



Ministerial to Advance **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

Tuesday, July 16 *Dean Acheson Auditorium*

- 9:00 – 9:20 am **Welcome and Remarks by Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback**
- 9:20 – 9:55 am **Presentation by Survivors of Religious Persecution**
- 9:55 – 11:15 am **General Session: Working Together to Advance Freedom of Religion or Belief**
Introduction and Moderator: Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback
Panelists: Ján Figel, EU Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief; Ahmed Shaheed, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief; Aud Marit Wiig, Norwegian Special Envoy for Religious Freedom
- 11:15 am – 1:05 pm **Lunch in the Delegates' Lounge and North and South Courtyard Tents**
- 1:05 – 1:20 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution**
- 1:20 – 2:40 pm **General Session: Journey to Self-Reliance – Securing the Way to Religious Freedom**
Speech: USAID Administrator Mark Green
Moderator: Ambassador at Large Deborah Birx, U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy
Panelists: Tristan Azbej, Hungarian State Secretary for the Aid of Persecuted Christians; Markus Grubel, Commissioner for Global Freedom of Religion, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development; Michal Wos, Cabinet Minister, Humanitarian Aid, Polish Chancellery of Prime Minister
- 2:40 – 3:10 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:10 – 3:25 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution**
- 3:25 – 4:45 pm **General Session: Religious Freedom Challenges in China**
Moderator: Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback
Speakers: Speaker of the United States House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi
Representative (ret) Frank Wolf
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm **Closing Remarks – Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback**



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Track I: Building Blocks for Advancing Religious Freedom

Location: State Department International Conference Center

- 9:00 – 9:05 am **Welcome and call to order by Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback**
in the Dean Acheson Auditorium
- 9:05 – 9:20 am **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
- 9:20 – 10:30 am **General Session: Different Faiths Advancing Religious Freedom Together** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
Introduction: Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback
First Speech: Sheikh bin Bayyah
Speech: Joel Rosenberg, Author
Panelists: Imam Magid, All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center; Rabbi David Saperstein, Religious Action Committee; Pastor Bob Roberts, NorthWood Church
- 10:30 – 10:45 am **Instructions for the Day and Transition to Breakout Rooms**
- 10:45 – 12:15 pm **Breakout Sessions – (Running Concurrently)**
 - Deep Dive – Addressing Challenges to Religious Freedom in sub-Saharan Africa *in Room 1107*
 - Deep Dive – Addressing Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa *in the Loy Henderson*
 - Combatting the Rise of Anti-Semitism *in Room 1105*
 - Best Practices in International Religious Freedom Advocacy *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm **Lunch** *in the Delegates' Lounge and South Courtyard*
- 1:15 – 2:45 pm **Breakout Sessions (Running Concurrently)**
 - Deep Dive – Addressing Challenges to Religious Freedom in East Asian and Pacific *in the Loy Henderson*
 - Deep Dive – Addressing Challenges to Religious Freedom in South and Central Asia *in Room 1105*
 - Multi-Faith Initiatives: The Role of Religious Freedom Roundtables *in Room 1205*
 - Monitoring International Religious Freedom *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
 - Combatting Discrimination Against Muslims, Christians and Members of Other Religions and Beliefs *in Room 1107*



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- 2:45 – 3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
- 3:30 – 4:15 pm **General Session: Parliamentarians Working Together to Advance Religious Freedom** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
Moderator: Knox Thames, U.S. Special Advisor for Religious Minorities
Speakers: International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief
- David Anderson (Canada)
 - Lena Maryana Mukti (Indonesia)
 - Nqabayomzi Kwankwa (South Africa)
- 4:15 – 4:30 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
- 4:30 – 5:15 pm **Remarks Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*
- 5:15 – 5:20 pm **Closing Remarks & Summary of Day by Special Advisor Knox Thames** *in the Dean Acheson Auditorium*



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Track II: Emerging Trends in Religious Freedom

Location: State Department Marshall Center

- 9:00 – 9:05 am **Welcome and introduction by Morgan Ortagus, State Department Spokesperson** *in the Burns Auditorium*
- 9:05 – 9:20 am **Speech by Ajit Pai, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission** *in the Burns Auditorium*
- 9:20 – 9:35 am **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Burns Auditorium*
- 9:35 – 10:45 am **General Session: Documenting Atrocities** *in the Burns Auditorium*
Moderator: Ambassador Kelley Currie, Office of Global Criminal Justice
Speakers: Chris Engels, Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA); Karim Khan, United Nations Investigative Team for the Promotion of Accountability for Crimes Committed by Da'esh/ISIL in Iraq (UNITAD); Naomi Kikoler, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum
- 10:45 – 11:00 am **Instructions and Transition to Breakout Rooms by Special Advisor Knox Thames** *in the Burns Auditorium*
- 11:00 – 12:15 pm **Breakout Sessions** (Running Concurrently)
 - Religious Freedom and Countering Violent Extremism *in GCM 1482/1486*
 - Women's Rights and International Religious Freedom *in the Burns Auditorium*
 - Teaching Interfaith Tolerance *in GCM 1498/1499*
- 12:15 – 1:15 pm **Lunch** *in the U.S. Diplomacy Center*
- 1:15 – 2:45 pm **Breakout Sessions** (Running Concurrently)
 - Atrocity Prevention – Protecting Vulnerable Religious Minorities in Conflict and Crisis Settings *in the Burns Auditorium*
 - Preserving Cultural Heritage of Religious Communities *in GCM 1498/1499*
 - Journalism and International Religious Freedom *in GCM 1482/1486*
- 2:45 – 3:15 pm **Break**
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Burns Auditorium*



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- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **General Session: The Economic and Security Benefits of Advancing Religious Freedom** *in the Burns Auditorium*
Moderator: Doug Padgett, Strategic Religious Engagement, IRF Office
Speakers: Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom and Business Foundation; Nilay Saiya, Religious Freedom Institute
- 4:30 – 4:45 pm **Closing Remarks – Congressman Chris Smith** *in the Burns Auditorium*
- 4:45 – 4:50 pm **Summary of Day – Ambassador at Large Sam Brownback** *in the Burns Auditorium*



Track III: Religious Freedom in Development and Humanitarian Assistance
Location: U.S. Institute of Peace

- 9:00 – 9:10 am **Welcoming Remarks USIP President Nancy Lindberg and introduction by Chris Milligan, USAID Counselor** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
- 9:10 – 9:30 am **Opening Remarks by Deputy Administrator Bonnie Glick** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
- 9:30 – 9:45 am **Presentation by Survivors of Religious Persecution** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
- 9:45 – 11:00 am **General Session: First Year of the Genocide Recovery and Persecution Response Program: Partner Perspectives from the Field** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
Moderator: Samah Norquist, USAID Special Advisor on Religious Pluralism in the Middle East
Panelists: Carl Anderson, Knights of Columbus; Kristina Arriaga, USCIRF; Joey Hood, U.S. Embassy Baghdad; Andrew Peek, Department of State; Max Primorac, USAID;
- 11:00 – 11:15 am **Instructions for the Day and Transition to Breakout Rooms / Coffee Break** *in the Leland Atrium*
- 11:15 – 12:30 pm **Breakout Sessions** (Running Concurrently)
Theme 1: Religious Freedom in Conflict and Crisis Zones: Protecting Vulnerable Minorities
- Religious Freedom in Conflict Prevention, Stabilization and Peace-Building *in the Kathwari Amphitheater*
 - Fragmentation of Religious Minority Communities Across Regions *in the Simon Conference Room*
- Theme 2: Global Development and Religious Freedom: Building Resilient, Free, and Sustainable Societies*
- Promoting Religious Pluralism by Supporting Faith-Based Organizations and Schools in International Education *in B214/215*
 - Democracy, Human Rights & Governance, and the Promotion of Religious Freedom in Development *in B202/203*
 - Religious Freedom Conditions for Effective Public, Faith-Based Partnerships in Development: Part 1 *in the Carlucci Auditorium*



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- 12:30 – 2:00 pm **Luncheon with “NGO Learning MarketPlace” in the Schultz Great Hall**
- 2:00 – 3:15 pm **Breakout Sessions** (Running Concurrently)
Theme 1: Religious Freedom in Conflict and Crisis Zones: Protecting Vulnerable Minorities
- Protecting Vulnerable Religious and Ethnic Minorities in Conflict and Crisis Settings *in B214/215*
 - The Role of the Private Sector in Post-ISIS Iraq: Opportunities and Challenges *in the Kathwari Amphitheater*
- Theme 2: Global Development and Religious Freedom: Building Resilient, Free, and Sustainable Societies*
- Religious Freedom in Action: Mobilizing Local Faith Leaders for Global Development Goals *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
 - Religious Freedom Conditions for Effective Public- Faith-Based Partnerships in Development: Part 2 *in B202/203*
 - Innovation and Technology in Global Development: Protecting Religious Freedom *in the Simon Conference Room*
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Coffee break** *in the Leland Auditorium*
- 3:30 – 3:45 pm **Presentation by Survivor of Religious Persecution** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
- 3:45 – 4:45 pm **General Session: Faith-Based Communities Working Together for Religious Freedom and Development Goals** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*
- Moderator: Kirsten Evans, Director of the USAID Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives
- Panelists: Bishop Gregory Mansour, Catholic Relief Services; Rabbi Noam Marans, AJC; Tony Perkins, Family Research Council; Dr. Imam Talib Shareef, The Nation’s Mosque; Paula White, Paula White Ministries
- 4:45– 5:00 pm **Conclusions of the Day by Bill Steiger, USAID Chief of Staff** *in the Carlucci Auditorium*



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Thursday, July 18

9:00 – 11:00 am

OPTIONAL U.S. Government Grant Training *hosted by USCIRF*
Government Publishing Office
732 N. Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 201401
RSVP required: training@uscirf.gov

7:00 – 11:00 pm

Closing Event *at the National Museum of African American History and Culture*

Remarks: Ambassador Sam Brownback
Director Sara Bloomfield, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum