, and composed a number of works spanning Islamic thought and contemporary issues. He is the guardian of orphans, deaf and dumb, blind and mentally challenged children. Hundreds of thousands of people from different parts of the world gather at annual prayer congregation held under his leadership at Swalath Nagar every month especially on the 26th night of Holy month Ramadan.

Cristina Calvo - Argentina

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Director of the International Program on Democracy, Society, and New Economies, University of Buenos Aires

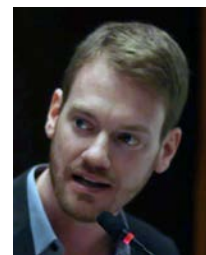


Dr. Cristina Calvo is the Director of the International Program on Democracy, Society, and New Economies at the University of Buenos Aires, and a professor at the University of Buenos Aires in the "Amartya Sen Award" of the School of Economy. She holds a PhD in economic sociology and is a magister in governability and human development. She also completed studies in ethics and moral sciences at the Institute for Education in Montet-Fribourg (Switzerland). A member of the Committee of Religious Leaders in Latin America of the WCRP, Dr. Calvo is an advisor for Caritas Latin America in justice and peace building, an advisor in economy for the Justice and Solidarity Department of the Latin American Episcopal Council, and also for ecumenical and multicultural networks. She was coordinator of the Mesa del Diálogo Argentino (Table for Dialogue in Argentina), a three-way process between Government, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the Catholic Church that, after

the 2001 crisis, cooperated to the restoration of democratic governability. She is an honorary member of the Argentinean chapter of the Ana Frank Foundation. In 2008 she received the award granted by the Argentinean Foreign Minister for her work towards the promotion of a plural society and towards the promotion of human rights.

Ignacio Esteban Carballo - Argentina

Professor, University of Buenos Aires (UBA); Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA)



Ignacio Esteban Carballo is a specialist in Financial Inclusion. He has a Bachelor in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires with a Cum-Laude degree and a Master's degree from the Autonomous University of Madrid from the International Master in Microfinance for Entrepreneurship (Master's Degree in Microfinance and Financial Inclusion) with an honors degree. He holds analyst's certificates in Microfinance from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA) and UNED in Spain, and an Expert in Microfinance (CEMF) from the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany. He is a professor at the Catholic University of Argentina (UCA), the University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and the Graduate Course in Financial Inclusion, Microfinance and Development of the UCA. He has a Master in Economic History at the University of Buenos Aires and a PhD in the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), and collaborates as a researcher at the Economic Structure Studies Center (CENES) of the FCE-UBA.

Gabriel Castelli - Argentina

Secretary of Childhood and Family, Argentine Government



Gabriel Castelli earned a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA), and a postgraduate degree in Management at Harvard. He served as Secretary of Institutional Coordination and Monitoring - Ministry of Social Development of the Nation (December 2015 to September 2017). He was a member of the Board of Directors UCA (2010-2016). He was President of the National Justice and Peace Commission (2012-2015), and National Director of Cáritas Argentina (2006 - 2012). Since 2017 he is Secretary of Children, Adolescents and Family in the Ministry of Social Development of the Nation.

Gabriela Catterberg - Argentina

Director of the National Human Development Program, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) - Argentina



Gabriela Catterberg has a PhD in Political Science (University of Michigan) and a Bachelor of Economics (Universidad Di Tella). She has been working for more than 10 years in the area of Human Development and Policies of the United Nations Development Program in Argentina, where she is the Director of the National Human Development Report and the series Contributions. She is the main author of the publications "Gender in the health sector" (2018), "Gender at work" (2014) and "Gender in figures" (2011). Between 1996 and 2002, she was Ronald Inglehart's research assistant in the World Values Survey, a global research project that explores people's values and beliefs, how they change over time, and what social and political impact they have.

Ana María Celis - Chile

President, ICLARS; Associate Professor, Center for Law and Religion, Faculty of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile



Ana María Celis Brunet is an associate professor in the Faculty of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (UC), where she teaches canon law and law and religion, as well as post graduate courses in different programs. She received her license and doctoral degree in canon law at the Pontificia Università Gregoriana (Rome, Italy) with the dissertation *La relevancia canónica del matrimonio civil a la luz de la Teoría general del Acto jurídico, contribución teórica a la experiencia jurídica chilena*. Professor Celis is an ecclesiastical lawyer before the Ecclesiastical Court of Santiago. She is Director of the Center for Law and Religion at UC, which began in 2005 as *Centro de Libertad Religiosa*, a center for studying Church-State matters and promoting religious freedom. She was the secretary and then President (2013-2016) of the *Consortio Latinoamericano de Libertad Religiosa* (Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom). She is also President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS).

Jorge Arturo Chaves Ortiz - Costa Rica

Departamento de Justicia y Solidaridad (DEJUSOL) del Consejo Episcopal Latinoamericano (CELAM) y Secretariado Latinoamericano y del Caribe Cáritas (SELACC)



Jorge Arturo Chaves Ortiz is an expert in ethics of economic and development policies. He has a Bachelor of Theology, a Master in Economics with an emphasis in Development from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, and a PhD in Economics and Society from the University of Paris. He has been a researcher and a member of the Consultative Council for the State of the Nation Project, UNDP - CONARE, Costa Rica. He was a visiting researcher at ETNOR (Ethics in Business and Investigations), Valencia, Spain, and a visiting researcher in the Department of Structure and Economic Development, Autonomous University of Madrid. Other positions include Coordinator of the Commission that created the Doctorate in Social Sciences (Faculty of Social Sciences, National University, Heredia, Costa Rica), and Professor at the National University of Heredia. Currently, he is Director of the CEDI (Dominican Research Center) (Heredia, Costa Rica), and Coordinator of the L.J. Lebrecht program in Ethics of Economics and Development in the same Center, since 2003.

Silvina Chemen - Argentina

Rabbi, Kehilat Beth El



Silvina Chemen is a graduate of the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary. She also graduated in Hebrew Language and Bible from Mijlelet Shazar, and in Communication Sciences from the University of Buenos Aires. She has participated in the publication of materials for programs of the Ministry of Health, Social Action, UNESCO, and UNICEF, as well as has developed numerous educational projects for adolescents on Discrimination and Human Rights, Culture of Care, and Social Resilience throughout the country. She is the co-author of the Itinerant Graphic Samples: "Young people and their rights", "From dictatorship to democracy, the validity of human rights", and "Violence that marks, genres in the spot" and, in turn, is co-author of the books *Violence and School* (ed. Paidós, 2001), *The rights of young people* (Editorial Place, 2004), *Testimonials for never more. From Anne Frank to our days* (ed. EUDEBA, 2008), *A dialogue for life - Towards the encounter between Jews and Christians* (ed. Ciudad Nueva, 2013), and author of *Torá y Encuentro* (ed. Nefesh, 2009). She is currently Rabina in

the Bet El community with Rabbi Daniel Goldman, and coordinator of educational publications of del Centro Ana Frank Argentina.

James T. Christie - Canada

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Professor of Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue Theology, University of Winnipeg



Dr. Christie, Co-Convenor of the Inaugural Commonwealth Conference, is an ordained minister of The United Church of Canada, and Professor of Whole World Ecumenism and Dialogue Theology at The University of Winnipeg. Dr. Christie has been engaged in UN reform since 1981 and is currently Chair of Project Ploughshares. Since 2007, he has been a member of the International Planning Committee for the G8 and G20 Inter-religious Summits and served as Secretary General for the 2010 iteration.

D. Todd Christofferson - United States

Quorum of Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



Elder D. Todd Christofferson was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2008. At the time of his call, he was serving in the Presidency of the Seventy. During his tenure in the Presidency of the Seventy, Elder Christofferson had supervisory responsibility for the North America West, Northwest, and Southeast Areas of the Church. He also served as Executive Director of the Family and Church History Department. Earlier, he was president of the Mexico South Area of the Church, resident in Mexico City. Prior to his call to serve as a full-time General Authority of the Church, Elder Christofferson was associate general counsel of NationsBank Corporation (now Bank of America) in Charlotte, North Carolina. Previously, he was senior vice president and general counsel for Commerce Union Bank of Tennessee in Nashville where he was also active in community affairs and interfaith organizations. From 1975 to 1980, Elder Christofferson practiced law in Washington, DC, after serving as a law clerk to United States District Judge John J. Sirica during the trials and other proceedings known as "Watergate" (1972-74). He earned his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, and his law degree from Duke University.

Maria Eugenia Crespo - Argentina

Director of Cooperation Circle Support, United Religions Initiative (URI)



Maria Crespo serves as the Director of Cooperation Circle (CC) Support from her office in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She maintains communication with CCs around the world, manages the CC approval process, and is the staff liaison for the CC Approval Committee. Maria moderates URI's listservs, assists with URI's social media activities, and oversees data collection for URI's CCs. Prior to this, she served as the Regional Coordinator for Latin America for five years. Maria originally became involved with URI in 1997 when she was appointed as a Trustee in the Interim Global Council. By profession, she is a bilingual school teacher. She is very involved in the Roman Catholic Church as a catechist and lay person, collaborating in the Episcopal Conference for Ecumenism, Relations with Judaism, Islam and other religions.

Carlos Custer - Argentina

Former Secretary General, World Confederation of Labour (WCL)

Carlos Custer is Secretary of International Relations of the Unidad Popular (UP) Party, International Counselor of the Central de Trabajadores de la Argentina (CTA), and representative of CTA in the Social Economic Forum of MERCOSUR. He is Vice President of the political committee of the Latin American Confederation of State Workers (CLATE) and a consultant member of the Argentine Council of International Relations (CARI), Buenos Aires. He is a historic trade union leader of the Association of State Workers (ATE), serving as their national leader from 1983-2010. He was the Argentine Ambassador to the Holy See (2003-2008) and a member of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace of the Vatican (1996-2004). Custer served as National Deputy for the Province of Buenos Aires (1989-1990) and Secretary General of the World Confederation of Labor (CMT), Brussels (1990-1996). In service to the Catholic Church, he has been a member of the First and Second Diocesan Synod of Quilmes, collaborator of Bishop Jorge Novak, and member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council. He was a member of the National Justice and Peace Commission of Argentina, and has been part of the Department of Justice and Solidarity of CELAM (2006-2012). He graduated in Labor Sciences from the Free University of Brussels (ULB), Brussels-Belgium.



Martha de Antueno - Argentina

Confraternidad Argentina Judeo Cristiana- Diálogo Ciudadano

Martha de Antueno participated in the group Catholics for Latin America founded by Cardinal Francis Spellman, a group dedicated to community and social work in deprived neighborhoods of the city and province of Buenos Aires. A former Judicial Officer of the Nation, she spent 35 years serving in the national courts of Buenos Aires, Bahía Blanca, and Tierra del Fuego. Since 1972, together with the Sisters of Notre Dame de Sion, she has dedicated herself to the relations between Jews and Christians. A member of the International Council of Christians and Jews, de Antueno is the Co-founder of the Argentine Jewish Judeo Fellowship and served as president for three consecutive terms. She currently serves on the executive board. During de Antueno's presidency, the institution received the Human Rights Award (2008) from the B'nai B'rith of Argentina in recognition of the Holocaust Museum of Buenos Aires. She is a member of Citizen Dialogue.



Rudelmar Bueno de Faria - Switzerland

General Secretary, Act Alliance

Rudelmar Bueno de Faria is the ACT Alliance General Secretary since June 1, 2017. Previously, Rudelmar served as the World Council of Churches (WCC) Representative to the United Nations and the Coordinator of the UN Ecumenical Office in New York. He facilitated the advocacy role of ecumenical organizations and religious leaders on issues pertaining to peace and security, gender equality, economic and ecological justice, human rights, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the organization of high-level events with UN and Member States at the UN General Secretariat. He represented the WCC in UN advisory bodies (UN Office on Genocide Prevention and Responsibility to Protect, UN Women, UNFPA, UNICEF) and UN Working Groups (Security Council, Israel-Palestine, Syria, Latin America). He was a member of the Steering Committee of the World Bank Initiative "Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty by 2030."



Armando di Filippo - Argentina

CELAM/UN

Armando Di Filippo is an Argentine economist, an economic science faculty member at the University of Rosario, and Magíster in economic science at the University of Chile. From 1970 until 2000, he served as international officer and researcher for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean-United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, a subsidiary of the United Nations in Santiago de Chile. During this period, some of his roles included Director of Planning and Training at the Latin American Institute of Economic and Social Planning-ILPES, Training Activities Director for United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Coordinator in the area of Regional Integration for ECLAC (from the Division of International Trade and Development); Special Advisor of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Executive Secretary on teaching and training activities. He also organized and/or was a guest in multiple conferences and seminars in the United Nations System such as UNDP, UNCTAD, UNESCO, etc. He was invited as a professor to the training activities of the World Trade Organization. He has taught at universities across South America, Mexico, France, Spain, Portugal, and the United States during the last 30 years, and has authored several books, articles, and essays about economic and social topics.



Maria Eugenia di Paola - Argentina

Coordinator of the Environment and Sustainable Development Program, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

María Eugenia Di Paola is Coordinator of the Environment and Sustainable Development Program of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). She received her LL.M. in Environmental Law from Pace University School of Law. She also holds degrees from the University of Buenos Aires. From 2007 to 2013, she was the Executive Director of Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN). She is a member of the IUCN Environmental Law Commission and was selected in 2009 as an Emerging Leader by the Global Environmental Governance Project, Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy and the College of William and Mary. María Eugenia was Sustainability Coordinator of the Graduate School, ITBA, a lecturer at the University of Palermo, and an associate professor, specializing in environmental law, at the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). She was the first Director of the Legal Clinic of Environmental Law Faculty of Law UBA-FARN. She was also Director of the Drafting Committee of the FARN Environmental Law Supplement - La Ley, and a member of the FARN Advisory Council. She has written over forty articles or book chapters and is editor or co-editor of 15 publications on issues related to environmental law and policy.



Ganoune Diop - United States

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; General Secretary, International Religious Liberty Association

Dr. Ganoune Diop is Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty for the worldwide Seventh-day Adventist Church. Before his election in July 2015, he served as the church's liaison to the United Nations, and as its representative within the international community of civic and political leaders. Dr. Diop has a Masters in Exégèses and Theology from Collonges, France, a Master's degree in Philology from the University of Paris, and a PhD in Old Testament Studies from Andrews University. He is currently a PhD candidate in New Testament Studies. Recently, he was honored with a Doctorate Honoris Causa for



his contributions to developing a global culture of human rights and respect for human dignity. Dr. Diop is an ordained Seventh-day Adventist minister, and has served as a local church pastor. His other positions include conference departmental director, and professor of Biblical Languages, Exegesis, and Theology at Saleve Adventist University in France, and later at Southern Adventist University and Oakwood University in the United States. Before joining the General Conference PARL department in 2011 as an associate director, Dr. Diop was Director of the five Global Mission Study Centers of Adventist Mission. He is a concert flute soloist.

Gary B. Doxey - United States

Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University



Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, joined the Center in 2005 and serves as regional advisor for Latin America. He also heads the Center's development effort. He has co-authored several commentaries on draft legislation, and a number of amicus briefs in Latin America. He also teaches in the History Department at Brigham Young University. Professor Doxey's career has been divided between academia and public service. Prior to joining the law school, he was chief of staff and general counsel to Utah governors Mike Leavitt and Olene Walker and served as deputy commissioner of financial institutions and as associate general counsel to the Utah Legislature. He has a PhD in History from Cambridge University and a JD from Brigham Young University. He speaks or reads several languages and has authored several scholarly publications.

Jean Duff - United States

Coordinator, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities



From 2011-2013, Jean served as Managing Director at Full Circle Partners, an international consulting platform. She is currently Coordinator of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, Senior Advisor to Advocates for Development Assistance, and Consultant to the Programa Inter-Religiosa contra a Malaria (PIRCOM). She co-founded the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty. There, building on work in Mozambique, she developed a new business model to link the multifaith sector to the public sector for impact on malaria. The resulting Nigerian Interfaith Action Association is the largest public health collaboration between Muslims and Christians, and government. Previously, she led Washington National Cathedral's global poverty program as Deputy Director of the Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation. Trained in epidemiology and clinical psychology, Ms. Duff has broad experience in convening and funding cross-sector networks of collaboration, and in the start-up of nonprofit social enterprises.

Jonathan Duffy - United States

President, Adventist Development and Relief Association



Jonathan Duffy is president of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) International, overseeing more than 140 global ADRA network offices. Under his leadership, ADRA adopted a five-year forward-thinking strategy framework establishing a more unified network that aligns with changing trends in the development and humanitarian sector. Prior to ADRA International, Jonathan served as the CEO of ADRA Australia where he helped secure a broad supporter base. Previously, he had 28

years of leadership in the public health sector. Jonathan earned a master of public health degree from Deakin University, Australia, and received a graduate certificate of occupational health management from the University of Sydney.

W. Cole Durham, Jr. - United States

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies; Susa Young Gates Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University



Cole Durham is Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law and Founding Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS) at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was a Note Editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and Managing Editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal*. He has been heavily involved in comparative law scholarship, with a special emphasis on comparative constitutional law. He is a founding Editor-in-Chief of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*. He served as the Secretary of the American Society of Comparative Law from 1989 to 1994. He is an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Paris—the premier academic organization at the global level in comparative law. He served as a General Rapporteur for the topic 'Religion and the Secular State' at the 18th Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, held in July 2010. He served in earlier years as Chair both of the Comparative Law Section and the Law and Religion Section of the American Association of Law Schools. Professor Durham was President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) from 2011-2016.

Lorena Echagüe - Argentina

Justicia y Paz



Lic. Lorena Mónica Echagüe received a degree in Urban Environmental Management from the National University of Lanús (UNLa) in 2006. She completed a Postgraduate Degree in Technologies and Law in Environmental Processes at the Technological Institute of Buenos Aires (ITBA). Currently, she is pursuing a Diploma in Economics and Law of Climate Change from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). Since she was 15 years old, she has worked for Whale Conservation Institute, a non-governmental environmental organization, coordinating the external communications, fundraising programs, and educational programs. From 2006 to date, she works at Unilever in various roles from safety and environmental management of the factories, to purchasing from sustainable sources (promoting the application of the Code of Sustainable Agriculture and Sustainable Sources of Supply). As a member of Integra Argentina Catholic Action since 2001, she has worked with children, youth, and adults. In 2016 and 2017, Ms. Echagüe was part of the annual campaign "Cuidemos la Tierra, Cuidemos la Vida". She was also an integrative teacher of the module "Principles and values to interpret the social reality" in the Diploma of Leadership and Community Development dictated by the Catholic University of Cuyo, and part of the Sustainable Development team of the National Justice and Peace Commission of the Argentine Episcopal Conference (CEA). Since 2016 in conjunction with other organizations, she has coordinated the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation to promote reflection, ecological conversion, and interreligious and intercultural unity.

Eduardo Elsztain - Argentina

Chairman, IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones; Vice-President, World Jewish Congress



Eduardo Elsztain is Chairman of IRSA Inversiones y Representaciones, Argentina's largest real estate company; His business holdings include Cresud and Brasilagro, leading agricultural companies in Latam; Austral Gold, an Australian-based mining company; Dolphin Fund, which controls IDB Development, one of the largest conglomerates in Israel, involved in the insurance, telecommunications, agrochemicals and retail industries, among others. He is a member of the World Economic Forum; the Council of the Americas; the Group of 50; Argentina's Association of Corporations (AEA); and on the Global Advisory Board of Endeavor, an international nonprofit organization that supports entrepreneurs in emerging markets. He is the President of Fundacion IRSA, which promotes education among children and young people, and is involved with TAGLIT, Birthright Argentina. He is Chair of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) Business Advisory Council, and WJC Vice-President.

Metropolitan Emmanuel - France

His Eminence, Metropolitan Emmanuel of France; G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee;



His Eminence, Metropolitan Emmanuel (Adamakis) of France studied Philosophy at the Institut Catholique de Paris, and Theology at the Orthodox Institute of Theology of Saint Serge, as well as courses at the École Pratique des Hautes-Études, and at the Institut Supérieur d'Études Œcuméniques de l'I.C.P. He obtained his Diplôme d'Études Approfondies (DEA) from the University of Sorbonne in Paris, and a Master of Theology (THM) from the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology in the United States. He was ordained deacon and priest in 1985. He served concurrently as Chancellor of the Orthodox Metropolis of Belgium, and as Dean of the Church of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel in Brussels. He was appointed Representative of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Church and Society Commission of the Conference of the European Churches (CEC), and in 1995, Director of the Liaison Office of the Orthodox Church to the European Union, a role he still fulfills today. In 1996, he was elected Auxiliary Bishop to the Metropolis of Benelux, under the title of Bishop of Reghion. In 2001, the Ecumenical Patriarchate entrusted him with responsibilities for the International Interreligious Dialogue with the Monotheistic Religions, and in 2003, elected him Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of France. Metropolitan Emmanuel is the President of the Assembly of Orthodox Bishops of France, co-president of the Council of Christian Churches of France, as well as co-president of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP). He has been a member of the Central Committee of CEC since 2003. Metropolitan Emmanuel has been named "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" in France, among other Church and State distinctions.

Claudio Epelman - Argentina

Executive Director, Latin American Jewish Congress, Representative in Latin America, Commissioner for Interfaith Relations, World Jewish Congress



Claudio Epelman is the Executive Director of the regional branch of the World Jewish Congress, the Latin American Jewish Congress, the umbrella organization speaking for the interests of the Latin American and Caribbean Jewish Communities. Epelman has represented these Jewish Communities at high level meetings with heads of states and many other important personalities from the international political field. He has also been invited to participate in several UN, OAS, OSCE and SEGIB sessions. Epelman is very

committed to inter-faith initiatives promoting Jewish and Muslim dialogue, and also building bridges with the Catholic community. He is regularly invited to inter-faith conferences such as the “Doha Conference of Interfaith Dialogue”, the “International Conference for Interfaith Dialogue” organized by the King of Saudi Arabia and the Muslim World League in Madrid, where he was asked to chair a plenary session; and the “General Conference of the Latin American Episcopal Conference” in Brazil, where he met with Pope Benedict XVI. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders. The Argentine Government recognized Epelman’s work in the interfaith field with an award in 2007.

Sharon Eubank - United States

Director, LDS Charities; Presidency, Relief Society of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints



After federal government and small business experience, Ms. Eubank joined LDS Charities in 1998. She established 17 international employment offices helping women qualify for jobs or start small businesses. For five years, she directed the humanitarian wheelchair donation program expanding both the number and quality of donations. In 2008, she became regional director of the LDS Charities for the Middle East, overseeing humanitarian work in 11 countries. In 2011, Ms. Eubank was appointed the director of LDS Charities’ worldwide operations, a position she currently holds. In addition, in 2017, she was asked to serve in the general presidency of the LDS Church’s women’s organization called Relief Society. In this capacity, she helps provide leadership and resource for 7.2 million members in 162 countries.

Kirsten Evans - United States

Director, USAID Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives



Ms. Kirsten Evans is the Director of the Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives at the United States Agency for International Development, and the senior advisor to USAID Administrator Mark Green on global engagement of the faith-based community. Prior to arriving to USAID, Ms. Evans was the Chief Operating Officer of Educando by Worldfund, a non-profit organization utilizing public-private partnerships for innovative leadership and professional training of public school sector educators in Mexico and Brazil. Before 2016, Ms. Evans served as the Executive Director of a leading Washington, DC based organization advocating for the protection and preservation of religious minorities in the Middle East, shaping US foreign policy recognizing Christians, Yazidis, and other religious minorities as victims of genocide under ISIS. Previously, Ms. Evans represented the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in its outreach to national Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Orthodox and Christian communities. She holds master's degrees from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, where she focused on the role of religion in global politics, and the Regina Apostolorum Pontifical University School of Religious Studies, and studied a specialization in international human rights law at the University of Oxford.

Nancy Falcón - Argentina

Consejo Argentino para la Libertad Religiosa (CALIR)

Lic. Nancy Falcón has a degree in Political Science (UBA) and a PhD in Philosophy (UNSAM). She has lectured on Islam and Interreligious Dialogue in Argentina and abroad (Vatican-UN, COLMEX). She is the Academic Director of the Diploma in Islamic Culture at UNSAM, and at the Islam Institute for Peace and Teacher in the Module "Geopolitics of the Islamic World", UNSAM. She is Coordinator of the Bridge Builders Program oriented to young people of different religions and the former Director of the Intercultural Dialogue Center Alba. Nancy is a member of the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR).



Chris Ferguson - Canada

General Secretary, World Communion of Reformed Churches

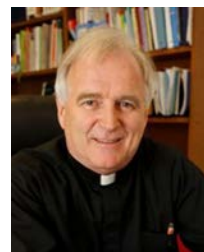
Chris Ferguson is a pastor, theologian, and social justice advocate from the United Church of Canada. Ferguson has been the General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches since August 2014. Previously he has served as the international ecumenical advisor for the Programme for Ecumenical Accompaniment in Colombia, the World Council of Churches representative to the United Nations, the World Council of Churches' representative to Jerusalem and the executive minister of the United Church of Canada's Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit and ecumenical officer, among many other missional and ministerial roles.



Séamus Finn - United States

Chair of the Board, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), OIP Investment Trust

Rev. Séamus Finn, OMI has directed the US Oblate Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Office since its inception and has been active in JPIC ministry at various levels for over 25 years. He represents the Missionary Oblates on the boards of directors of a number of organizations supported by the Oblates both in the United States. and internationally. Visiting many of the places where Oblates work, Séamus has tried to explore ways in which the office can be supportive of their efforts through addressing public policy issues and public officials and through the work of the office with corporations. He is a leader in faith-based socially responsible investing, and is active with the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. Séamus served in parish ministry in Brattleboro, Vermont, Puerto Rico, Miami, Florida, and Lowell, Massachusetts. He completed his doctorate at Boston University School of Theology in 1991.



Joelle Fiss - Switzerland

Human Rights Analyst; Member of the OSCE Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion

Joelle studied international relations at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland. Swiss and British, she has over fifteen years of work experience on human rights and foreign policy—both in the public sector and non-governmental organizations. She is currently a researcher and analyst based in Geneva, Switzerland. Before that, she worked for Human Rights First (New York, Washington DC)



and for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats in the European Parliament (Brussels, Strasbourg). Joelle has focused recent work on the compelling role that religion plays in today's world and its multifaceted effects on security, conflict, human rights, society and identity. She has worked on topics relating to discrimination and incitement and more generally the role that discourse plays in the public space—positively or negatively. She has extensively published on allegations of blasphemy. Joelle frequently explores how the established right to freedom of religion or belief is being tested, and can no longer be taken for granted. Currently a member of the OSCE/ODIHR Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Joelle has guest-lectured and has participated in many debates on questions linked to violence committed in the name of religion and different legal cultures around freedom of expression worldwide.

Gonzalo Flores Santana - Peru

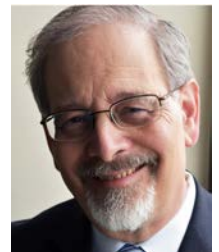
Gonzalo Flores Santana is a lawyer. He received his law degree as well as a Master in International Law from Pontificia Universidad Católica. He specializes in ecclesiastical law and in public law. He was involved in the development of state policies as a participant in the Forum of the National Agreement of the Republic of Peru, as well as developing policies for the promotion of the Family, marriage and the defense of life. Over 25 years, he has counseled non-governmental organizations, confessional organizations, and family and social organizations. He also specializes in civil law. He is a founding member of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. Gonzalo has been a speaker at national and international conferences and symposiums, and has written legal articles published in national and foreign books and magazines.



Richard Foltin - United States

Senior Scholar for Religious Freedom, Religious Freedom Center, Freedom Forum Institute

Richard T. Foltin served in a number of positions at the American Jewish Committee, most recently as director of national and legislative affairs in the AJC's Office of Government and International Affairs in Washington, DC. In that last role, Mr. Foltin was responsible for a broad range of AJC policy and legislative activities, including religious liberty, civil rights, immigration, energy security, and combatting domestic anti-Semitism and anti-Israel boycott efforts. Prior to coming to AJC, he was an associate with the litigation department of Stroock & Stroock & Lavan in New York. Foltin has testified before congressional committees and the United States Commission on Civil Rights, including at several congressional hearings on religious discrimination in the workplace. He serves on the governing council of the American Bar Association's Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and as co-chair of the section's Religious Freedom Committee; he previously served as chair and co-chair of the section's First Amendment Rights Committee. Mr. Foltin is a member of the Committee on Religious Liberty, founded by the National Council of Churches and today convened by the Religious Freedom Center of the Freedom Forum Institute. A child of Holocaust survivors, Foltin received his BA magna cum laude with honors in political science from New York University and his JD cum laude from Harvard Law School. He is a member of the bars of New York State, Washington, DC, and the United States Supreme Court.



Antonio Fuccillo - Italy

Professor of Law and Religion, Intercultural Law, Department of Law, Università degli Studi della Campania- Luigi Vanvitelli



Antonio Fuccillo is Full Professor of Law and Religion and Intercultural Law at Università degli Studi della Campania- Luigi Vanvitelli (Italy). Recently he was appointed a member of the School of Law (Law & Religion) at Renmin University of China in Beijing. He is a cultural correspondent for the MACTT of Malta and a member of the PhD board at the University of Rome La Sapienza. He attended the conference Right of religious minorities in the Islamic territories - Legal framework and the call to the initiative, organized by Forum Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies and the Ministry of Religious Endowments and Islamic Affairs of Kingdom of Morocco (2016). He was a lecturer at international conferences including International Consultation on Religious Freedom Research, Istanbul (2013); Crime and Punishment: nature, problems and perspectives of Canonical Penal Law and its relation to Civil Law, Washington, DC (2014); Religious Freedom in the Post-Secular Age, Switzerland (2014); Cardiff Festival for Law and Religion - Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the LLM in Canon Law at Cardiff University and Law and Religion Scholars Network (LARSN) - Annual Conference 2016, organized by Cardiff University and Center for Law and Religion (2016); and 24th World Congress of Political Science - Politics in a World of Inequality, organized by International Political Science Association - IPSA, Poznan (2016).

Carlos Galli - Argentina

Dean, Faculty of Theology, Pontificia Universidad Católica



Rev. Carlos María Galli, a priest of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, has a long and distinguished career as Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the Catholic University of Argentina where he currently serves as director of doctoral studies. The author or editor of 32 books and more than 150 articles, he has a long record of service as consultant to the bishops of Argentina but also to the Episcopal Conference of Latin America (CELAM) at their central offices in Bogotá. Rev. Galli belongs to a circle of theologians who have worked closely with Pope Francis for many years. The pope named Rev. Galli to the International Theological Commission that advises him at the Vatican almost immediately after being elected. Rev. Galli was a collaborator with Pope Francis in the *Final Document of Aparecida* (one of the main sources of this pope's vision) and is someone thoroughly versed in the key events and thinkers that have formed this pope's view of the world and his ministry.

Thiago Almeida Garcia - Brazil

Advisor on Religious Diversity and Human Rights, Federal Government of Brazil



Thiago Garcia is an indigenist specialist with FUNAI, the National Indian Foundation (Fundação Nacional do Índio), the Brazilian government body that establishes and carries out policies relating to indigenous peoples. Dr. Garcia's activities focus on public policies for traditional peoples and communities, indigenous intercultural education, social participation, right of consultation, autonomy and self-determination, and human rights for peoples and traditional communities in Latin America. He received a degree in Anthropology from the University of Brasília and holds Masters (Capes scholarship) and PhD degrees in Social Sciences from the Center for Research and Post-Graduation on the Americas (Ceppac), University of Brasilia - UnB (CNPq grant). He is coordinator of the Observatory of Indigenous Rights and Policies - OBIND / CEPPAC / UnB, researcher associated with the Laboratory of Studies and Research in Indigenous Movements, Indigenous

Policies and Indigenism - LAEPPI / CEPPAC / UnB and the Laboratory and Group of Studies in Interethnic Relations - LAGERI / DAN / UnB, a member of the Council of Experts on Preliminary Consultation and Indigenous Political Participation in Latin America of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, member of the Association of Bolivian Studies - AEB, member of the Brazilian Anthropology Association, and General Coordinator for the Promotion of Civil Registry of Births and Coordinator of the Religious Diversity Advisory Department of the Ministry of Human Rights.

Crisóstomo Gassali - Argentina

Archbishop, Syriac Orthodox Church of Antioch



Mons. Crisóstomo Gassali is the Metropolitan Archbishop and Patriarchal Vicar for the Argentine Republic. He is a civil engineer, graduating from the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Aleppo in 1996. He entered the San Efrén Monastery where he graduated in Theology and Syriac Science in 1999, and was ordained by His Holiness the Patriarch. He professed as Monk of the San Efrén Monastery on July 20, 1999. He was ordained Deacon on August 17, 1999 and Presbyter on August 5, 2001. He was appointed Archimandrite on September 6, 2005. He was ordained Metropolitan Bishop for the Argentine Republic on February 28, 2013. He graduated in Theology at the Faculty of Theology - University of Athens in 2004, and obtained a Master's Degree in Theology at the University of Athens in 2008. Mons. Gassali is a candidate for a PhD in Theology at the Faculty of Theology of the Aristote University of Thessaloniki. He was Representative of His Holiness Patriarch Mor Ignatius Zakka I Iwas in Greece (2000 - 2011), Chaplain of the Orthodox Siriana Church in Greece (2000 - 2011), and Professor of Theology at the San Efrén Seminary (2011 - 2012).

Jorge Gentile - Argentina

Professor of Constitutional Law and Director, Universidad Católica Argentina; Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (CALIR)



Mr. Gentile mediates disputes within the federal Ministry of Justice and works at National Academia of the Moral and Political Sciences. Mr. Gentile has served in many public capacities, including judge at the Federal Appeals Court of Cordoba, Deputy of the Nation, Secretary of the Commission of General Legislation, and member of the Foreign Affairs and Worship Commission. He acted as vice-president of the block of Christian Democrats. During his time in public office, he submitted 527 bills, resolutions, and declarations. He also observed elections in Germany, El Salvador, Chile, and the United States. Within academia, Professor Gentile is Chair of Constitutional Law at the Catholic University of Cordoba. He directs research on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the common good under the thought of Jacques Maritain. In 2002, he founded the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom. Mr. Gentile is the author of thirty books; fifty case studies, presentations, videos, and other publications; and hundreds of newspaper articles. Within the private sector, Mr. Gentile is a Supreme Court litigator and founder of the law firm Estudio Gentile Saravia.

Blake Goud - United Kingdom

CEO, Responsible Finance and Investment Foundation (RFI)



Blake Goud is the CEO of the Responsible Finance & Investment (RFI) Foundation, a position he has held since the organization's incorporation. He was the Chief Research Officer for ME Global Advisors where he focused on MENA financial sector development and the growth of the Islamic economy. He was responsible for

leading ME Global Advisors' research efforts as well as advising on the content of the events organized by ME Global Advisors. Blake has nearly a decade experience researching Islamic finance and working in the financial sector in a compliance and investment officer role for a small US-based investment advisor and broker-dealer. He was the Community Leader for the Thomson Reuters Islamic Finance Gateway from 2012 to 2015. At Thomson Reuters, he drafted white papers following events including the IILM roundtables in London, UK and Washington, DC and was a principal author of the GIES 2013 Review following the Global Islamic Economy Summit organized in collaboration with the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Dubai Islamic Economy Development Centre. His published research includes papers on Islamic microfinance, renewable energy microfinance and public finance using the esham structure to develop a flexible alternative for tax increment finance. He received his BA in Economics from Reed College in 2003.

Brian J. Grim - United States

President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation



Brian Grim (PhD, Penn State) is the leading academic expert on the economic impact of religion and religious freedom. Brian is the founding president of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, but, more interestingly, he is the personification of the film character played by Tom Hanks, "Forrest Gump," who was everywhere at just the right time. Deng Xiaoping, the Paramount leader of the People's Republic of China, approved Grim's proposal to build a faith-based graduate school in the largest Muslim region of China on 8/8/88, a significant date to the Chinese. Then in November 1989, Grim walked through the Berlin Wall the day it fell. He was there as the Soviet Union dissolved - right in his office building - in what was then the Kazakh Soviet Socialist Republic, and at the request of new (and current) President Nazarbaev, helped turn the Communist Party Training School in the country's first free market management institute. Later, during the terrorist attacks of 9/11, Grim was an academic coordinator at the military academy of the United Arab Emirates. And in 2008, the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Hajj considered him the definitive source on the number of Muslims in the world. And after being neighbors with Barak Obama on Capitol Hill, the United States Senate used his research on religious freedom and the economy to pass unanimously a bi-partisan amendment incorporating respect for religious freedom into its policy on international trade. More recently, he had meetings at the Vatican the day Pope Benedict resigned in 2013 and was soon pictured with Pope Francis, not to mention other world leaders as diverse as former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, current Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and outgoing United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. These Forrest Gump experiences make Grim a participant in our world's key political, social, religious, and economic dynamics.

Ton Groeneweg - Netherlands

Programme Officer for Asia, Mensen met een Missie



Dr. Ton Groeneweg is Policy Officer on Religion and Development at Mensen met een Missie, a faith-based development agency in The Hague. He is also a fellow at the Center for Religion, Conflict and the Public Domain, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Groningen. He studied philosophy and literary studies at Leiden University, and received his PhD at the same university in 1997. Since then, he has worked at different positions in the development sector, focusing mostly on issues relating to the role of religion in development. He has contributed regularly to public debates on religion and human rights issues, and written articles, opinion pieces, and blogs on these topics. He is a regular contributor to The Religion Factor. His current interests focus on the obstacles that

secular and liberal self-perceptions pose to a more open engagement with religious actors, both in Europe and in the developing world.

Gustavo Guillerme - Argentina

President, Fundación Judeo Cristiana Islámica de las Américas

Gustavo Guillerme is founder and president of Fundación Judeo Cristiana Islámica de las Américas (FUJCIA). He is also the president of GMG Financial Services and Comprehensive Counseling. In 2016, he participated in the World Congress of Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue, "A Path to Peace."



Mussie Hailu Gebrestadik - Ethiopia

Global Envoy of URI, Continental Director for United Religions Initiative (URI)-Africa and URI Representative to the United Nations in Nairobi

Ambassador Mussie Hailu works at national, regional and international levels to promote a culture of peace, reconciliation, interfaith & inter-cultural harmony, human dignity, compassion for animals, disarmament, world citizenship, building human relationships, promoting constructive dialogue, environmental protection, and building bridges for international cooperation for the common good of all nations, and addressing the negative impact of small arms and light weapons for peace and human security. He is the founding member of United Religions Initiative (URI) and currently serves as Global Envoy of URI and Regional Director of URI for Africa, Representative of URI at the African Union, United Nations office in Africa. He pioneered many positive initiatives in Africa including an interfaith movement in his own country in Ethiopia and in many other African Countries and also the Council of Former African Heads of States and Governments for Environmental Protection and Climate Change in Africa. His initiative includes a "Declaration for Peace," distributed worldwide during the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, encouraging people to make a personal commitment to stand for global peace, human dignity, environmental & animal protection, and international cooperation.



Muhammed Yusuf Hallar - Argentina

Co-President, Religions for Peace, Secretary General, Islamic Organization for Latin America and the Caribbean

Sheikh Muhammed Yusuf Hallar is an active figure in Argentina involved in community development for Muslims. He has conducted comprehensive research on Muslims in Latin America and holds a number of positions including Secretary General of the Islamic Organization for Latin America, Director of the Office of Islamic Culture- Argentina, member of the Constituent Islamic Council of the Muslim World League (Makkah), and a member of Expert Committee on Minority Rights - Islamic Conference (OIC). In 2009, he was named one of 500 Most Influential Muslims of the World in a report published by The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University.



Haruhisa Handa - Japan

Patron of the G20 Interfaith Forum; President, International Shinto Foundation

Dr. Haruhisa Handa graduated from Doshisha University (Economics). He completed the Master Class in vocal music from Musashino Academia Musicae and earned a Masters in creative arts from West Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), Edith Cowan University, and a Master of Fine Arts from the Chinese National Academy of Arts. Dr. Handa earned a PhD in Literature from the Academy of Arts and Design, Tsinghua University, and a PhD in Chinese Classical Texts, Zhejiang University. He is the Co-founder and Chancellor of the University of Cambodia, and a professor of International Politics at its College of Social Sciences. He is the Senior International Commentator for Southeast Asia Television. His titles include Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from The Juilliard School; Honorary Fellow of Corpus Christi College (University of Oxford); and Honorary Fellow of SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies), London University. Dr. Handa is Advisor to the Royal Government of Cambodia (Ministerial rank) and Honorary Consul to the Kingdom of Cambodia in Fukuoka. He is the Director of World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD), a trustee for Religions for Peace International, and President of the International Shinto Foundation. An acclaimed painter and calligraphist with works featured in the British Museum's permanent collection, Dr. Handa is a Master of Noh Theatre & Japanese Tea Ceremony and an accredited 1st Grade Peking Opera Singer (China National Opera & Dance Theatre Company). A seasoned baritone, Dr. Handa has performed alongside the legendary José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, and Renée Fleming. He is a prolific writer on spirituality, business, arts, and literature.



Sofia Heinone - Argentina

The Conservation Land Trust (CLT) Case Study: Future Iberá National Park

Sofia Heinone is Executive Director of CLT-The Conservation Land Trust, the Foundation created by Douglas and Kristine Tompkins in Argentina, and President of the Flora and Fauna Foundation Argentina. Both entities have been dedicated to the creation and expansion, under the direction of Sofia, of six national parks. Together with the CLT team, she directed and consolidated the first case in South America of Rewilding with the restoration of the largest wetland in Argentina and the reintroduction of seven extinct species in Esteros del Iberá, province of Corrientes. Undoubtedly the most interesting achievement was the positioning of the model of regional economic development from the concept of Nature Production that the Foundation installed in that province. Sofia received her biologist's degree in 1993, but she has been designing strategies for the creation of protected areas in Argentina since 1985. She began in the Wildlife Foundation Argentina, and since 1990, worked in the National Parks Administration. Since 2005, she has been the leader of the CLT conservation team, and, after the death of Douglas Tompkins in 2016, she has been in charge of all the projects of the foundation in Argentina. Under her direction, the objective of the foundation is to bring the Nature Production model successfully developed in Iberá to all the regions CLT oversees - Parque Impenetrable, Parque Patagonia and Maritime Litoral, from Chubut to Tierra del Fuego.



José Oscar Henao - Argentina

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

José Oscar Henao Monje is an economist at the Surcolombiana University (Colombia). He has a Master in Economy from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Currently, he is a purchasing and contracting consultant of the Transportation Secretariat of the Government of the Autonomous City of Buenos



Aires, and a researcher and teacher of the International Program on Democracy, Society and New Economies (PIDESONE). He was an analyst at the National Directorate of Inclusion and Development Human of the Ministry of Finance and Public Finance of the Nation, project evaluator of the Cooperativism and Social Economy program at the University, of the Ministry of Education in Argentina, and economic and social development consultant at the Ecumenical Regional Center of Advisory and Service - CREAS. He also was a specialist of development projects of the National Secretariat of Pastoral Social / Caritas Colombiana.

Francisco Hernández - Costa Rica

Executive Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Secretariat of Caritas

Pbro. Francisco Hernández is Executive Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Secretariat of Caritas and a member of Caritas Internationalis. He was Executive Secretary of the Justice and Solidarity Department of the Episcopal Council of Latin America and a leader in various areas of the same Council. He directed social training centers in Costa Rica. Pbro. Hernández participates in Latin American networks of advocacy and citizen engagement in issues of justice, care for the environment, human ecology, and social inclusion.



Mark Hill QC - United Kingdom

Honorary Professor of Law, Cardiff University; formerly Visiting Fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; Extraordinary Professor, The University of Pretoria

Mark has more than twenty years' experience of common law practice advising and representing clients in a broad range of cases including personal injury, professional negligence, rating, costs, trusts of land, property disputes and village greens. Against this wide background he has developed an expertise in the law of religious liberty and is recognized as the country's leading practitioner in ecclesiastical law. He is an Honorary Professor of Law at Cardiff University and formerly Visiting Fellow at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Mark is Honorary Professor at the Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University; Extraordinary professor at the University of Pretoria; Visiting Professor at the Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College London and Adjunct Professor at Notre Dame University, Sydney and is Ecumenical fellow in Canon Law at the Venerable English College in Rome. He was elected a Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple in 2011 and appointed President of the European Consortium for Church and State Research in 2012. He sits as a Recorder on the Midland Circuit in criminal, civil and family cases, is a qualified Mediator was a legal assessor to the Fitness to Practise Panel of the General Medical Council (2008-2015). He regularly publishes and lectures on matters of Church and State and was a contributing editor for *Jowitt's Dictionary of English Law* (2010).



Stephanie Hochstetter - Italy

Director for the Rome-based Agencies and Committee on World Food Security

Stephanie Hochstetter Skinner-Klée, a Guatemalan national, obtained a BA in International Relations from Mount Holyoke College and a post graduate diploma in Political Science and. Her diplomatic career began as an intern at the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Guatemala City. In 1994, she was appointed cultural attaché ad honorem at the Embassy of Guatemala in Paris, France. She then served as Third Secretary at Guatemala's Diplomatic Mission and the Permanent



Representation of Guatemala to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) until July 1999. In December 1999, she transferred to the Permanent Mission of Guatemala to the United Nations and other International organizations in Geneva, Switzerland, as Second Secretary, later promoted to First Secretary. In September 2003, she was promoted to the position of Counsellor in the diplomatic mission, and in August 2007, she became Minister-Counsellor. In March 2010, she was appointed to the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guatemala in Honduras and, in May 2013, she was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Guatemala to the Italian Republic. In June 2013, she also became Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), acting as Governor for Guatemala on IFAD's Governing Council. In September 2016, she was appointed Director General for International Multilateral and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala. She served WFP as a representative of List C (Latin America and the Caribbean) on the Executive Board Bureau of WFP, as Vice-President of the Executive Board Bureau, and as President of the WFP Executive Board. In September 2017, left the Guatemalan Foreign Service and joined WFP at Headquarters in Rome, as Director for the Rome-Based Agencies and Committee on World Food Security. She has led negotiations of different sorts at the international level with a variety of stakeholders including successfully leading the negotiations which resulted in the creation of the once controverted Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Human Rights Council, and renewal of the mandate of the UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people, which concluded successfully.

Cynthia Hotton - Argentina



Argentine Council for Religion Liberty (CALIR)

Cynthia Hotton is an economist, a graduate of the University of Buenos Aires, a career diplomat, and a specialist in foreign trade and bilateral economic relations. In 2007, she was elected National Deputy for Buenos Aires in alliance with the PRO. In March 2009, she launched "Values for my Country", a political program to defend the protection of life, family, integrity, and love of neighbor.

Kevin Hyland - United Kingdom

CEO ChildFund Ireland, ChildFund Alliance; former Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, UK; former Head of London Metropolitan Police Service's Human Trafficking Unit; Author and lead negotiator for



Kevin Hyland OBE is an international specialist in the fight against modern slavery and human trafficking. In 2014, Mr. Hyland was appointed as the UK's first Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner by the Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, serving with distinction, before stepping down to undertake his role as Chief Executive with ChildFund Ireland. Prior to his role as Anti-Slavery Commissioner, Mr. Hyland was head of the London Metropolitan Police's Human Trafficking Unit, which was internationally recognized for developing best practice in anti-trafficking operations. He has over 30 years' experience of investigating serious and organized crime and was successful in securing convictions of international organized crime groups behind some of the most challenging cases of slavery and trafficking. In 2015, Mr. Hyland was appointed Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE), acknowledging his outstanding service in combating human trafficking. Mr. Hyland was also instrumental in the establishment of the Santa Marta Group, a high-level strategic partnership between international law enforcement agencies, the Catholic Church, and civil society, which was launched by Pope Francis at the Vatican

in April 2014. Mr. Hyland sits on, or chairs, numerous high level international institutions tasked with combating human trafficking. He is also Chairperson of "The Human Trafficking and Exploitation Project in Ireland," a project established to identify, collate, create, and analyze databases relating to information on the scale and scope of human trafficking into, and within, the island of Ireland. He was the author and lead negotiator for inclusion of SDG 8.7.

Emilio Inzaurraga - Argentina

Foro de Habitantes a Ciudadanos

Emilio Inzaurraga is an engineer graduated from the National Technological University (UTN), with a post-graduate degree in Management Engineering (UTN) and university teaching courses (UBA). He is currently the manager of Black Carbajal y Cia. S.A. He was a professor of secondary and university education in Strategic Analysis and Strategic Planning (Regional UTN Haedo - Rio Grande Regional - Ushuaia), and a professor at the Institute of Political and Social Formation (ACA - Bs. Ace Headquarters), and in the Communication and Leadership, Ethics and Leadership Diplomas of the Catholic University of Cuyo (UCC - San Juan). He is director of the Youth Management Contest, "Hope of development," in which more than 2000 high school students from all over the country participate annually. He chairs the National Commission of Justice and Peace of the Argentine Episcopal Conference and coordinates the Forum of Citizens. He is a member of la Acción Católica Argentina of which he was a leader at all levels and President of the National Council between the years 2009 - 2015. He coordinated the International Forum of Catholic Action - FIAC -, based in Rome (2009-2017) and currently coordinates the promotion team for America.



Zahra Jamal - United States

Associate Director, Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance

Dr. Zahra Nasiruddin Jamal is Associate Director at Rice University's Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance, where she oversees strategy, operations, and outreach. She has served on the faculty at Harvard, MIT, University of Chicago, Michigan State University (MSU), and Palmer Trinity. Dr. Jamal founded and directed the Civil Islam Initiative at University of Chicago and the Central Asia and International Development Initiative at MSU. She was previously Associate Director of the Center for the Study of American Muslims at The Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU), where she is currently a fellow. Dr. Jamal has consulted for the United Nations, the United States Department of State, Aga Khan Development Network, Swiss Development Cooperation, and Aspen Institute on issues of philanthropy and civic engagement, education, positive youth development, migrant labor, gender-equity, food security, and refugee settlement in North America, Europe, the Middle East, South Asia, and Central Asia. She has published in academic and popular venues, including *I Speak for Myself*, a volume of autobiographical accounts of 40 American Muslim women leaders, which has been positively reviewed by Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Muhammad Yunus, Her Majesty Queen Noor, Deepak Chopra, and others. Dr. Jamal received a PhD in Social Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard, and a double BA in Slavic Studies and in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies from Rice. She joined the Institute in 2015.



César Jaramillo - Canada

Executive Director, Project Ploughshares

César's work has focused on such program areas as nuclear disarmament, outer space security, and conventional weapons control. As an international civil society representative, César has addressed, among others, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and International Security), the UN Conference on Disarmament, the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS), as well as states parties to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and to the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT). He has also given guest lectures and presentations at academic institutions such as the National Law University in New Delhi, the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing, and the University of Toronto. An occasional columnist on matters of disarmament and international security, César graduated from the University of Waterloo with an MA in global governance and has bachelor's degrees in honors political science and in journalism. Prior to joining Project Ploughshares, César held a fellowship at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI).



Jane Jeffes - Australia

Communications Director, G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee

A dual UK-Australian citizen, Jane is a producer-writer-director. A graduate of the University of Bristol's prestigious joint honors in Drama & English, she ran Capital Radio's high profile and successful charity Help A London Child, an annual Easter weekend fund-raising appeal before developing, producing and exec producing a wide range of programming for the BBC and UK commercial radio, including short and long running multi-faith series with presenters including Mark Tully, Fergal Keane, and, for the 10th anniversary of the UN Convention on The Rights of The Child, UN Under-Secretary General for Children Affected by Armed Conflict Olara A Otunnu. She has written, produced, and directed a range of television documentary and factual series for Australian and international broadcasters, and as Head of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Religion & Ethics Unit, led Australia's only remaining specialist religion journalists. She is a regular contributor to broadcast, religion, and human rights forums and conferences, sits on a number of NFP boards and has undertaken several consultancies in the UK and Australia, including the Sainsbury family's Jerusalem Trust, Multiculturalism NSW, and The Muslim Women Association. She has family in the UK, USA, Europe, and Middle East, has worked extensively on the Indian sub-continent and to a lesser degree in Africa, and has travelled widely.



Venus Khalessi - Australia

Director of Media Relations, Australian Baha'i Community

Venus Khalessi is the Director of Media Relations for the Australian Baha'i Community. In this capacity since 2011, she has represented the community with a particular focus on relations with the media and social and government discourse around the role of religion in society, the role of the media in society, social cohesion, and gender equality. Over the years, Venus has collaborated and helped coordinate a range of projects to draw attention to the persecution of the Baha'is in Iran, including as the Australian co-ordinator for educationisnotacrime, a worldwide initiative that started in the U.K. (<http://www.notacrime.me>). She has participated in Australian government-led enquiries, media interviews, and interfaith forums addressing the issue of religious freedom and as a faith-community voice provides a religious lens on the coverage of a range of social issues. Prior to



pursuing her passion to contribute to society by joining the Australian Bahá'í Community in this formal capacity, Venus was an admitted solicitor and IT graduate and has experience in a number of commercial capacities. She is an active user of social media. You can follow her on Twitter @venuskhalessi.

Elizabeta Kitanović - Belgium

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Communication, Conference of European Churches

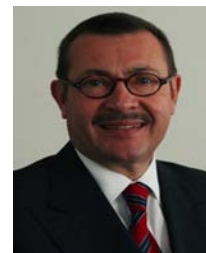
Mag. Elizabeta Kitanović is Executive Secretary for Human Rights of the Conference of European Churches in Brussels, editor of the Human Rights Training Manual for European Churches, and editor and founder of the first European Churches Human Rights Library and the CSC Annual Report (2007-2014). In 2009-2010, she was a member of the Advisory Panel of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and was again nominated for 2012-2014. Ms Kitanović completed her studies in Theology and post-graduate studies in International Affairs at the Political Science Faculty in Belgrade. She graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Serbian Government. She is completing her PhD.



Thomas Lawo - Germany

Senior Advisor, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)

Thomas Lawo is a senior advisor at the German Society for International Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit), attached to the secretariat of the International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) in Bonn, Germany. He has worked in development cooperation full time since 1978. Through this, he has served as a country and resident representative for the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, general secretary of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes and executive director of its international secretariat, research fellow at the Asian and Pacific Development Centre in Kuala Lumpur, and associate fellow at the Institute for Development Studies, among other roles.



Delfina López Frejido - Argentina

Sustainable Finance Track G20 Argentina



Elena López Ruf - Argentina

Program Manager,

Elena López Ruf is a lawyer and the Program Manager for Religion and Development of CREAS (Regional Ecumenical Center). She graduated from the Faculty of Law of the Pontifical Catholic University of Argentina (UCA) where she teaches Philosophy of Law and is currently pursuing her Doctorate degree in Law. She served for four years as advisor at the Religious Affairs office at the Government of Buenos Aires City. She is a member of the Youth Group of Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI) and also of the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR). In 2015 she participated in the summer program, Religions in the Global World, promoted by Sophia University Institute, and in 2009 at the Jewish- Catholic Emerging Leadership Conference in Rome,



organized by the Commission of Religious Relations for the Jews of the Holy See and the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC). She has been involved in interreligious and ecumenical initiatives for more than ten years, particularly with the youth of the Focolare Movement.

Jorge Lozano - Argentina

Archbishop of San Juan and President of the Episcopal Commission of Social Pastoral of the Episcopal Conference of Argentina



Monseñor Jorge Eduardo Lozano is Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Juan de Cuyo and a member of the Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Social. He has a bachelor in theology from the Catholic University of Argentina. Before coming to San Juan, he was auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, then bishop of Gualeguaychú, Entre Ríos. He held executive positions in the Latin American Episcopal Council (CELAM), in the areas of Justice and Solidarity and Builders of the Society. He regularly contributes to national media. He participated as head of the press office in the V General Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Episcopate in Aparecida in 2007 and in the Synod on the New Evangelization in the Vatican in 2012. He was president of the Comisión Episcopal de Pastoral Social since November 2012 until November 2017 and advisor to the National Justice and Peace Commission in the same period.

Mara Luz Manzoni - Brazil

Director, Latin America and Caribbean Division, Christian Aid



Mara Luz Manzoni is Director of the Latin America and Caribbean Division and a member of the Strategic Management Group of Christian Aid. She is a Brazilian social scientist with a long experience in Latin America and the Caribbean and international ecumenical cooperation. She is part of the lay leadership of the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil, and a member of the Advisory Council of the Anglican Alliance.

Gustavo Magdalena - Argentina

Executive Director, Federación de Asociaciones Educativas Religiosas de Argentina (FAERA)



Gustavo Magdalena is the Executive Director of Federación de Asociaciones Educativas Religiosas de Argentina (FAERA). He also is a legal representative for Instituto Marianista and a professor in the Department of Education at Universidad Católica Argentina. He was previously Pedagogical Director at the Institute of Our Lady of Fatima.

Rawaad Mahyub - United Kingdom

Director, A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY); Executive Director, The Humanitarian Forum



Mr. Rawaad Mahyub is the CEO of A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY), which is a global youth movement delivering local activities to promote inter-religious and inter-cultural peace and understanding. ACWAY brings together over

100 young people from over 75 different countries, of different religions/faiths/traditions, who have delivered more than 120 activities. The organization has developed a number of initiatives including the Interfaith Development Goals and is the global youth partner for the G20 Interfaith Forum. Rawaad has been working in the field of social development for 15 years, with a particular focus on leadership projects for young people promoting change through civic activism. He has also worked on preventing violent extremism programs through education, mentoring, and leadership projects for youth promoting change through civic activism. As part of the UN Interfaith Harmony Week 2015, he toured community projects and interfaith events in South East Asia and received the UPF Ambassador for Peace Award. He is affiliated with the Birmingham Business School of the University of Birmingham, United Kingdom. He is also the Executive Director of the Humanitarian Forum.

Katherine Marshall - United States

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue



Katherine Marshall has worked for over four decades on international development, focusing on the world's poorest countries. A senior fellow at Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs and Professor of the Practice of Development, Religion, and Conflict in the School of Foreign Service, she is the executive director of the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD), a non-governmental organization born in the World Bank. WFDD's mission (and center of Marshall's current work) is to bridge gulfs separating the worlds of development and religion. During a long career at the World Bank, her leadership assignments focused on Africa, Latin America, and East Asia and, most recently, counselor to the Bank's president on ethics, values, and faith in development. She holds or has held various board positions including the International Shinto Foundation, InspirAction, AVINA Americas, the Opus Prize Foundation, and the International Anti-Corruption Conference Advisory Board; she served as a Trustee of Princeton University and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Recent books include *The World Bank: From Reconstruction to Development to Equity* (Routledge 2008), *Global Institutions of Religion: Ancient Movers, Modern Shakers* (Routledge 2013), and (coedited with Susan Hayward) *Women, Religion, and Peacebuilding: Illuminating the Unseen* (US Institute of Peace).

Silvia Mazzarelli - Panama

Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, Global Network of Religions for Children, Arigatou International



Silvia Mazzarelli is an Italian national, specialized in human rights and international justice, with extensive experience in child-rights programming and influencing in the Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) Region. She currently leads the work of Arigatou International in Latin America and the Caribbean. She has collaborated with Arigatou International since 2006, first as a volunteer and international trainer of Arigatou's Ethics Education Program, then as coordinator of the Global Network of Religions for Children. In the past, she worked with Plan International as Program Leader in the Dominican Republic and as Regional Head of Child Rights Policy and Programming, as well as with other international and faith-based NGOs. From 2012 to 2015, she acted as Caribbean Representative in the International NGO Council on Violence Against Children created to support the follow-up to the recommendations of the UN Study on Violence Against Children. Silvia holds a Master of Law in International Crime and

Justice from the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and the University of Torino, an MA in International Relations, and a BA in Political Science from the University of Rome.

John McCarthy - Australia

Former Australian Ambassador to the Vatican; Chairman, Sydney Archdiocese Anti-slavery Task Force



John McCarthy QC was Australian Ambassador to the Holy See from 2012 to 2016. Prior to his ambassadorial appointment, he was a Queens Counsel at the NSW Bar and a barrister in Sydney. Ambassador McCarthy was Senior Counsel for the Dughutti people in 1996 and participated in the negotiation and settling of the first Deed of Agreement between the Crown in New South Wales and an indigenous people in respect of native title. He then appeared as Senior Counsel in the Dughutti case in the Federal Court in 1997, in which for the first time on the Australian mainland there was a determination of native title under the Native Title Act. Ambassador McCarthy has acted as Senior Counsel for the National President of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia. He is Senior Counsel for the Church of the Torres Strait, and for the Anglican Catholic Church of Australia. In 1988, he became Senior Counsel for the Labor Party in NSW in 1988. Other offices in which Ambassador McCarthy has served include Pro-Chancellor University of Sydney (2005-10), and Australian Board member of international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (1994-present), among others. Since 2007 he has been a member of the Order of Malta. He is a co-founder of the Chester A. Arthur Society. In 2006, Ambassador McCarthy received a Papal Knighthood for services to the Catholic Church and the wider Australian community.

Gabriela Michetti - Argentina

Vice President of Argentina



Marta Gabriela Michetti Illia is Vice President of Argentina. She took office on 10 December 2015. Ms. Michetti is a member of the Republican Proposal (PRO) and Cambiemos (Let's Change) coalition. She was Deputy Chief of Government in Buenos Aires from 2009 to 2013, and served as Senator for Buenos Aires from 2013 to 2016. She earned a degree in International Relations at the Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires. She completed a master's degree in Business Management and Integration from UCES, a specialization course on dispute settlement in the WTO, in Geneva, Switzerland; and a career specialization in University Management at the University of Ottawa, Canada. Ms. Michetti entered public service in 1989 in the Province of Buenos Aires, and the following year joined the executive staff as a technical adviser at the Argentine Ministry of Economy. In 2003, she was elected to the Buenos Aires City Legislature, where she led the Commitment to Change caucus. Ms. Michetti gained recognition in 2006 while leading the inquiry committee looking into alleged negligence after a fire at the República Cromagnon nightclub led to the deaths of 194 people. In 2007, Ms. Michetti became the first woman elected Deputy Mayor of Buenos Aires. She directed two planning committees, Programa Puertas del Bicentenario and the Consejo de Planeamiento Estratégico, and led the newly created Commission for the Inclusion and Full Participation of Persons with Disabilities (COPIDIS).

Yoshinobu Miyake - Japan

Superior General, Konko Church of Izuo

Rt. Rev. Yoshinobu Miyake, born into a well-known family of Shinto priests in the broad church of Konko-kyo, a reformed Shinto movement, is today Director-General of the Konko Church of Izuo, in Osaka. He studied at Doshisha University in Kyoto and at Harvard, and publishes frequently on Shinto history. For the past 30 years he has been active worldwide in the interfaith field. In 1997, he established RELNET Corporation, whose website publishes widely on religion-related matters in Japanese. Most recently he served as General Secretary of the G8 Religious Leaders Summit (2008).



Midori Miyazaki - Japan

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Director, International Shinto Foundation (for Dr. Haruhisa Handa)

Midori Miyazaki is Director of International Affairs for a portfolio of philanthropic organizations under the auspices of Dr. Haruhisa Handa. She currently serves as International Executive Director of the International Sports Promotion Society (ISPS), development NGO Worldwide Support for Development and of the International Foundation of Arts and Culture. She holds various other directorships, such as her appointment to the board of Sihanouk Hospital in Cambodia, and the International Shinto Foundation. She is also involved as senior representative and international director of various business entities.



Nancy M6nzon - Argentina

No a la Trata (No to Trafficking)

Nancy Monz3n is a deputy of Buenos Aires Province and an activist against trafficking in persons. She is the creator of 14.453 and 14.473 trafficking laws, with the purpose of calling attention to and assisting the victims of human trafficking, as well as the creator of laws on teen rights and child addiction matters. She is Vice President of a research institute on youth, violence, and addiction in the Honorable C6mara de Diputados de la Buenos Aires Provincia de Buenos Aires. She is a member of the team "No a la Trata de la Comisi3n Nacional de Justicia y Paz" of the Episcopal Conference Argentina. She's also a member of the Commission of the Civil Society for the fight against the mistreatment of people in the Argentine Chancellery.



Silvia Morimoto - Argentina

Country Director, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Silvia Morimoto is a senior development practitioner with 25 years of professional experience in international development assistance management. Currently, she is the Country Director of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Argentina. She has held several positions for the UNDP in Asia and the Pacific including Senior Country Advisor, Myanmar, Regional Chief of Strategic Planning and Oversight, and Chief of Staff. From 2008-2012 she was the Deputy Country Director for the UNDP in China. She has a bachelor's degree in accounting from Centro Universit6rio de Bras6lia and a degree in business administration and management from Funda73o Getulio Vargas.



Paul Morris - New Zealand

UNESCO Chair in Inter-Religious Understanding and Relations, Victoria University of Wellington



Paul Morris is professor of religious studies at Victoria University of Wellington where he holds the UNESCO Chair in Interreligious Understanding and Relations in NZ and the Pacific. Recent publications include studies of religious change in the Pacific; religion and culture in European policy and law; and, god in the prose works of J K Baxter. Current research includes migration and religion in NZ; ethnicity and religion in NZ; god and governance in the Pacific, and a monograph on god. Paul has been a member of all six New Zealand national delegations to the Regional Interfaith Dialogues in the Asia-Pacific region; was the recipient of the International Council of Christians and Jews 2007 Gold Medal; is currently working, under the auspices of the NZ Human Rights Commission on a revised version of the National Statement of Religious Diversity; and, is a board member of the Religious Diversity Centre of Aotearoa/NZ.

Faisal bin Abdulrahman Muaammar - Saudi Arabia

Secretary General, KAICIID



For decades, Faisal bin Muaammar is founder and Secretary General of two organizations focused on enhancing understanding and knowledge: the International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) in Vienna, and the King Abdulaziz Public Library (KAPL) in Riyadh. Prior to becoming founding Secretary General of the International Dialogue Centre, Mr. Bin Muaammar oversaw the founding and stewardship of the King Abdulaziz Center for National Dialogue (KACND), the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's only institution dedicated to national dialogue. He took on the KACND role five years after becoming Founding Supervisor General of KAPL, a position he still holds today. Three years after overseeing the establishment of KAPL, Mr. Bin Muaammar spearheaded the creation of the library's Arabic Union Catalog (AUC) a one-of-a-kind digital platform in the Arab world. Mr. Bin Muaammar is also Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud. His senior positions in the Saudi Arabian administration have included Vice Minister of Education, Advisor to the Royal Court of then-Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and Deputy of the National Guard for Cultural and Educational Affairs. Included among his other professional affiliations are board memberships within organizations who work to educate young people, promote peace and enhance intercultural understanding.

Roberto Murchison - Argentina

CEO, Grupo Murchison



Roberto Murchison is CEO of Grupo Murchison, dedicated to port and logistic activities in Argentina. He is the President of Terminal Zárate, Vice-President of Murcan, and managing director of Murchison Uruguay. He is also the President of Cámara de Puertos Privados y Comerciales (CPPC). He is an industrial engineer educated at Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires (ITBA) and holds a Master's in Business Administration from the Sloan School of Management of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT - Boston, USA). Murchison is on the advisory board of Asociación Cristiana de Direigentes de Empresa (ACDE).

Juan G. Navarro Floria - Argentina

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina



Dr. Juan G. Navarro Floria graduated in law from Pontificia Universidad Católica of Argentina, where he teaches civil law, ecclesiastical law, and law and religion in Latin America. He also earned a PhD in Law from Complutense University (Spain). He is also a lawyer, litigator, and legal advisor in the fields of law and religion. He was Chief Advisor to the Secretariat of Religious Affairs of the Argentine Government, founder, board member, and past president of the Argentine Council of Religious Freedom (CALIR), and also founder and past-president of the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. He is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS-BYU), of the National Committee "Justicia y Paz" at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Argentina, and founder and member of the Steering Committee of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS-Milan). Publications include books, chapters of books, and articles in scientific reviews in Argentina and other countries in America and Europe.

Humberto Ortiz Roca - Peru

Latin American Council of Bishops; CELAM-Latin American Episcopal Council



Humberto Ortiz Roca is an economist, graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru. He is Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Commission of Social Action (CEAS) of the Peruvian Episcopal Conference. He is responsible for the pastoral axis "Integral Human Development Solidarity" of the Secretariat for Latin America and the Caribbean of Caritas (SELACC) and the Department of Justice and Solidarity of CELAM (DEJUSOL). He is Animator of the Axis "Alternatives to Development, Climate Change and Good Living" of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network. Specializing in social and solidarity economy, he participates in national and international networks on this subject.

Norberto Padilla - Argentina

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; President, Latin American Consortium for Religious Liberty



Norberto Padilla is founding member and current president of Consorcio Latinoamericano de Libertad Religiosa (the Latin American Consortium for Religious Liberty). He pursued a PhD at the University of Buenos Aires, where he was Professor of Constitutional Law at the Faculty of Law and Social Science. He was an advisor to the Chairman of the Commission for Constitutional Affairs in the Argentina Senate, an advisor and Assistant-Secretary of the Secretariat of Religious Affairs, and Secretary for Religious Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, with the rank of ambassador. He was Professor of Constitutional Law and Member of the Board at the Faculty of Law and Political Science at the Catholic University of Argentina, member of the Argentine Association of Constitutional Law and of the Editorial Board of the review of culture *Criterion*, former President of Fundación Navarro Viola, member of the Institute of Constitutional Politics of the National Academy of Moral and Political Sciences, honorary advisor of the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI), life member of the Argentine Institute of Genealogical Sciences, and founding member of the Board of the Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR). Since 1972 he has been a co-worker for the Argentine Bishops Conference Commission for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue, and has been appointed on three occasions by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity to ecumenical and Catholic-Jewish conferences.

Abbas Panakkal - India

Director of International Relations, Ma'din Academy; 2016 International Fellow, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID)



Dr. Abbas Panakkal is Director of International Relations, Ma'din Academy, and Director of the International Interfaith Harmony Initiative, which has for the past several years been organizing international interfaith conferences in collaboration with United Nations initiatives, the Malaysian Prime Minister's Department for Unity and Integration, and the International Islamic University Malaysia. He was a 2016 International Fellow of King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) and received another fellowship from Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University, Australia. He has assisted in coordination of G20 Interfaith Forums pre-conference forums in the Middle East and South Asia. He is a columnist and a poet and contributes to newspapers and magazines and writes and directs documentaries. He has been a presenter in various interfaith events and dialogues held in America, Australia, Germany, France, India, Jordan, Morocco, UAE, UK, and the Vatican.

James Patton - United States

President/CEO, International Center for Religion & Diplomacy



James Patton is the President and CEO of The International Center for Religion & Diplomacy. He has conducted international development, conflict transformation and social reconciliation for over two decades, building collaborative networks and programs with social and political actors in complex conflict environments. His experience includes: assessing the impact of drug policies in Bolivia; training Cambodian Buddhists on post-conflict stability; coordinating citizen security in the Andean region; training religious actors in countering violent extremism; and leading stability assessments for the United State Department of State in South Sudan. He is a Council on Foreign Relations Lifetime Member, Senior Visiting Fellow at Brigham Young University's Wheatley Institution, and co-author, with Rev. David Steele, of the forthcoming U.S. Institute of Peace publication, *Religion and Conflict Guide Series: Religion and Reconciliation*. James holds a Master of Law and Diplomacy degree from The Fletcher School at Tufts University and a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School.

Philip Peacock - India

Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness, World Communion of Reformed Churches



Philip Peacock joined the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC) as Executive Secretary for Justice and Witness in January 2018. An ordained presbyter in the Church of North India, he has been active in ecumenical work for more than a decade, including participating in the last two General Councils, as a lecturer for the Global Institute of Theology (teaching a class on "Positive Masculinities") and as a member of the WCRC Justice Network and the Broken for You anti-human trafficking working group. He has spoken and written extensively, including an essay on "Empire in Prayerful Preparation: Exploring the 2017 General Council Theme" and a keynote address at the Council's justice plenary. Peacock has a ThM degree from Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary with a focus on Dalit theology and gender studies and is presently completing his PhD studies through Radboud University in the Netherlands. He is

currently an associate professor at Bishop's College, Kolkata, where he has been in the department of social analysis since June 2000

Welinton Pereira - Brazil

Director of Advocacy and Adjunct National Director, World Vision

Welington Pereira is the Director of Advocacy and Adjunct National Director of World Vision. Prior to this role, he spent 17 years as Senior Advisor of Institutional Relations for World Vision. He also spent 11 years as CEO of the Rescue Mission Association. He has a Masters in Leadership & Development from Eastern University, a Masters in Human Rights and Citizenship from the University of Brazil, and a Bachelors in Theology from the Methodist University of São Paulo.



Daniel Perell - United States

Representative, Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office

Daniel Perell joined the Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office as a Representative in 2011. His areas of work include social and sustainable development, global citizenship, human rights, the role of religion in society, and defense of the Baha'i Community. He is currently a Global Organizing Partner of the NGO Major Group and the Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development. In 2010, Mr. Perell received a JD from the University of Virginia School of Law and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and was admitted to the New York State Bar Association. Mr. Perell has worked with the International Service for Human Rights in Geneva, the UN in Aceh, Indonesia and other organizations in the Marshall Islands and Chile.



Peter Petkoff - United Kingdom

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Director of Religion, Law and International Relations Programme, Regent's Park College, Oxford and Brunel Law School

Dr. Peter Petkoff has studied law and theology in Sofia, Leeds, Oxford and Rome and his research interests are in the area of law and religion, EC Law, Intellectual Property, and Comparative and International Law. His academic appointments include working on research projects at Oxford University (European Company Law and Arms Exports), Exeter University (Comparative European Family Law) and Bristol University (Changing Nature of Religious Rights Under International Law), a visiting fellowship at the Stephan Kuttner Institute of Medieval Canon Law and the Leopold-Wenger-Institute for Legal History at Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich and teaching positions at Bristol, Oxford and Buckingham. He has taught EU Law, International law and Intellectual Property, Canon law and Islamic Law. Dr. Petkoff is an honorary fellow of the Centre for the Study of Law and Religion at the University of Bristol, a Fellow of the Centre for Christianity and Culture at Regent's Park College, Oxford, a Secretary of the Oxford Society for Law and Religion, and a convener of the Oxford Colloquium for Law and Religion, and a board member of the academic think-tank "Focus on Freedom of Religion or Belief" which studies the dynamics of freedom of religion or belief discourse within the context of the international institutions. Dr. Petkoff is also a board member of the research network "Church, Law and Society of the Middle Ages" and a convener of Eastern Canon Law panels at the International Medieval Congress at Leeds. He is currently engaged in research projects which study the coexistence of civic and religious legal systems on national, regional, and international levels and



the formation of Christian, Jewish, and Islamic legal harmonizations in the twelfth and the thirteenth centuries. He is the Managing Editor of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*.

Iván Petrella - Argentina

Director of Programa Argentina 2030, Jefatura de Gabinete de Ministros de la Nación

Iván Petrella is an associate professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Miami and Academic Director of the Pensar Foundation. He specializes in the relationships between religion and politics. He was a legislator of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires for the PRO between 2013 and 2015, and Secretary of Federal Integration and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Culture of Argentina between December 2015 and December 2017. He is currently Director Argentina 2030, Chief of Staff of the Nation.



Marcelo Polakof - Argentina

Director, Interreligious Affairs, Latin American Jewish Congress

Rabbi Polakoff is currently the rabbi of the Israeli Union Center of Cordoba, Argentina. He received his BA in International Relations from the University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires and MA in Jewish Studies from the Jewish Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the Melton Senior Educators Program Center of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He was a professor of Talmud and Halacha in the Seminario Rabínico Latinoamericano Marshall T. Meyer for over 10 years until 2011. Since 2004, he represents the Latin American Jewish Congress and is co-chair of the Interfaith Committee for Peace (COMIPAZ). He is the president of the Latin American Rabbinical Assembly since 2010.



Alberto Quattrucci - Italy

Secretary General of Peoples and Religions, Sant'Egidio Community, Italy

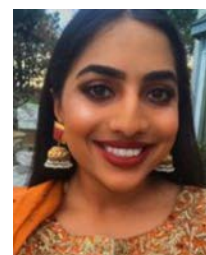
Alberto Quattrucci studied Pedagogy at the Faculty of Magistero in Rome and Theology at the Gregoriana Pontifical University (specializing in Holy Scripture). In 1976, he was awarded "Educator of Special Communities". He has been actively engaged in several social and cultural fields, as History of Religions and Interfaith Dialogue. For many years, he has been involved as a member of the Community of Sant'Egidio in Rome. The Community of Sant'Egidio is recognized as an International Public Lay Association of the Catholic Church by the Pontifical Council for Laity since 1986. He was ordered as Permanent Deacon in 1988, and, since the same year, has been Secretary General of International Meetings Peoples and Religions, an association founded by the Community of Sant'Egidio to promote mutual knowledge and dialogue among Religions.



Sara Rahim - United States

Representative, A Common Word Among the Youth (ACWAY)

Sara Rahim is a youth representative to the United Nations for Parliament of the World's Religions. She sits on the Advisory Council of UK-based Grassroot Diplomat and the Sanctuaries, a spiritually diverse arts collective in Washington DC. She has spoken prominently about the role of interfaith cooperation to institutions across the



United States and Europe. Sara has worked in business development with World Learning, and has implemented programs in refugee health education, interfaith engagement, and youth literacy in Europe and the Middle East. She has worked in refugee resettlement at World Relief, and with Interfaith Youth Core, coaching students to be leaders of interfaith action. She is a Masters of Public Policy candidate at the University of Chicago, specializing in international policy and inclusive development.

Tina Ramirez - United States

President and Founder of Hardwired, Inc.



Tina Ramírez is President and Founder of Hardwired, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing international religious freedom and combating religious oppression. She also serves as Vice President of the United Nations NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief. She earned a BA in History and Political Science and an MA in Education from Vanguard University in California, and an MA in Human Rights from the University of Essex in the UK. She also has a certificate from the International Institute for Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. She has served as a policy researcher at the US Commission on International Religious Freedom and as a foreign policy advisor for various members of the US Congress, where she helped found and direct the bi-partisan Congressional International Religious Freedom Caucus. Most recently, she directed international programs at The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. She has helped secure the release of imprisoned victims, testified before the US Congress, the UN Human Rights Council, and the African Union. She has developed legal training materials and trained advocates and religious leaders in countries including Iraq, Sudan, and Turkey and has traveled to more than 26 countries meeting with government officials, civil society groups, and religious communities about issues including democratic transition, constitutional development, counter-terrorism policies, sex-trafficking, refugees, and religious freedom. She was a contributing author and editor of *Human Rights in the United States: A Dictionary and Documents*. In 2012 she received the Second Annual Ahmadiyya Muslim Humanitarian Award for her congressional work defending their community worldwide.

Carlos Rauda - El Salvador

Regional Representative, ACT Alianza



Carlos Rauda is a representative of ACT Alliance for Latin America and the Caribbean, based in San Salvador. Training sociologist, he has worked as a researcher at the Human Rights Institute of the UCA in El Salvador, professor and researcher at the Salvadoran Lutheran University, director of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church, program officer at the Lutheran World Federation in Central America, and for Latin America and the Caribbean in ACT Alliance in Geneva. He is a member of the board of government of ACT International, the board of government of YMCA El Salvador, and director of Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña. Rauda is the founder and director of the Program to Strengthen Capacities in Disaster Risk Management for Central America, involving the most relevant civil society networks in that region. In the position of ACT Alliance program officer, he has developed humanitarian and climate change experience in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, addressing disasters in 15 countries, as well as in the fields of advocacy and development accompanying political processes in Colombia, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Brazil.

Sayed Razawi - United Kingdom

Director General, Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society

Sayed Razawi is Director General of the Scottish Ahlul Bayt Society. He is a leading cleric and theologian, and has represented Muslim communities in various European Community countries at several high level religious leaders' meetings. He is also a faculty member of the University of Cambridge-affiliated Senior Leaders Leadership Program, which gives training to senior Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders in the United Kingdom. In 2016, Mr. Razawi was appointed by Prime Minister Theresa May as an advisor on the Sharia Review.



Beatriz Lorena Rios Cuellar - Colombia

Coordinator for Religious Affairs, Ministry of the Interior

Beatriz Lorena Rios Cuellar graduated from Rosario University with a specialization in Environmental Law and a master's degree in Administrative Law. Since 2000 she has been conducting studies and research on religious freedom in Colombia, and the need for the creation and implementation of public policies. She acts as an advisor to different churches, faith denominations, confessions, federations, confederations, and religious organizations in Colombia. She served as legal advisor for the Environment Department in the Bogotá Mayor's Office for 13 years.



Adalberto Rodriguez Giavarini - Argentina

T20 Co-Chair; President, The Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI)

Adalberto Rodríguez Giavarini is T20 Co-chair and, since 2007, President of the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI). From 1999-2001 he was Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is an economist and a retired military officer of the Argentine Army. He graduated from the Military College of the Nation and the University of Buenos Aires, and is Doctor Honoris Causa of Soka University (Japan). He has a prolific career in the academic field. He worked as a professor of macroeconomics at the University of Buenos Aires, a coordinator of the postgraduate course in economics at the Universidad del Salvador, and a professor at the University of Belgrano. He has taught at several seminars and conferences organized by academic centers and universities in Argentina and abroad, including Harvard University, Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University, and Sorbonne University. He is a member of the Academic Council of the National Defense School and a member of the Academic Council of the Argentine Industrial Union. In 2004 he was appointed by his Majesty King Juan Carlos I of Spain as President of the Argentine Chapter of the Carolina Foundation, a position he held until 2006. He is currently Director.



David Saperstein - United States

Former US Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom; Director Emeritus, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism

For 40 years, David Saperstein represented the Reform Jewish Movement, the largest segment of American Jewry, to Congress and the Administration, as Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. For over two years (through Jan. 2017), he served the United States as Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom, carrying out his responsibilities as the country's chief diplomat on religious



freedom issues. A rabbi and an attorney, he taught seminars on Church-State law and on comparative Jewish and American Law for over 35 years at Georgetown University Law Center. Widely recognized for his leadership, he was described by *Newsweek Magazine* as the most influential rabbi in America and by the *Washington Post* as the “quintessential religious lobbyist on Capitol Hill.” During his career, Rabbi Saperstein has served as the chair or co-chair of several national interreligious coalitions and served on the boards or executive committees of numerous national organizations including the NAACP, the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and the World Faith Development Dialogue. Saperstein’s articles have been published in publications ranging from the *NY Times*, and the *Washington Post*, to the *Harvard Law Review*. His latest book is *Jewish Dimensions of Social Justice: Tough Moral Choices for our Times*.

Brendan Scannell - Ireland

Board Director, International Shinto Foundation (ISF)

Ambassador Brendan Scannell joined the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin, Ireland in 1972. He is a graduate from University College Dublin in Politics and Economics and from the Institute of Public Administration. He has served in various diplomatic postings; as Ambassador to Israel (1996-2001), Ambassador to Japan (2005 -2010), and Ambassador to Denmark and Iceland (2010-2014). Earlier in his career, Ambassador Scannell served in various overseas diplomatic postings, in the United Kingdom, Tanzania, Boston, and Washington, DC. At the headquarters of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Scannell held many key positions. He was Second Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Head of the Anglo Irish Division from 2001-2005. He was also Joint -Secretary General of the International Fund for Ireland. On retiring from the Foreign Ministry, Ambassador Scannell continues to contribute to public policy and sits on various boards. Currently he is Managing Director of Toyoko Inn International, Adviser to WSD Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Stanford University, and an appointed board director of the International Shinto Foundation (ISF).



Miguel Ángel Schiavone - Argentina

Rector, Catholic University of Argentina

Dr. Miguel Ángel Schiavone is a doctor (UBA), a specialist in medical clinic (MSAL), a specialist in public health (UBA), and a doctor in public health (USAL). He was a professor in several universities and the author of numerous publications on public health. He served as Medical Deputy Director of Hospital Fernández (2001-2007), Undersecretary of Health of the City of Buenos Aires (2008-2009), President of the Argentine Society of Hospital Administration, as well as other positions in the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Health of the Nation. He was Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the UCA. He has received important awards from the Argentine Medical Association and the National Academy of Medicine, among others. He is the first lay Rector of the UCA, after two bishops (Derisi and Fernández) and three priests (Blanco, Basso and Zecca).



Raúl Jorge Scialabba - Argentina

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; President, Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (CALIR)

Raúl Scialabba is Vice President of the Argentine Baptist Association, and the former Vice President of the Baptist World Alliance representing Latin America (2000-2005). A lawyer and a business man, he has been actively involved with different commissions within the Baptist organization such as BWA Executive Committee, General Council, Promotion and Development, Resolutions, Freedom and Justice Commission. He led the 10th Youth Baptist World Congress (1984) and the 17th Baptist World Congress. Currently, he is president of the Argentine Council for Religion Liberty (CALIR).



Eduardo Serantes - Argentina

Former Director of Caritas Argentina, and former President of Justicia y Paz (Argentina)

Eduardo Serantes is an agronomical engineer and a member of the Board of Directors of Cazenave y Asociados SA and Gensus SA. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of several agribusiness companies, including Cazenave Fiduciaria, Patagonia Bioenergía SA, Quickfood SA, Agrositio SA, among others. Currently, he is a member of the Steering Committee representing Argentina for the GPS Group (Grupo Productores del Sur), as well as the Coordinator of the Institutional Forum of GPS Argentina. He is the former President of the Justice and Peace National Commission of the Argentinean Episcopacy, and former Director of the National Commission of Caritas Argentina.



Ahmed Shaheed - Maldives

Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief

On 1 November 2016, Ahmed Shaheed assumed his mandate as Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief. He is Deputy Director of the Essex Human Rights Centre. He was the first Special Rapporteur of the Human Rights Council on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran since the termination of the previous Commission on Human Rights mandate in 2002. A career diplomat, he has twice held the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Maldives. He led Maldives' efforts to embrace international human rights standards between 2003 and 2011. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the University of Queensland, Australia, and a BScEcon (with Honors) in International Politics and Strategic Studies from the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, United Kingdom.



Héctor Shalom - Argentina

Director of Centro Ana Frank Argentina

Héctor Frank is the Director of the Ana Frank Argentina Center. In 2016, he was awarded the Frans Banninck Cocq medal by Eberhard van der Laan, Mayor of Amsterdam, in recognition of his 25-year career in his transmission of the story of Anne Frank and her commitment to Human Rights. It was the first time the award was given to a foreigner.



Humberto Shikiya - Argentina

G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee; Director General, CREAS—ACT Alianza



Humberto Shikiya is an economist and a specialist in international cooperation for the Graduate School of the National University of San Martin (UNSAM), Argentina. He is a member of the ACT Alliance nominating committee and Managing Director of CREAS. He is General Secretary of the Platform of Protestant and Evangelical Universities of Latin America and the Caribbean, and a member of the Regional Committee of the Latin American and Caribbean Inter-religious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs. In addition, he is a consultant in international and interreligious cooperation issues and an advisor in strategic planning and institutional development. A layman in the Methodist Church, he is former general administrator of the Evangelical Methodist Church Argentina and former manager of economic studies in private sector companies. He studied political economy at the National University of Buenos Aires (UBA) and was recognized as Doctor Honoris Causa in Intereclesial and Interreligious Cooperation by the National Evangelical University (UNEV) of the Dominican Republic.

Sonia Skupch - Argentina

President, Ecumenical Commission of Christian Churches in Argentina (CEICA)



In November 2017, Lutheran pastor Rev. Sonia Skupch was elected President of the Ecumenical Commission of Christian Churches in Argentina (CEICA), becoming the first woman leader of the national forum of Anglican, Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches. CEICA is an organization founded in 1988 with the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches (WCC). She serves as General Secretary of the Evangelical Church of the River Plate (IERP) and previously served on the Lutheran World Federation Council (LWF).

Juan Somavía - Chile

Former Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO)



Juan Somavía was Director-General of the ILO from March 1999 to September 2012. He has had a long and distinguished career in civil, political and international affairs. His wide experience in all areas of public life – as Ambassador, CEO, policy-maker, and his involvement in social development, business, civil and academic organizations have all helped shape his vision of the need to secure decent work for women and men through productive investments in the real economy. He believes that in many ways the quality of a society is defined by the quality of work available. He has been particularly active in addressing the social dimension of the present financial and economic crisis. Prior to his election as Director-General of the ILO, Mr. Somavía was Ambassador of Chile to the United Nations in New York from 1990 to 1999, representing the newly elected democratic government of Chile.

Bhavaya Srivastava - India

Founding Member, International Association for Religion Journalists (IARJ)

Bhavaya Srivastava is a journalist, researcher, writer, and producer focused on religion and spirituality. He is a founding member of the International Association for Religion Journalists (IARJ), and a 2018 KAICIID Fellow. Over his 15-year career, Bhavaya has produced a thousand hours of religious-spiritual content for TV, print, and digital media, and had many diverse experiences across different sectors and cultures. He is the founder of Religion World (www.religionworld.in), a website dedicated to reporting on the social, economic, and political impacts of religion. He has worked for India TV, ABP News, and JANMAT TV. He has an MA in Political Science from Deendayal Upadhyay Gorakhpur University, and a post graduate diploma in mass communication from the University of Lucknow.



Sturla J. Stålsett - Norway

Professor of Religion, Society and Diaconal Studies at the MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society in Oslo, Norway

Sturla J. Stålsett is Professor of Religion, Society and Diaconal Studies at the MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society in Oslo, Norway. Prior to this position, he served as General Secretary of the Oslo Church City Mission (2006-2013), Associate Professor and Head of Research Program on "Religion in a Globalised Age" at the University of Oslo (1998-2005), and Consultant and Regional Representative for Latin America in the Norwegian Church Aid (1989-1992). He is also an ordained Minister of the Church of Norway. In 2011-2012, he was an invited Guest Researcher at the University of Glasgow, UK. He has published a number of academic books and articles on subjects related to social work, development and the role of religion and theology in society and global politics. Dr. Stålsett served as the Chair of the Norwegian Association of NGOs (2013-2017) and Leader of a Government-appointed Commission on the policy of faith and life stances ("Stålsett-utvalget", 2010-2013). He is a Norwegian citizen and holds a doctoral degree in Theology (Dr.theol.) on the topic of Latin American liberation theology from the University of Oslo (1998).



Sherrie Steiner - United States

Assistant Professor, Purdue University Fort Wayne; G20 Interfaith Forum Organizing Committee and Special Rapporteur

Dr. Sherrie Steiner is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Purdue University Fort Wayne. She has authored numerous publications in relation to her area of expertise in sociology of religion, environmental sociology and scholarship of engagement. She served as Special Rapporteur for the Interfaith Forums for 2010 (Canada), 2011 (France), 2012 (USA), and 2015 (Turkey). She conducts scholarship of engagement research in collaboration with Blackford County Concerned Citizens, a community-based citizens group committed to improving public health and the quality of life in Blackford County, Indiana. Her book, *Moral Pressure for Responsible Globalization: Religious Diplomacy in the Age of the Anthropocene* (2018, Brill), documents the history of the interfaith forum process.



Christoph Stückelberger - Switzerland

Founder and President, Globalethics.net; Executive Director, Geneva Agape Foundation



Christoph Stückelberger is Founder and President of the global network on ethics, Globalethics.net, based in Geneva/Switzerland. He was Executive Director from 2008-2016. He is Executive Director of Geneva Agape Foundation in Geneva, mainly with partners in China. He is Professor (emeritus) at the University of Basel, Distinguished Professor at the Technical University MEPHI in Moscow, visiting professor at GOU University in Enugu/Nigeria and at Kingdom Business College in Beijing/China. He received his doctor honoris causa from the UPC University in Kinshasa/DR Congo for his long-term engagement in Africa. He is Vice President of the Ethics Committee of Prime Value (Ethics Fund), member of the Board of Quadia SA Geneva, and Ethics Advisor for the UN-Scaling Up Nutrition Program (SUN). His main fields of research are economic/business ethics, trade ethics, finance ethics, political ethics, development ethics, environmental ethics and philanthropy, and he has published or edited many books and articles on applied ethics. Previous experience includes Director of the Swiss Development Organization "Bread for all;" Director of the Institute for Theology and Ethics of the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches; Founder and President of Transparency International Switzerland; member of the Commission for International Cooperation of the Swiss Government, and President of its sub-commission on WTO for several years, among others.

Elias Szczytnicki - Peru

Secretary General and Regional Director, Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean



Elias Szczytnicki has extensive and distinguished experience in inter-religious relations. Since 2004, he is the Secretary General of the Latin American and Caribbean Council of Religious Leaders (LACCRL) and the Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Office of Religions for Peace. As LACCRL Secretary General, Mr. Szczytnicki organizes high level meetings of religious leaders with important international personalities, such as Pope Francis, and represents the LACCRL in various meetings of the United Nations and their agencies, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Ibero-American General Secretariat (SEGIB) and the World Economic Forum (WEF). Mr. Szczytnicki comes to Religions for Peace after serving as Secretary of the Interfaith Committee of Peru. He also has been a member of the National Executive Committee of the Consensus-Building Table on the Fight against Poverty of Peru and a lecturer in Judaism at the Center of Oriental Studies of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP). Mr. Szczytnicki holds a bachelor's degree in history from the PUCP. Also, he is a graduate of the Certificate on Jewish Nonprofit Management at the Latin American Training and Investigation Center for Jewish Institutional Leadership (Leatid), and an alumnus of the Nahum Goldmann Fellowship.

Metropolitan Tarasios - Argentina

Metropolitan Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Buenos Aires and Exarch of South America

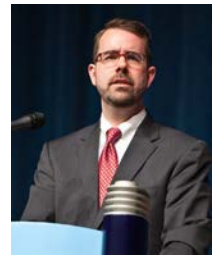


The Most Reverend Grand Archdeacon Tarasios was unanimously elected on May 8, 2001 by the Holy Synod of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople as Metropolitan Archbishop of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Buenos Aires and Exarch of South America, which includes 25 Orthodox communities from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay. His solemn enthronement was held on

July 14, 2001 at the Cathedral of the Dormition of the Theotokos in Buenos Aires. The Metropolitan brought with him the experience of eleven years under the spiritual tutelage of His Supreme Holiness the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and other members of the Constantinopolitan Curia. Having grown up in San Antonio, Texas, where he was an active member of the Greek Orthodox Community of Saint Sophia, Metropolitan Tarasios was the first American of Greek descent who was at the service of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Constantinople. He had studied at the Hellenic College and at the Theology Faculty of the Holy Cross in Brookline, Mass., at Trinity University in San Antonio, the University of Notre Dame, the Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies in Rome, and the Pontifical School of Paleontology and Archives of the Vatican. He worked as a lay assistant in the Greek Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas in Saint Louis, Missouri, and as an administrative assistant to the Diocese of Atlanta, Georgia. He was ordained as Deacon on December 30, 1990, by Patriarch Bartolomé (then Metropolitan of Chalcedon). As a member of the Patriarchal Curia, he served as Encoder, Patriarchal Deacon, Third Deacon of the Patriarch, second Deacon of the Patriarch, and as Grand Archdeacon. Among his main responsibilities in Constantinople were the English correspondence of the Patriarch and the Chief Secretary of the Holy Synod, relations with foreign delegations and the diplomatic corps in Constantinople, as well as symposiums and seminars on the environment, convened under the auspices of the Patriarch. He also supervised production of the first English guide on the Patriarchal Cathedral and other sacred sites of the Church in Constantinople and played important roles in the centenary experience of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, particularly in the area of dialogue and inter-religious relations.

H. Knox Thames - United States

Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South/Central Asia,
United States Department of State



Knox Thames currently serves as the Special Advisor for Religious Minorities in the Near East and South and Central Asia at the U.S. Department of State. He was appointed this year as the first Special Advisor to lead State Department efforts to address the situation of religious minorities in these regions. For over 15 years, Mr. Thames has worked in various U.S. government capacities, including two different U.S. government foreign policy commissions. Most recently, he was the Director of Policy and Research at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom. Prior to that, he served in the Office of International Religious Freedom at the State Department and was Counsel for six years at the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (the Helsinki Commission). In addition, he is an Adjunct Professor at the U.S. Army War College and serves on the State Department's Religion and Foreign Policy Working Group. From 2004-2012, Mr. Thames was a State Department appointee to the OSCE Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief. Mr. Thames holds a BA from Georgetown College, a JD from American University's Washington College of Law, and a Masters in International Affairs from American University's School of International Service. He also studied at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. An author of numerous articles, his writing has been featured in the *Yale Journal of International Affairs*, *ForeignPolicy.com*, and *Small Wars Journal*.

Christina Tobias-Nahi - United States

Director of Public Affairs, Islamic Relief USA

Christina Tobias-Nahi has been the at the helm of Public Affairs at Islamic Relief USA since 2006. She took a three-year sabbatical starting in 2011, leading International Programs at the Joint Council on International Children's Services with a portfolio on orphan care and orphan nutrition; she also managed the program



TechGirls, a summer program of the U.S. State Department and Legacy International to bring emerging female leaders from the Middle East and North Africa to Washington, DC for leadership training. In 2014, she returned to Islamic Relief USA as Director of Public Affairs. In 2016, she took part in an interfaith inter-agency team trip to Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey looking at the refugee situation and child protection issues. Christina holds a post-graduate certificate in Community-based Development and an MA in International Relations from Boston University-Paris, where she spent two years working in Paris for the OECD. After that, she obtained an EdM from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and worked at Harvard for nearly a decade with the Islamic Legal Studies Program and the Civil Rights Project. She has published several book chapters on education issues faced by Muslim immigrant children living in the U.S. and is also a member of the INEE, the InterAgency Network on Education in Emergencies, and has attended their global consultations.

Pedro Torres - Argentina

Bishop; Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Commission of Ecumenism and Relations with Judaism, Islam and Religions

Pedro Javier Torres Aliaga is a Catholic bishop, professor, and Argentine theologian. He was ordained a priest in 1984. Since 2013, he is the titular bishop of Numidia and the Auxiliary Bishop of Córdoba, as well as the Vicar General of the archdiocese. He received his episcopal consecration on December 27, 2013. He has also been a professor of moral theology, trainer, and Rector of the Major Seminary of Our Lady of Loreto; a representative member of the Catholic Church in the Interreligious Committee for Peace (Comipaz); Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Commission of Ecumenism and Relations with Judaism, Islam and Religions; and a preacher of spiritual retreats in different dioceses of the country. He has spoken out via social media on issues that refer to morality, especially bioethics, ecumenism, and interreligious dialogue.



Jorge Triaca - Argentina

Minister of Labor

Jorge Alberto Triaca has a degree in economics from the University of San Andrés. He began his career with the project "Reform of the Productive Sector" (1998) of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security. In 2009 he was elected a national deputy for the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires by the PRO. In 2015 he was appointed Minister of Labor by President Mauricio Macri, a position he held until the end of August 2018 when, before the restructuring of the national ministries, he was assigned to the head of the Ministry of Labor that is part of the Ministry of Production.



Rosalina Tuyuc Velasquez - Guatemala

CONAVIGUA, Indigenous Leader and Human Rights Activist

Rosalina Tuyuc Velásquez is a Mayan human rights activist and recipient of the 2012 Niwano Peace Prize. Born to a poor Christian family in San Juan Comalapa, Guatemala, Tuyuc worked as a teacher and auxiliary nurse and belonged to women's groups and handicraft, agriculture, and animal breeding cooperatives. During Guatemala's long civil war, her father and husband were kidnapped, tortured, and believed to be murdered. Tuyuc was also sought by the Guatemalan government for her activism. In 1988, Tuyuc and other affected widows founded the National Association of Guatemalan Widows



(CONAVIGUA), now a leading Guatemalan human rights organization that pioneers active, peaceful resistance. It promotes full equality for women and respect for human rights, challenging Guatemala's military ethos and governance. Several thousand women, organized into 300 local groups, address issues such as sexual violence and the impunity of paramilitary structures. She has held various positions in Guatemalan politics, including National Congress member and magistrate in the first Court of Conscience of Guatemalan Women.

Gloria Ulloa - Colombia

President, Latin America and Caribbean World Council of Churches

The Rev. Gloria Nohemy Ulloa Alvarado obtained a bachelor in commercial studies, followed by theological studies at the Biblical Seminary of Colombia, and the Pontifical University Javeriana of Colombia. She obtained a master's degree in pedagogical processes. She served as a pastor, academic coordinator, and chaplain of the Presbyterian College. Ulloa was the president of the Superior Council of the Reformed University (2001-06). She has coordinated pastoral teams and diaconal projects. She has been involved with the Latin American Council of Churches and the WCC since 1981. She collaborated with the WCC for the creation of the Programme for Ecumenical Accompaniment in Colombia (PEAC). She participated in peace building efforts with the Presbyterian Church (USA).



René Mauricio Valdes - Argentina

Argentina Coordinator, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

René Mauricio Valdés is a resident representative for the United Nations Development Program & UN Resident Coordinator in Argentina since May 2014. He holds a degree in International Relations from the University of El Salvador, a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Costa Rica, and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Toronto, Canada. He was Chief of Staff of the One Secretariat for the Post 2015 Global Development Agenda, in New York (2012-2014). He also served as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Guatemala and Ecuador, and as UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Colombia, Guatemala, and Panama. He was UNDP's Chief of Monitoring and Support for Mesoamerica, based in New York. Prior to joining the UN, he was Director of the Master's Degree Program in Public Administration of the Central American Institute for Public Administration and the University of Costa Rica. He was also Coordinator of the Public Sector Modernization Program in El Salvador.



Lia van Broekhoven - Netherlands

Co-founder and Executive Director, Human Security Collective (HSC)

Lia van Broekhoven is Co-founder and Executive Director of Human Security Collective (HSC), a foundation with a strong background in development, conflict transformation, and security. Prior to founding HSC, Lia had worked since 1989 as researcher, policy advisor and development practitioner in a number of countries in Latin America, South and Southeast Asia, as well as in the UK and US, with UNFPA, FAO, Natural Resources Institute, World Bank, and Cordaid. She is Co-chair of the Global Nonprofit Coalition on the Financial Action Task Force and holds a seat for the Coalition on the FATF Private Sector Consultative Forum. She was a board member of the extraordinary chair on Religion and Development at the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.



Raymond Van Ermen - Belgium

Executive Director, European Partners for the Environment (EPE)



Mr. Raymond Van Ermen is Executive Director of European Partners for the Environment (EPE) since 1998. EPE facilitates the European Platform on Finance & Eco-Innovation as well as the Resource Efficiency Alliance. Mr. Van Ermen is also a board member and Treasurer of the European Water Partnership; a member of the International Sustainable and Responsible Investment Advisory Committee of the BNP Paribas - Fortis Investment Bank (Frankfurt); a member of the International Jury of the World Environment Council Gold Medal for Sustainability (Washington); and a member of the European Permanent Forum of Civil Society. He is co-author of the book *Plan B, The European Citizens facing the European Union*. He drafted a report for DG Information "Empower". Earlier in his career, Mr. Van Ermen has been Secretary General of Inter-Environnement Wallonie then, for eight years, he was Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau, board member and Treasurer of the Environmental Liaison Committee International to UNEP (Nairobi), and Guarantor of the Regional Institute for Environmental Technologies (Singapore). He has been involved in processes related to sustainable trade and innovation, sustainable investment in Asia and the Transatlantic Dialogue.

Juan Manuel Vaquer - Argentina

President, Asociación Cristiana de Dirigentes de Empresa (ACDE)



Juan Vaquer is President of the Christian Association of Business Leaders (Asociación Cristiana de Dirigentes de Empresa-ACDE). He is a lawyer with a Masters in International and Comparative Law from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, USA. He began his career as a lawyer in civil and commercial matters. Between 1988 and 1991, he worked in the public sector. Since 1990, he has worked at DuPont, currently occupying the position of President for Latin America. He was Chairman of the Board of AmCham Argentina, member of the Steering Committee of IDEA, and member of the CEADS Board of Directors.

Marco Ventura - Italy

Professor of Law and Religion, University of Siena



Marco Ventura is a full professor in law and religion at the Law Department of the University of Siena (Italy) and the Director of the Centre for Religious Studies at the Fondazione Bruno Kessler in Trento (Italy). After a PhD at the University of Strasbourg, he visited the universities of London (UCL), Oxford, Strasbourg, Brussels (ULB), the Indian Law Institute in Delhi, the University of Cape Town, and Al Akhawayn University in Morocco. From 2012 to 2015, he was a professor at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. His last book is *From Your Gods to Our Gods. A History of Religion in British, Indian and South African Courts* (Cascade Books, 2014). From 2013 to 2015, he visited Vietnam as an expert in the dialogue between the European Union and the Vietnamese Committee on Religious Affairs.

Waldo Villalpando - Argentina

Argentine Council for Religious Freedom (CALIR)

Waldo Villalpando is a lawyer and doctor in Legal and Social Sciences. He is a member of the Argentine Methodist Church. He worked at the United Nations for almost 20 years, mainly under the umbrella of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He served as Head of Diplomatic Mission in Spain, Honduras, Italy, Malta, San Marino, and interlocutor before the Holy See, and also served in Central Africa, the Southern Cone of Latin America, El Salvador, the United States, Mexico, and Switzerland. He coordinated the team of experts that published the work *La Discriminación en Argentina* (EUDEBA) and between 2007 and 2008 he chaired the Ad Hoc Committee composed of five international jurists appointed by the United Nations to elaborate standards for the updating of international instruments against racism and discrimination. He taught as a guest lecturer in International Law at universities or specialized institutions such as the School of State Lawyers of the National Procurator of the Treasury and as a professor at the University of Buenos Aires, the University of Salvador and the University of Belgrano. Between 2007 and 2009 he was the Director of the Project of Creation and first Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences of the University Center of Latin American Studies of Rosario (UCEL). He was also President of the YMCA Foundation (Christian Youth Association).



Juan Martin Vives - Argentina

Director, Center for Studies on Law and Religion, Universidad Adventista de La Plata

Juan Martin Vives is a professor of undergraduate and postgraduate courses at Universidad Adventista del Plata. Previously he served as General Counsel for the university and has held various positions of academic management. In 2015, he was appointed Director of the Center for Studies on Law and Religion (CEDYR) at the Universidad Adventista del Plata, and Editor-in-chief of the academic journal *DER - Derecho, Estado y Religión*. He earned a JD (National University of Córdoba), a diploma in Law Teaching (Universidad Adventista del Plata), an LLM in Corporate Law (Austral University), and a PhD in Public Global Law (Autonomous University of Barcelona). He was awarded a postdoctoral fellowship by the Center for Comparative Constitutional Law and Religion (University of Luzern). Professor Vives is the author of several articles and book chapters, and is a regular speaker on matters related to law and religion, religious freedom, and relations between church and state. He recently appeared as amicus curiae before the Argentine Supreme Court in a case involving freedom of religion and belief.



Andrew West - Australia

Presenter, The Religion & Ethics Report, ABC Radio National

Andrew West is a journalist and broadcaster who currently presents The Religion & Ethics Report on Radio National (RN). He was a senior reporter at *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Sun-Herald*, and *The Australian* and is the author of two books on Australian politics and culture, including a biography of the former Foreign Minister and NSW Premier Bob Carr. Andrew's work has appeared in *The Best Australian Political Writing* (MUP, 2008), *The New York Times*, *The South China Morning Post*, *The Monthly*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*. He has been a regular fill-in host of two flagship RN programs, Late Night Live and Saturday Extra, and a correspondent for BBC Religion. Andrew is a graduate of the University of Sydney and Columbia University in New York City. In 2013, the alumni



of the University of Sydney elected him a Fellow of the Senate, the university's governing body. Andrew participated in and reported on last year's G20 Interfaith conference in Potsdam, Germany and the inaugural event in Australia in 2014.

Michael Wiener - United Kingdom

Human Rights Officer; Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

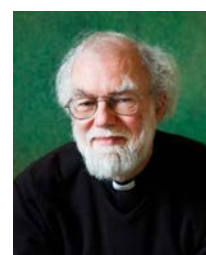
Michael Wiener works in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was also one of the experts who participated in the consultations that drafted the Camden Principles on Freedom of Expression and Equality. His research interests in international human rights law include freedom of religion or belief, freedom of expression, and the prohibition of any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. He is currently also a visiting fellow at Kellogg College, University of Oxford.



Rowan Williams - United Kingdom

President, Christian Aid; Former Archbishop of Canterbury

Dr. Rowan Williams became chair of the Christian Aid board in 2013, after stepping down as Archbishop of Canterbury the year before. Dr. Williams, who was appointed Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge, in 2013, was educated at Dynevor Secondary Grammar School in Swansea, before heading to Cambridge University in 1968. He studied for his doctorate, on the Russian Orthodox theologian Vladimir Lossky, at Christ Church and Wadham College, Oxford. He began his career as a lecturer at Mirfield, before returning to Cambridge as Tutor and Director of Studies at Westcott House. After his ordination in Ely Cathedral, and serving as Honorary Assistant Priest at St George's, Chesterton, he was appointed to a university lectureship in divinity. In 1984, he was elected a fellow and Dean of Clare College. During his time at Clare, he was arrested and fined for singing psalms as part of the CND protest at Lakenheath air base. Then, he returned to Oxford as Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity for six years, before becoming Bishop of Monmouth from 1991-1999, and Archbishop of Wales from 2000. He was awarded the Oxford higher degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1989, an honorary DCL degree in 2005, and an honorary DD from Cambridge in 2006. He holds honorary doctorates from more than a dozen other universities and is Fellow of the British Academy. Dr. Williams is a noted poet and translator of poetry, and, apart from Welsh, speaks or reads nine other languages.



Carolina Yagas - Argentina

ACWAY Representative

Carolina Yagas is currently pursuing a law degree at the Universidad de Buenos Aires. She works for Fox Latin American Channels. She attended the third ACWAY Forum in 2017 in Khartoum, Sudan.



Augusto Zampini - Italy

Theologian, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Vatican



Fr. Augusto is an Argentine RC Priest from the Diocese of San Isidro, Buenos Aires. He is currently working as Director of Development and Faith at the Dicastery for Integral Human Development of the Vatican. Former theological adviser to CAFOD (UK), he is still an Honorary Fellow at Durham University, Roehampton University, and Stellenbosch University. Trained as a lawyer and moral theologian in Argentina, he holds a Masters in Wellbeing and Human Development (University of Bath), a PhD in Theology (Roehampton University, London), and has been a post-doctoral research fellow at Margaret Beaufort Institute, University of Cambridge. His area of research is social ethics. After studying the connection between international development economics -as informed by Amartya Sen's capability approach- and Catholic Social Teaching, Fr Augusto has conducted research on environmental ethics in the light of the Catholic tradition. He has also been a contributor to mainstream and Catholic media on matters pertaining to Pope Francis, Catholic Social Teaching, and social Catholicism more generally. Fr. Augusto has been lecturing theology, Christian ethics, and human rights since 2004 at different universities in Argentina and the UK. He is also an active participant in the Association of Teachers in Moral Theology of Great Britain, and a member of the Digby Stuart Research Centre for Religion, Society and Human Flourishing (Roehampton University, London), the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, the European Society of Catholic Theology, and the Sociedad Argentina de Teología. As a priest, Augusto worked at Holy Apostles, Archdiocese of Westminster, London (2014-2017), and used to be an ad-hoc adviser to Cardinal Vincent Nichols on environmental issues. Fr Augusto had previously served as an assistant priest and chaplain in different parishes and institutions in Argentina, many of them located in the poorest neighborhoods of Greater Buenos Aires.