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ABOUT G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT

The G20 Interfaith Summit was launched in 2014, under the auspices of Australia's Presidency of the G20. It has progressed from a largely academic gathering timed to coincide with the G20 Summit to a sustained alliance of diverse religious leaders, practitioners from humanitarian, peacebuilding, and development organizations, and scholars. The purpose is to contribute to and help to shape global agendas through practical and ethical experience and wisdom of the world's diverse religious communities, which are often absent from global forums. The extensive contributions of the related "network of networks" as well as the prophetic voice and leadership of renowned religious leaders can enrich the G20 deliberations and contribute, alongside parallel and often interlinked constituencies (civil society, youth, business, etc.) to addressing the urgent problems facing the world and its leaders.



INTRODUCTION

The world is grappling with deeply interconnected crises, including violent conflicts, widening inequality, the ongoing climate crisis, and diminishing trust in global and local public institutions. These challenges demand new leadership that embraces an ethical and pragmatic vision, informed by both global and local insights, to ensure comprehensive engagement across sectors. In response to these urgent needs, the G20 Interfaith Forum, in collaboration with MIT-World Peace University and the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities, is organizing a G20 Interfaith Summit.

These gatherings will identify the crucial issues for the 2023 agenda while reflecting on the G20 Interfaith Forum's journey since 2014 in engaging with global agendas through the G20 process. The summit will be held at the World Peace Dome in Pune, commencing with a reception on September 4th, followed by Forum sessions on September 5th and 6th.

At the core of the summit lies a dedicated focus on the urgent calls to action from the world's most vulnerable communities. Notably, the summit will address the challenges faced by children, who have endured losses and new obstacles due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as those confronted by inequalities and disruptions linked to climate change. Underpinning the entire event is the primary theme of fostering hope for a better future.

The summit will bring together a distinguished group of leaders deeply engaged in the religious dimensions of global debates, ranging from socio-economic crises to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) agenda. The forum will emphasize tangible action steps that can be taken within the G20 process, highlighting the transformative power of interfaith collaboration.

By convening these visionary leaders, the G20 Interfaith Summit aims to generate innovative solutions, foster dialogue, and inspire meaningful change. Through a holistic approach that considers religious perspectives and ethical imperatives, this summit endeavors to shape a more inclusive, peaceful, and sustainable world for all.

Expected Outcomes : The Forum will offer a platform for faith leaders, representatives of faith-based organizations, government officials, international organizations and civil society, and academics with relevant expertise, to come together to share experiences and provide added emphasis to suggestions identified throughout the year in preparation for the G20 Summit that is being held in New Delhi shortly after the G20 Interfaith Forum concludes. As the culminating event following preliminary events organized throughout the year, the G20 Interfaith Forum will form the basis for global advocacy efforts supportive of G20 Summit outcomes and continuing into coming years.

Topics. The Forum will focus on specific global topics, including:

- A child-centered vision for the 2020s
- Galvanizing action to mobilize resources for recovery and social protection
- Assets, risks, and ethics that the Artificial Intelligence revolution presents to communities
- Post-COVID action: pandemic preparedness and health system reform
- Food security
- Urgent humanitarian and peacebuilding action
- Protection of religious and cultural heritage
- Action on Climate Change
- Revamping education in a post-COVID-19 era
- Making sure that the most vulnerable are not left behind

Event Structure : Spread over two and one-half days, the event will consist of plenary sessions as well as thematic break-out sessions. The event will also be made available to a broader global audience.

Target Audience : The Forum will be attended by over 2000 participants, including more than 100 expert speakers and presenters, participants, from India and abroad, including representatives of government institutions, international organizations, civil society, academia, and faith communities. The event aims to attract a diverse and inclusive audience, representative insofar as possible of the global population. Based on prior experience, a larger audience is expected to follow the event online.



SEED THOUGHT FOR THE G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT At The World Peace Dome

One Human Family, One Common Destiny: In a world increasingly divided by conflict, violence, and intolerance, the G20 Interfaith Summit at the World Peace Dome is a timely opportunity for leaders of different faiths and cultures to come together and reaffirm their commitment to peace, harmony, and understanding. The World Peace Dome is a symbol of hope and inspiration for people of all faiths. It is a place where people can come together to learn from each other, to celebrate their shared humanity, and to work together to build a more peaceful and just world. The G20 Interfaith Summit is an opportunity for leaders of different faiths to share their wisdom and insights, to learn from each other's experiences, and to build bridges of understanding and cooperation. It is also an opportunity for leaders to commit to working together to address the challenges facing our world today, including poverty, hunger, disease, climate change, and conflict. The seed thought for the G20 Interfaith Summit is "One Human Family, One Common Destiny." This seed thought reminds us that we are all interconnected, and that we all have a shared responsibility to work together to build a better future for all.



G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT - A SEED THOUGHT



W Cole Durham Jr.

President, G20 Interfaith Forum, USA

The G20 Interfaith Summit was conceived as a way to bring together leaders of different faiths to share their wisdom and insights, to learn from each other's experiences, and to work together to develop solutions to the world's most pressing problems. "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", or "One Earth, One Family, One Future", the overarching 2023 G20 theme set by the Government of India, encapsulates the complex and deeply interconnected challenges and hopes that face world leaders.

Extraordinary demands confront them: economic and financial perils, raging conflicts and, linked to them, over 110 million people forced to move, mounting pressures to mobilize the finance needed to address climate change, urgent agendas on health and education, political and social tensions, and many others.

The seed thought for the summit was "One Human Family, One Common Destiny," reminding us that we are all interconnected and have a shared responsibility to build a better future for all. This appeal reflects the common and deeply held values of diverse religious traditions which call for compassion as a lodestar for action to benefit a common humanity and a vision towards the future.

The summit has become an important event in the global interfaith calendar, bringing together leaders of all faiths to build bridges of understanding and cooperation and commit to working together to address the challenges facing our world today.

There is a need for global coordination of interfaith educational efforts through a global body, consortium, or some other appropriate agency. The G20 Interfaith Forum has focused in 2023 on specific areas for action that follow from the broad agenda inspired by the four C's.

The World Peace Dome, where the culminating session of the 2023 G20 Interfaith Forum will be held, would be pleased to provide a venue for pursuits along these lines.

G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT - A SEED THOUGHT



Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad

President, MIT World Peace University
 Founder President, World Peace Centre (Alandi)
 MAEER's MIT, Pune, Bharat

The G20 Interfaith Summit 2023 marked a historic moment in global discourse, bringing together leaders, scholars, and representatives from diverse faith traditions to engage in profound discussions on issues of shared concern. Against the backdrop of the world's largest Peace Dome, this summit served as a powerful platform for fostering interfaith dialogue, collaboration, and understanding on an unprecedented scale.

The summit's agenda reflected a commitment to addressing pressing global challenges through the lens of diverse religious and spiritual perspectives. Themes such as social justice, human rights, environmental sustainability, and conflict resolution took center stage, showcasing the potential for faith communities to

contribute meaningfully to the creation of inclusive and equitable solutions.

The symbolic significance of hosting the summit within the world's largest Peace Dome underscores the shared commitment to peace and unity. The Dome becomes a sacred space, transcending its architectural magnificence to serve as a living embodiment of the values of tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect. It offers an environment where the diverse tapestry of beliefs converges into a harmonious melody, creating an atmosphere conducive to collaboration and collective action.

Participants in the G20 Interfaith Summit 2023 were afforded the opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences, and build bridges across cultural and religious divides. This collaborative effort contributed to the development of policies that resonate with the principles of compassion and cooperation, laying the foundation for a more harmonious global community.

In essence, the G20 Interfaith Summit of 2023 represented a convergence of faith, diplomacy, and shared values. It envisions a world where the wisdom of diverse religious traditions contributes to the promotion of peace, justice, and sustainable development on a global scale, leaving a lasting impact on the collective journey of humanity.

G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT - A SEED THOUGHT



Shri. Rahul V. Karad

Managing Trustee & Executive President,
MAEER's MIT, Pune and
Executive President,
MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat &
Founder, MITSOG, BCS, NTC, NWP

Chief Convener, G-20 Interfaith Summit

As we reflect on the G20 Interfaith Summit held at the World Peace Dome in Pune on the 6th and 7th of September 2023, I am struck by the deep sense of unity and hope that characterized our gathering.

The World Peace Dome, a symbol of serenity, serves as a reminder that beneath the diversity of our beliefs and traditions, we share a common humanity and a profound desire for peace. This sacred space has brought together individuals from across the globe, not only for the exchange of knowledge but to establish connections that transcend faith boundaries.

Within these hallowed walls, we witnessed a diverse tapestry of

humanity unfolding before us. Leaders and representatives from various faiths came together, each contributing their unique wisdom and experiences. It is in this exchange that the essence of interfaith dialogue resides – an opportunity to learn, grow, and build bridges of understanding.

The G20 Interfaith Summit has not been mere words; it has been a crucible of action. It signifies our collective acknowledgment of the significant challenges facing our world, from the pressing issues of poverty and hunger to the existential threat of climate change. Through shared efforts and mutual accountability, we are committed to charting a course towards a just, equitable, and sustainable future.

The guiding principle that has illuminated our path, "One Earth, One Family, One Future," encapsulates the fundamental truth of our interconnectedness. United by our shared humanity, we possess the power to shape the destiny of our world, guiding it towards compassion, understanding, and unity.

As we leave the World Peace Dome, let us carry with us the spirit of this summit. Let us be inspired to continue the dialogue, nurture the connections we have forged, and translate our collective aspirations into concrete actions that will echo through the pages of history.

G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT - A SEED THOUGHT



Prof. Dr. Milind Pande

National Convenor, G20 Interfaith Summit 2023

The G20 Interfaith Summit was an event that is dedicated to promoting peace, harmony, and understanding between people of all faiths and cultures. The concept of the G20 Interfaith Summit was to bring together leaders of all faiths from around the world to share their wisdom and insights, to learn from each other's experiences, and to work together to build a more peaceful and just world.

The theme of the summit is "One Human Family, One Common Destiny." This theme reminds us that we are all interconnected, and that we all have a shared responsibility to work together to build a better future for all. The platform will bring together religious leaders from all backgrounds to create understanding and collaborative bridges and pledge joint efforts to tackle the issues affecting our society today.

The G20 Interfaith Summit was an enchanting event because it provides a platform for leaders of different faiths to come together and build bridges of understanding and cooperation. It is also an opportunity for leaders to commit to working together to address the challenges facing our world today, such as poverty, hunger, disease, climate change, and conflict.

The G20 Interfaith Summit was a unique opportunity for leaders of different faiths to come together and discuss these important issues. It was also an opportunity for leaders to commit to working together to build a more peaceful and harmonious world.

The summit exemplifies our global commitment to unity, allowing diverse faiths to collaborate for ethical progress. The G20 Interfaith Summit in Bharat amplifies the nation's rich spiritual heritage, fostering a dialogue that envisions a harmonious world through shared values. The G20 summit will provide a platform for discussing critical questions such as how to shape the globe for enduring peace and sustainable development in accordance with a common vision. This meeting provides evidence of the value of communication and cooperation.



GLIMPSES OF PRE-EVENT ACTIVITIES

Press Conference

Three-day G20 Interfaith Summit concludes at MIT World Peace Dome

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ADVISOR TO the CM and ex-Divisional Commissioner of Pune, Deepak Mhaisekar, has raised concerns over gene manipulation and drew attention to the grave risks involved in current cloning and recombinant techniques. He was speaking on the concluding day of G20 Interfaith Summit at MIT-World Peace Dome.

Under the broad theme of "Shaping World Peace and Sustainable Development through Interfaith Harmony", topics from climate to religion, women empowerment and interfaith harmony, children rights and ethics, Covid-19 and New Education Policy were discussed in the three-day summit. President of Texas A&M University, Dr Michael Kay Young drew attention towards the pervasive lack of access to education as well as climate and conflict related displacement among children.

The next summit will be held in Brazil in 2024.

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MIT World Peace Dome Organises G20 Interfaith Summit In Pune

Summit organised with the purpose of discussing key aspects of the National Education Policy and other important topics on religion, technology and ethics

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MIT World Peace Dome in Pune organised the G20 Interfaith Summit to offer the dialogue on various key aspects of the National Education Policy and other important topics on religion, technology and ethics. Key figures representing governmental bodies, institutes and private firms participated in the summit.

The inaugural day of this summit unfolded with a rich tapestry of enlightening breakout sessions, each illuminating critical domains poised for monumental transformation.

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The summit is expected to bring together over 2,000 religious leaders, faith-based organisations, policy makers, government officials, representatives of international organisations, academics and youth.

By: [Express News Service](#)

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"The G20 Interfaith Summit is aligned with our core belief that the union of science and spirituality is the only way to achieve peace for humankind," said Rahul Karad, (Express File Photo)

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Pune is set to host the G20 Interfaith Summit at the World Peace Dome in Loni Kalbhorr from September 5 to 7.

Organised by the World Peace Centre, Alandi, the G20 Interfaith Forum and the Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities, the summit will organise lectures on peace and humanitarian action.

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The world is confronting several challenges, including war, geopolitical tensions, inflation, and natural calamities caused by climate change. India's #G20 presidency provides an opportunity to address these concerns jointly.



The MIT World Peace Dome brought together over 2,000 religious leaders, faith-based organisations, policy makers, government officials, representatives of international organisations, academics and youth to develop an inclusive growth formula that eliminates injustices, increases opportunities, promotes growth, and distributes progress from the ground up.

The event featured success stories and creative ideas, instilling hope and faith in the transforming power of collaborative thought in areas such as peacebuilding, holistic development, climate change, and social justice.

"The G20 Interfaith Summit is aligned with our core belief that the union of science and spirituality is the only way to achieve peace for humankind," said Rahul Karad, managing trustee and executive president of MIT World Peace University

Sharing glimpses from the summit, much more in our next few articles on the subject matter.

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Pune: Dr Vishwanath Karad's Statue Unveiled At MIT In Loni Kalbhorr

On this special occasion, Karad was honoured. Furthermore, it was announced that he would receive the prestigious Ahimsa International Award in 2023 from Jain community.

Staff Reporter | Updated: Wednesday, September 06, 2023, 12:57 AM IST



Pune: Dr. Vishwanath Karad's Statue Unveiled At MIT In Loni Kalbhorr

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MIT Group of Institutions' Rajbaug Campus in Loni Kalbhorr witnessed a momentous occasion on Teacher's Day as the bronze statue of educationist and peace ambassador Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad was unveiled on Tuesday.

King Hussain, President and CEO of Span Construction & Engineering, USA, expressed his admiration, stating that Dr. Karad's statue would inspire all who visit the dome. He said, "Devoting his life to world peace by embracing education and spirituality, Dr. Vishwanath Karad is a unique person. With his inspiration, the entire society will try to walk on the path of peace. His thoughts

Pune: G20 Interfaith Summit At MIT WPU Promotes India's Diversity For Global Peace

Speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the 'G20 Interfaith Summit' held at the world's largest Peace Dome in Rajbaugh Loni Kalbhor, he emphasized the importance of understanding and respecting this diversity to ensure differences don't lead to divisions.

Staff Reporter | Updated: Friday, September 08, 2023, 07:08 PM IST



Dr Dalbir Singh, President of One Globe Forum and National Secretary of Congress, highlighted India's rich tapestry of religions and languages as a formidable strength that can foster global harmony. Speaking as the chief guest at the inauguration of the 'G20 Interfaith Summit' held at the world's largest Peace Dome in Rajbaugh Loni Kalbhor, he emphasized the importance of understanding and respecting this diversity to ensure differences don't lead to divisions. The summit concluded on Thursday.

The summit, organized by MIT World Peace University in collaboration with various partners including the G20 Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities and the US-based G20 Interfaith Forum, witnessed the presence of global dignitaries. These included W Cole Durham, President of the G20 Interfaith Forum in the USA, Prof Katharina Marshall of Georgetown University, Swami Amritswaroopananda Puri of Amrita University, Bishop Felix Machado, religious guru Sheikh ul Islam Allahshukur Pashazade from Azerbaijan, Marjia Dalal representing the Bahí community, and Dr Pushpita Awasthi.

The event was presided over by Founder President of MIT World Peace University, Dr Vishwanath Karad. Rahul Karad, Dr RM Chitnis, and Dr Milind Pandey, were also present.

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Anoop Khanna

Founder, Dadi ki Rasoi

Thank you for organizing such a great event and inviting me to be part of it. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for warm hospitality. It was an informative and engaging experience, where we all exchanged valuable information.



Asher Maoz

Founding Dean,
Peres Academic Center Law School,
Rehovot, Israel

Dear Prof. Pande

Thank you for your lovely note. This was an event that I will cherish and remember. I am looking forward for continuing relations with MIT World Peace University.



Deepak Kumar

ACWAY/URI

Hope You are doing well!

Thank You very much

It was the most wonderful experience with MIT-WPU Team, we have gained a lot of learning from as well observation from Interfaith Summit at World Peace Dome. Those Historical moments will be remembered.

Program in front of the Statue

Day	Tuesday, 5th September 2023	
Program	Part I - TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION BY MAEER's MIT GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS, PUNE, INDIA.	
Venue	Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome, Pune, India	
Time	Duration	Description
08.30 a.m.		Gathering at Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Dnyan Bhavan & Wearing of Traditional Pheta (Head-gear)
08.40 a.m.	20 mins	Procession (GRANTH DINDI) from 1. Gita Dnyan Bhavan to Statue 2. Dome Main Entrance Gate to Statue
09.00 a.m.		Commentary Narration by Dr. Gautam Bapat, Program Director, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune & Prof. Milind Patre, Dean, Faculty of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune
	03 mins	World Peace Prayer
09.05 a.m.		MAEER's School Students Dressed as freedom fighters and other eminent educationist to mark Teachers Day. School Students to assemble near Mangal Stambh, Two arch levels of World Peace Dome, near entrance railings on both sides of World Peace Dome, near both elephant statues
09.15 a.m.		Unveiling of the Statue by Hon'ble Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Hon'ble King Husein, Hon'ble Dr. Ashok Joshi, Hon'ble David Huntsman, Hon'ble Dr Ronald Gunnell, Hon'ble W Cole Durham Jr, Hon'ble Brian Grim & Hon'ble Religious Leaders
		Playing the Shankh Dhwani during Unveiling of the Statue
		1. Police Band Procession 2. Salutation by Cadets of Maharashtra Academy of Naval Education & Training (MANET) 3. Salutation by MIT WPU & MITADT NCC Troop <i>Expression of Reverence by</i> Hon'ble King Husein, Hon'ble Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Hon'ble Dr Ronald Gunnell, Hon'ble Dr. Ashok Joshi, Hon'ble Dr. Ram Vilas Vedantiji, Hon'ble Lokesh Muniji, Hon'ble Sayed Aziz Nizami Shri Bapusaheb More
09.30 a.m		Group Photograph
09.45 a.m		Expression of Gratitude by Shri. Rahul Karad & Prof. Dr. Mangesh Karad
09.50 a.m		Proceed to World Peace Dome with Military Band and Granth Dindi

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"Shaping World Peace and Sustainable Development through Interfaith Harmony"
Schedule from 5th Sept to 7th Sept 2023
Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome

Day	Tuesday, 5th September 2023, 10.10 am 01.30 pm	
Program	Unveiling of the Statue	
Venue	Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome	
Time	Duration	Description
10:10 am	01 min	Arrival of the Chief Guests and other Guests
10:11 am	02 mins	Lighting of the Lamp
10:13 am	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
10:15 am	02 mins	Playing the Shankh Dhvani
10:17 am	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor – Dr. Gautam Bapat, Program Director, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune
10:19 am	02 mins	National Anthem
10:21 am	03 mins	The Star-Spangled Banner
10:24 am	03 mins	World Peace Meditation by Prof. Milind Patre, Dean, Faculty of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune
10:27 am	03 mins	Playing of Short Film on World Peace Dome (English Version 3 mins)
10:30 am	15 mins	<p>Felicitation of the Chief Guest and other Guests on the dais</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hon’ble D. Todd Christofferson, President, BYU Religious Leader & Chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU, Board of Trustees 2. Hon’ble King Husein, Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA 3. Hon’ble Jayakar Rao Gutty, Area Seventy of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. 4. Hon’ble Nithya Kumar Sunderraj 5. Hon’ble Dr. Ashok Joshi, Founder, Microlin LLC, Salt Lake City, USA 6. Hon’ble Dr. Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, USA 7. Hon’ble W. Cole Durham Jr, Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, USA 8. Hon’ble Ronald C. Gunnell, Founder, Global Chairman at Truth Alone Triumphs - Global Enterprises, LLC, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA 9. Hon’ble David Huntsman, President & Chief Operating Officer, Huntsman Foundation, Salt Lake City Utah, USA <p>Felicitation of Religious Leaders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Ram Vilas Vedanti, Former M.P. & Renowned Thinker, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh 2. Acharya Lokesh Muni, Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti 3. Sayed Aziz Nizami, Sajjada Nashin and incharge of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (R.A), New Delhi 4. Shri Mahant Ramdas, Hanuman Gadhi, Ayodhya 5. Pandit Vasant Rao Gadgil, Sanskrit Scholar & Founder Sharada Dyan Peetham 6. Rahul Bhante Bodhi, Maha Thero (Senior Buddhist Monk) 7. Dr. Izaac Malekar, Head Priest (Rabbi) and Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue (A Jewish Temple), New Delhi 8. Dr. Lesan Azadi, Director, Baha’i Academy Panchgani 9. Hon’ble Dr. Edison Samraj, Director, Health Ministries Department Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives 10. Dame. Dr. Prof. Meher Master Moos, Eminent Parsi Scholar & President, Zoroastrian College, Mumbai, India 11. Maulana Ansari, Maulana & Vedic Scholar, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh 12. Hon’ble Sant Baba Balwinder Singh Ji, Chief Gurudwara Langar Sahib Nanded 13. Dr. Yogendra Mishra, Literary and member, Hindi Salahkar Samiti, New Delhi

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"Shaping World Peace and Sustainable Development through Interfaith Harmony"
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Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome

10:45 am	03 mins	Video Film on the life and work of UNESCO Chair Holder Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Creator of World Peace Dome (By Dr. Mukesh Sharma)
10:48 am	02 mins	Introduction of Hon'ble King Husein, Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA
10:50 am	10 mins	Briefing about the unveiling of the statue by Hon'ble King Husein, Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA
11:00 am	02 mins	Introduction of Mr. Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, USA
11:02 am	10 mins	Address by Mr. Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, USA
11:12 am	02 mins	Introduction of Hon'ble D. Todd Christofferson, President, BYU Religious Leader & Chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU, Board of Trustees
11:14 am	10 mins	Address by Hon'ble D. Todd Christofferson, President, BYU Religious Leader & Chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU, Board of Trustees
11:24 am	12 mins	Presenting 04 Citations of Honour to UNESCO Chair Holder Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat 1. Brigham Young University, USA by King Husein 2. Utah Valley University, USA by Dr. Ashok Joshi 3. Baha'i Academy by Dr. Lesan Azadi 4. Maharishi International University, USA by Dr. Alex Hankey
11.36 am	45 mins	Divine Blessings by Religious Leaders 1. Dr. Cole Durham, Jr. Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies 2. Ram Vilas Vedanti , Former M.P. & Renowned Thinker, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh 3. Shri Mahant Ramdas , Hanuman Gadhi, Ayodhya 4. Rahul Bhante Bodhi , Maha Thero (Senior Buddhist Monk) 5. Dr. Izaac Malekar , Head Priest (Rabbi) and Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue (A Jewish Temple), New Delhi 6. Acharya Lokesh Muni , Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti 7. Hon'ble Dr. Edison Samraj , Director, Health Ministries Department Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives 8. Dame. Dr. Prof. Meher Master Moos , Eminent Parsi Scholar & President, Zoroastrian College, Mumbai, India
12.21 p.m.	10 mins.	Address by the UNESCO Chair Holder Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat
12:31 pm	10 mins	Concluding Remarks & Vote of Thanks by Dr. Ashok Joshi, Founder, Microlin LLC, Salt Lake City, USA
12:41 pm	06 mins	Session Concludes
12:47 pm	10 mins	Media Interaction

G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT – 2023
"Shaping World Peace and Sustainable Development through Interfaith Harmony"
Schedule from 5th Sept to 7th Sept 2023
Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome

Day	Tuesday, 5th September 2023, 4:00 pm to 05:30 pm
Program	Welcoming G20 Interfaith Conference
Venue	Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome
Anchor:	Prof. Milind Patre, Associate Dean, Department of Peace Studies, MIT-WPU
Time	Description
04:00 pm to 05:00 pm	Welcoming Distinguished Guests and Introducing theme of the Forum
	World Peace Prayer
	Video Film on G 20 Interfaith Summit 2023
	Felicitation of the Distinguished Guests and Delegates on the dais
	Welcome Address By - Dr. R.M Chitnis, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, Pune, India 1. Hon'ble W. Cole Durham, Jr. , President, G20 Interfaith Forum, USA 2. Hon'ble King Husein , Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA Divine Blessings by Religious Leaders - 1. Acharya Lokesh Muni , Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, New Delhi (Jainism) 2. Dr. Izaac Malekar , Head Priest (Rabbi) and Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue (A Jewish Temple), New Delhi 3. Dame. Dr. Prof. Meher Master Moos , Eminent Parsi Scholar & President, Zoroastrian College, Sanjan, Gujarat, India 4. Sayed Aziz Nizami , Sajjada Nashin and incharge of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (R.A), New Delhi 5. Rahul Bhante Bodhi , Maha Thero (Senior Buddhist Monk), Mumbai, India 6. Dr. Edison Samraj , Director, Health Ministries Department Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives
	Address by UNESCO Chair Holder Hon'ble Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat
	Felicitation of Dr. Sanjay Kolte at the hands of Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad
	Felicitations and presentation of citations of honour to Dr Vishwanath D. Karad
	Concluding remarks by Dr. R.M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, Pune, India
	Presentation of The Janata Sabha Award to Dr. Vishwanath Karad
	Reading of Citations towards Dr. Vishwanath Karad
	Cultural Program Followed by Networking Dinner
	Departure to the Hotels

THE STATUE UNVEILING CEREMONY OF VISHWADHARMI PROF. DR. VISHWANATH D.KARAD 5th September 2023.

The Teachers' Day i.e. September 5, 2023 was celebrated by the MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions at the Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome at Pune. It was one of the unique celebrations where all the dignitaries gathered at the Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Dnyan Bhavan where all proudly wore the Traditional Pheta (Head-gear).

The dignitaries then joined for the 'GRANTH DINDI', a procession from the Gita Dnyan Bhaan to Statue and the Dome Main Entrance Gate to the Statue.

The narration of the ceremony was done by Dr. Gautam Bapat and Prof. Milind Patre, followed by the World Peace Prayer. Thereafter the students of the MAEER's School (all dressed as freedom fighters) and other eminent educationists assembled near the Mangal Stambh, to mark Teachers Day celebration.

The September 5 of 2023 witnessed one of the golden moments with the statue unveiling ceremony of Vishwadharmi Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad at the hands of Hon'ble Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Hon'ble King Husein, Hon'ble Dr. Ashok Joshi, Hon'ble David Huntsman, Hon'ble Dr. Ronald Gunnell, Hon'ble W Cole Durham Jr. Hon'ble Brian Grim & Hon'ble Religious Leaders. The ceremony was marked by a profound sense of unity, spirituality, and the celebration of a remarkable individual, Dr. Vishwanath Karad, and filled with heartfelt tributes, insightful speeches, and a focus on the importance of education, spirituality, and peace in our lives. The pious Shankh Dhwani was played by the Shankhnaad team during the unveiling of the Statue. This was followed by the Police Band Procession and Salutation by the NCC cadets of MANET and MITWPU and MITADT NCC Troop.









Hon'ble King Husein

Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA

"I on behalf of his American friends would thank Dr. Karad for allowing to install this statue. And that Dr. Karad's life impact can be seen on all the God's children. And the God's hand has continued to guide Dr. Karad and blessed him with good health and peace".

Dr. Karad's life impact can be seen on all the God's children

Hon'ble Elder D. Todd Christofferson

President, BYU Religious Leader & Chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU, Board of Trustees

"I want to mention that unveiling Dr. Karad's statue is a beautiful experience on a beautiful day, a teachers day, to celebrate on such a pious day. This statue is a symbol of Dr. Karad's life's work. And the coming young people will get to know about Dr. Karad's life, his achievements, his accomplishments and that will inspire them to higher goals, greater achievements, greater unity in their own miles".

This statue is a symbol of Dr. Karad's life's work.



Hon'ble Dr. Ronald Gunnell

Founder, Global Chairman at Truth Alone Triumphs - Global Enterprises, LLC, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA

"Dr. Karad's statue shall remind all of us about the great contributions that Dr. Karad had made and that all narrows down to the word love, the love for incredible and the love for humanity".

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Hon'ble Dr. Ashok Joshi

Founder, Microlin LLC, Salt Lake City, USA

About three years I was talking to King Hussain who had visited India and he is the person who initiated and gave the idea of the making the statue of Dr. Vishwanath Karad. They approached Shri Rahul Karad and the day had come that we we are honouring the greatest teacher of the century Dr. Vishwanath Karad. Not only does he focus on quality universal education but also on spirituality attached to that universal education and that is very unique.

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Hon'ble Dr. Ram Vilas Vedantiji

Former M.P. & Renowned Thinker, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

I have come from Ayodhya with the Shubh Sandesh of Ram Lalla to attend the unveiling of the statue of Dr. Karad who believes in Vishwadharma and sanskriti. I have visited various parts of the world, but what I could witness here was not witnessed anywhere. Dr. Karad has followed Sabka saath, sabka vikas, sabka vishwas and sabka prayas – which is the vision of Modiji, and he is bringing all sects of the society together. Dr. Karad should be facilitated not with Bharat Ratna, but with Bharat Maha Ratna. On this occasion of the unveiling of the statue of the Bhishmapitamaha of Adhyatmik Shakti, I want to thank all the various dignitaries who have come from various parts of the world.



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Hon'ble Lokesh Muniji

Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti

Dr. Vishwanath KARad is a chalta phirta vishwavidyalaya in this pious campus of MIT. The uniqueness of our country is unity in diversity, just as various cultures is also our uniqueness, sarv dharma sadbhav is the 'moolmantra' of our country Dr. Karad has made all efforts towards achieving sarv dharma sadbhav. And we all have gathered to honour him today by unveiling this statue.

Dr. Karad has made all efforts towards achieving sarv dharma sadbhav

Hon'ble Sayed Aziz Nizami

Sajjada Nashin and incharge of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (R.A), New Delhi

Allah talah has made the human being the best. I want to bless Dr. Karad with well being and peace. The power of education makes us invincible. If we want to learn religion we will have to come to India. The smell of love comes from India. Dua. Khuda hafiz.

The power of education makes us invincible. If we want to learn religion we will have to come to India.



Shri. Bapusaheb More

Kirtankar

"I want to bless Dr. Vishwanath Karad and want to convey that he is a living university. The expansive knowledge that Dr. Vishwanath Karad has makes him university in himself".

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Shri. Rahul V. Karad

Managing Trustee & Executive President, MAEER's MIT and Executive President, MIT World Peace University & Chief Initiator - NLC, BCS, NTC

I want to express my gratitude towards the messages of love and affection created by Vishwanath Karad Sir. I want to congratulate Mr. Rohan and Mr DJ Boden for creating such a life-affirming statue of Dr. Karad and making the historical day special and pious. The staff, students, and alumni hold highest gratitude for Dr. KARad on this occasion.

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Introduction of and Briefing by **Hon. King Husain**

Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA

“There are several characteristics of the Dome and its an architectural magnificence. Karad sir sees us as children of God, blessed by all the religions at the same time. We also believe that we claim the privilege of worshipping God under the dictations of our conscience. The G20 interfaith summit is being hosted at the dome for the first time and marks a historical event. This should inspire and let everyone know that working hard and not giving up are the ways to a fruitful life. I want to conclude with a prayer of praise and health on Karad sir”.

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Introduction of and Address by **Dr. Brian J Grim**

President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, USA

I want to express my gratitude towards Hussain and Karad Sir. India will be a forerunner country in bringing science and spirituality together. Dr. Karad has already speculated that India would be one of the 4 countries to land and explore the moon, which is not a speculation anymore but a fact. With the journey of Chandrayan 3, the core idea of science and spirituality, one earth, one family and one future is proven. ‘Vasudeva Kutumvakam’; Science and spirituality create a world of peace. He is taking the vision of Hussain and Karad sir forward by saying, When you go to your jobs, after education, don’t you want take your faith with you? He will take this faith forward in the Hindu summit in November, Delhi.

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Introduction of and Address by D. Todd Christofferson

President, BYU Religious Leader &
Chairman of the Executive Committee of BYU, Board of Trustees



“Dr Karad’s Life and history parallel the history of India as he witnessed the first-day independence and the rise of Indian people excelling in education, intellect, and taking advantage of different opportunities. Indians create an opportunity whenever there isn’t one. Karad sir was born under tumultuous circumstances in India yet he worked hard, like his Indian fellows and sought Education with a passion to convert dreams into reality. I met Karad sir for the first time in 2015 in Utah. Through the discussions of education together, we realised the value of the long-term value of education and spread it among students. He is a supporter of value-based education. We also believe in learning, accepting and applying truth wherever it may be found. The scientific inquiry into knowledge and wisdom, seeking to learn through faith, and combining spirituality with science. Zealous author and mentor of peace. An honorary doctorate will be presented to Dr Karad sir at Brigham Young University”.

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DIVINE BLESSINGS BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS



Dr. W. Cole Durham

Jr. Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

“A bigger part of the world is affiliated with religion one way or the other and people like Karad sir bring all of these parts of people’s lives together. The dome brings the religious insights together, and the symbols of science and spirituality carry forward the idea of peace and life and we are grateful for Karad sir’s innovative vision and leadership”.

The dome brings the religious insights together, and the symbols of science and spirituality carry forward the idea of peace

Dr. Ramvilas Vedanti

Former M.P. & Renowned Thinker, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh

Dr. Karad should be praised for celebrating Hinduism, beyond the scriptures. He had brought together people from all religions and faiths on one stage, which was only imagined and speculated by Gods yet it was accomplished by the only human Dr. Karad. If you want to see the whole world, you have to visit the dome.

If you want to see the whole world, you have to visit the World Peace dome.



Sri Mahant Ramdas

Hanuman Gadhi, Ayodhya

“The world is our life and love and we have to bring gods and love together.”



Rahul Bhante Bodhi

Maha Thero (Senior Buddhist Monk)

I wholeheartedly welcome the delegates and friends from different countries to share Karad sir's vision of amalgamation of spirituality and science, today, here at this dome. We talk about harmony, love, and kindness that we practice in our hearts and start the journey from inside to spread it. We will have to express goodwill, starting from home and spread the positive energy throughout the world.

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Dr. Ezekiel Issac Malekar

Head Priest (Rabbi) and Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue (A Jewish Temple), New Delhi

"Gurudeva namaha. Everyone's blessings are important, even though I am a Jew, and Jews have been living in India for the last 2000 years, we have never faced acts of anti-Semitism here. India has been the country and safe haven for us, and will keep on being one. Under the trusted leadership of Karad sir, we will see greater peace".

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Acharya Lokeshmuni Ji

Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti

"Sustainable development in society, for the peaceful acts of society and interfaith harmony enriches the roots of the vision of peace which teaches us to respect not only our own faiths but to be respectable towards other religions as well. Let us follow the path of Karad sir, under the leadership of our prime minister, Narendra Modi to create a world that is beautiful through this interfaith harmony that Karad sir had initiated".

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Edison Samrajya

Director, Health Ministries Department Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives

I want to express Peace, joy, happiness and long life

Dame. Dr. Prof. Meher Master Moos

Eminent Parsi Scholar & President, Zoroastrian College, Mumbai, India

“I am happy to be present on this special occasion and gives blessings to Karad sir, blessings of life, energy and matter, angels and deities who preside over reasonable minds. Karad sir is a global guru of World Peace University. Blessings of the cosmos coming to the planet and give happiness and peace to thousands of souls thriving here, and they can progress towards eternal joy”.

Karad sir is a global guru of World Peace University



Address by

Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad

Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat

I want to express satisfaction for the words of praise and felicitations received from all over the world as well as India. I am grateful and that I am reminded of my duties. I acknowledge the words of wisdom to realise where I should lead now. I will try to prove that I am worthy of the felicitation and praise conferred given upon me. I could only remember the article I wrote in 1983, where I acknowledged the divine light showing us the path to lead the entire humanity alongside scientific inspirations. I hope to receive support and guidance from the whole institution and the dome belongs to all of us, it's our home.

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Concluding remarks by Dr. Ashok Joshi

Founder, Microlin LLC, Salt Lake City, USA

I am standing here to thank, but I know all of you are hungry, I am hungry. But I am here to thank, but you all have thanked us by seating here and getting up every time and so on and so on. Dr. Karad always says Divine Light, so let's put our light. Can you all please put the light to thank everybody. That's thank you, that's great. Thank you, thank you for all those who spoke here, all of you for coming here and honouring Dr. Karad. Thank you very much.



Evening Session 5th September, 2023 (Welcoming G20 Interfaith Conference)

The evening session marked the inauguration of the G20 Peace Summit and introduction of the theme of the Forum. The focus of the G20 Peace Summit is on issues such as violence, public distrust, and erosion of constitutions. The summit highlighted the need to have a new leadership. The guests were welcomed and the theme for the Forum was introduced.

The session commenced with the World Peace Prayer followed by a video on the G20 interfaith summit 2023.





**Welcome address by
Dr. R. M. Chitnis**

Vice-Chancellor

I want to mention that Dr. Cole Durham G20 is always restricted within economic boundaries. But the G20 interfaith summit transcended those worldly boundaries to discuss spiritual enhancements. I am hopeful of a new era of peace that will prevail everywhere. I once again extend a warm welcome to all the dignitaries.

The G20 interfaith summit transcends the worldly boundaries to discuss spiritual enchantments.

Address by

Prof. Dr. Cole Durham Jr.

Jr. Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

“I want to express my gratitude towards the huge culmination of the programme. Why the G20? G20 is a starting point for global economic conversations and investments, not throughout India, but European Union and all over the world. India, being the host country raised a lot of issues related to economic issues as mentioned in different agendas of the UN. Most of these issues were connected to the issues of religious faiths. Religious goodwill and altruism were often left out of the economic and political equations by policymakers. We are anxious to learn from the people of India and create networks to talk about topics and raise the bar to achieve a new kind of synergy”.

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Address by

Hon’ble King Husein

Chairman & CEO, Span Construction & Engineering, Inc. USA

I welcome the gathering to the first-ever G20 interfaith summit held in India. Pune is a city of spiritual awakening as the peace dome establishes connectivity between science and religion through the statues of such prominent historical figures, philosophers, and scientists. The teachings of different religions are represented here in the Peace Dome. The amalgamation of religions and philosophies points to freedom and harmony among people regardless of their faiths.

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Acharya Lokesh Muni

Founder, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti

“There is a wave of noncompliance and inconsideration towards world religions. A religious leader like Viswanath Karad sir calls for the support and trust of people and they respond to his call. Violence is never an answer and we should believe in religion that connects us all. Indian culture talks about the balance of all elements of life and religion goes hand in hand with developments we will have to be mindful of that. Karad sir had tried to spread the true words of Bhagwat Gita in the world and we should follow his example to create the proper balance between religious faith and self-development. We will have to let the world know of India’s cultural manifestation. We are already witnessing the war

between Ukraine and Russia, and we have perceived such a waste of lives and resources. Hence we should understand the purpose of the dome and that there should always be a stage for peaceful communications”.

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Dr. Izaac Malekar

Head Priest (Rabbi) and Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue (A Jewish Temple), New Delhi

“I want to mention that people should be mindful of their pride and discard it out of their hearts to establish peace and stability in their lives. I want to emphasize the essence of the Torah, “What is harmful and hurtful to you, do not do to others”.

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Dame. Dr. Prof. Meher Master Moos

Eminent Parsi Scholar & President, Zoroastrian College, Mumbai, India



“I express my gratitude towards Dr Karad sir and Rahul Karad sir and their massive efforts in bringing together this summit. We will have to be mindful and accepting of the ways people live their lives faithfully and sustain the essence of knowledge bestowed on humanity, we should be focused on the survival of our planet. I express my gratitude to the Almighty for being able to be a part of this historical moment and this universal mission of keeping the earth working and alive”.

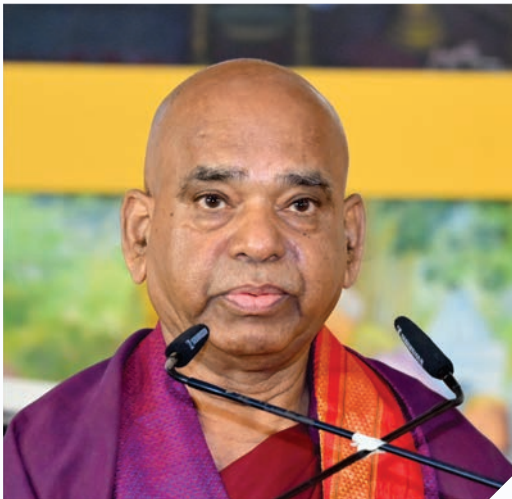
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Sayed Aziz Nizami

Sajjada Nashin and incharge of Dargah Hazrat Nizamuddin Aulia (R.A), New Delhi

“I express my heartfelt gratitude towards Dr Karad sir’s leadership and the success of this peace summit and that all of us should acknowledge the magnificence of this mighty task. India is a country of Rishis and Saints and of all the religions, and we stay in peace together for centuries which helps us to spread the word of peace all around the world. The word of peace and love is being spread from the dome and I would like to bless him under the grace of Allah so that he gets the strength to pursue this work for years to come”.

The word of peace and love is being spread from the Peace dome



Rahul Bhante Bodhi

Maha Thero (Senior Buddhist Monk)

“I pay homage to the motherland and the people of this country. Dr. Karad is bringing all faiths together. We should stand together in his support to encourage his work and spread the ideas and practices of spiritual awakening across the world”.

Dr. Karad is bringing all faiths together.

Dr. Edison Samraj

Director, Health Ministries Department Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan & Maldives

We have to be mindful of the grace and ethos of humanity. The moment we bring grace to everyone, transformation begins.

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Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad

Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat

"I express my appreciation towards all the speeches given by the delegates and I was reminded of the very essence and philosophy of life, love and peace. I am reminded of Vivekananda's speech from the 1893 Chicago convention, where Vivekananda redefines religion as a duty performed towards one's own family. This made me reminiscent about the meaning of the word (AUM). The body, brain, soul and mind are part of the whole four part mechanism. Every religion gives off the same message: to have conversations of love and peace, not of violence. Let us try to take a pledge that we will try our best for humankind".

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Dr. R.M. Chitnis (Concluding Remarks)

Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, Pune, India

"MIT World Peace University has a huge alumni and I gladly announce the collaboration between India and the United States. Felicitating the entire diaspora has been a vision of the university and our founder. Bharatiya pravasi divas will be celebrated and we will welcome the alma mater through plenary and networking sessions".





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Day	Wednesday, 6th September 2023, 08:30 am to 11:30 am	
Program	Inaugural G20 Interfaith Conference	
Venue	Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome	
Time	Duration	Description
08:30 am	30 mins	Procession with Religious Scriptures
09:00 am	01 min	Arrival of the Chief Guests and other Guests
09:01 am	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
09:03 am	02 mins	Lighting of the Lamp
09:05 am	02 mins	Playing the Shankh Dhwani
09:07 am	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor - Dr. Gautam Bapat , Program Director, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune
09:09 am	02 mins	National Anthem
09:11 am	03 mins	World Peace Prayer
09:14 am	03 mins	World Peace Meditation by Prof. Milind Patre , Associate Dean, Faculty of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune
09:17 am	03 mins	Playing Theme Video on G20 Interfaith Conference
09:20 am	10 mins	Felicitation of the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests on the dais
09:30 am	20 min	Setting the Context by – 1. W. Cole Durham, Jr. , President, G20 Interfaith Forum, USA 2. Katherine Marshall , Professor and Senior Fellow; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, USA
09:50 am	30 mins	Welcome Remarks by – 1. Hon’ble Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri , President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Civil 20 Troika; C20 2. Hon’ble Dr. Dalbir Singh , Chairman, One Globe Forum, and National Secretary, Indian National Congress
10:20 am	60 mins	Opening Plenary: Interfaith Voices at the G20 Table 1. Hon’ble Shri. Rahul Karad , Managing Trustee & Executive President, MAEER’s MIT and Executive President, MIT World Peace University & Chief Initiator - NLC, BCS, NTC 2. Hon’ble Archbishop Felix Machado , Archbishop of Vasai; Secretary General, Catholic Bishops Conference of India 3. Hon’ble Sheikh Ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade , Spiritual Leader of Muslims in Azerbaijan and the Caucasus 4. Hon’ble Mrs. Marzia Dalal , Bahá’í Community, Pune 5. Prof. Pushpita Awasthi , Renowned Writer and Poet
11.20 am	10 mins	Group Photographs
11.30 am		Inaugural Session Concludes

G20 Summit Inaugural Session- 6th September, 2023

About: Today was the second day of the G20 Summit, and I feel honoured to be a part of it. The summit was held with great joy at MIT-ADT in the presence of Dr Vishwanath Karad sir and Rahul V Karad. The World Peace Dome was packed with delegates and foreign dignitaries to watch the historic event. The programme was packed with information and was quite educational in a variety of ways.



W. Cole Durham, Jr.

President, G20 Interfaith Forum

This gathering is a testament to the power of unity, understanding, and the profound importance of interfaith dialogue in today's interconnected world. The G20, or Group of Twenty, is an international forum comprising the world's major economies and representing over 80% of global GDP and has evolved to encompass a wider range of issues that shape our collective future. The G20 Interfaith Summit is a vital component of this broader dialogue. It acknowledges that faith, in its diverse manifestations, plays a pivotal role in shaping the moral compass of our societies, and thus, it should have a seat at the table of international discourse. The G20 Interfaith Summit brings together leaders from various

faith traditions, along with scholars, policymakers, and civil society representatives, to engage in dialogue, exchange perspectives, and seek common ground. Let us remember that the challenges we face are complex and multifaceted but in our diversity lies our strength, and through dialogue and cooperation, we can forge solutions that respect our unique backgrounds and, more importantly, advance the collective well-being of humanity.

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Katherine Marshall

Professor and Senior Fellow; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue at Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, USA

The Group of Twenty, or G20, is a global forum that consists of the world's major economies. It was established to facilitate discussions on international financial stability and economic cooperation. The G20 member nations collectively represent a significant portion of the global economy, accounting for over 80% of the world's GDP. The G20 provides a platform where these powerful nations can come together to discuss, coordinate, and collaborate on pressing global issues. It's important to recognize that faith and ethics play a significant role in shaping our values and our response to global



challenges. The C20, B20, Y20, and T20 are engagement groups associated with the G20 (Group of Twenty) Summit. These engagement groups play a crucial role in the G20 process by bringing diverse perspectives, expertise, and recommendations to the table. Through collaboration with the G20, these groups contribute to more inclusive, well-rounded, and effective global governance and decision-making. The G20 is a forum that evolved to address pressing global issues due to the economic significance of its member nations. Its purpose is to promote international financial stability, sustainable growth, and cooperation on a broad range of global challenges. By considering the values of faith and ethics, we can enrich the G20's discussions and contribute to a better future for all.

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Hon'ble Swami Amritaswarupananda Puri

President of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham,
Civil 20 Troika; C20



India, a land known for its rich tapestry of cultures, religions, and traditions, has long embraced diversity as a source of strength. It is our moral duty that we transcend borders and faiths, to ensure that no one is left behind. This commitment aligns with the unifying principle that compassion and solidarity, values deeply rooted in all religions, can lead to positive change. It is imperative that we harness the power of innovation to create opportunities for all, regardless of gender, and ensure that the benefits of the digital age are shared equitably. Humanity, with all its diversity, stands united in its pursuit of sustainable development. In our approach, we

should accept that the unifying principle remains the same—a commitment to the greater good of humanity. Religion, a deeply personal and spiritual journey, is a guide, a source of solace, and a moral compass, but it should never become a barrier to the well-being of our fellow human beings. In conclusion, nature is our first mother and the protection of our environment, the preservation of our natural resources, and the commitment to sustainable practices are not just ethical imperatives. As we navigate the complex landscape of our world, let us remember that compassion, solidarity, and a commitment to our shared humanity should guide our actions.

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Hon'ble Dr. Dalbir Singh

Chairman, One Globe Forum, and
National Secretary, Indian National Congress

I think peace is the fundamental issue. We want peace in our family, in our neighbourhood, in our country, in our religion and globally, because peace and development goes hand in hand. There is no development without peace and harmony and vice versa. Even though I myself am a warrior of World War II, still I confess, there is no glory in war. I accept that warriors are also known as heroes, but at the same time war also brings orphans, widows, death beds. Today Wars have changed their names. Traditional wars have now become proxy wars, political wars, Internal Violence and conflicts.

There is violence, aggression, based over religion everywhere, viz. India-Pakistan, Israel-Palestine, USA-Iran and so on. There are various challenges that we are facing today, one of them being "Geo-Political Divergence". It is the reason of terrorism, wars, friction between two bodies, pandemics, rapid Unemployment and so on. We have to bring inclusivity, we have to take everyone in our path with ourself. I think many of the religious leaders also need to deepen their knowledge. I highly appreciate the idea of " Vasudeva Kutumbakam " (The entire world is one single family). Even our Vedas and Upanishads teach us about values, Wisdom and morality, peace, unity and strength despite all the differences.

We have to bring inclusivity, we have to take everyone in our path with ourself.



Shri. Rahul Karad

Managing Trustee & Executive President, MAEER's MIT,
Executive President, MIT World Peace University,
Chief Initiator - NLC, BCS, NTC

I have no words to express my happiness to everyone, and appreciate everyone who has put their efforts in constructing and building this very important conference on India's 75th Year of our Independence. What great news came yesterday! Since the last 3 years we have been trying to change the name of "India" to "Bharat", hopefully the bill will be passed. Quoting Swami Vivekanand, "The unification of Science and spirituality will bring peace to Mankind". He started his journey at the age of 10-12 and today we can see, his manifestations and his learnings are constructed here as a part of the World Peace Dome. We have created a very

unique World Peace syllabus here. I have been told that there are more than 20,000 universities across the world and to take idea of World Peace ahead they should also adopt such syllabus and I think we will see many changes 10-20 years down the line. With the modern times, we should think upon the fact that with the time, how we really change and how to eliminate the bad elements of every religion. I personally feel that the biggest curse today is the Casteism and Communalism, and I think we should respect all religions and think of all humans as equals.

No Religion, caste or race is higher than Humanity

Archbishop Felix Machado

Archbishop of Vasai; Secretary General,
Catholic Bishops Conference of India

Uninterrupted and increasing scenes in hatred and violence seem to put an impression that not only cultural diversity but also religious differences are causes to instability in the prospects of peace. As a religious leader myself, I keep asking, "Is it true that religions can't become part of the solution?" "Should religion be always perceived as part of the problem?" Believers of all religions should keep coming together in favour of peace or else our lack of coming together can be instrumentalized by the forces to foment hatred, violence and war-like situations. The paradox of our society is that one hand



people seek peace, while the other hand, all suffer from the bitter consequences of war and terrorism. In a globalised world, peace and conflict are no longer locally contained forces. Although globalisation has been capable of unifying economy and trade, but has failed to unify hearts and minds of people. We need to build out a spiritual unification and should leave no one in isolation and no one behind. Religions are channels to bring God's message of peace and love. The world needs peace as dearly as the world needs breath in order to not get imprisoned by its past fears. We can overcome those fears by our mutually expressed gratitude and by our concrete gesture of solidarity.

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Sheikh Ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazade

Spiritual Leader of Muslims in Azerbaijan and the Caucasus

Today I am here to speak with you about peace between religion, languages, terrorism and other issues which are causes of violence peace. Major thing that I observed is discrimination among people. Through modern technologies and social media which is a wide network system around the world, leads to military and genocidal crimes in global. I have suffered from war. As a result it is going to only destroy everything. The aggression of neighbouring Armenia against Azerbaijan has led to 20 percent of our land occupied for nearly 30 years and more than 1 million of our compatriots experienced the tragedy of

refugees. Today we are restoring our national religious and spiritual monuments destroyed during the occupation. We are carrying reconstruction works and cleaning our liberated lands. Under the leadership of our president we have restored the territorial integrity. We want to establish lasting peace and coexistence between our countries and peoples. We demonstrate our will for that.

Azerbaijan has its own cultural tradition and we want to preserve it with the help of Peace and coexistence.



Mrs. Marzia Dalal

Bahá'í Community, Pune

In the 19th century, we were not recognized as a society for 200 years. Now scenario has changed. We are acceptable in society and not considered privileged anymore. Mirza Husayn Ali Nuri is the founder and central figure of the Baha'í Faith. Baha'í does not see themselves as a separate and isolated rather we see ourselves as a part of age long process of spirituality and education of mankind, Religion is linked with Science. God is our most loving parent. Baha'í believe that the human spirit lives eternally and so endeavour to illumine their souls with spiritual attributes kindness, integrity, truthfulness

and humility. Peace and security are unattainable unless and until its unity is firmly established. Our faith claims to be the fulfilment of the expectation of all prior religion realising that communities are building blocks of civilization.

O my god! O my god! unite the hearts of thy servants and reveal to them thy great purpose.



Prof. Pushpita Awasthi

Writer and Poet

Peace mission started before world peace dome construction. I believe that for G20 members and in the future world peace dome is a central point for peace related discussion. The statues you see in this dome are not only people, they are Great thinkers containing world peace within them. They delivered that with the help of words to the world. I wrote a book on the world peace dome named '**Ahimsa-swar Echo of Non-violence**'. It tells you how to create a peaceful heartbeat within you. In Peru country Modi Ji said that India has a formula to change the world for betterment. All the world will see the religious power of India. In India there are

various religions that have formed the sound of peace. India's religion talks about the progress of the world.

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Break out Session - 1A
RELIGION, ETHICS & TECHNOLOGY



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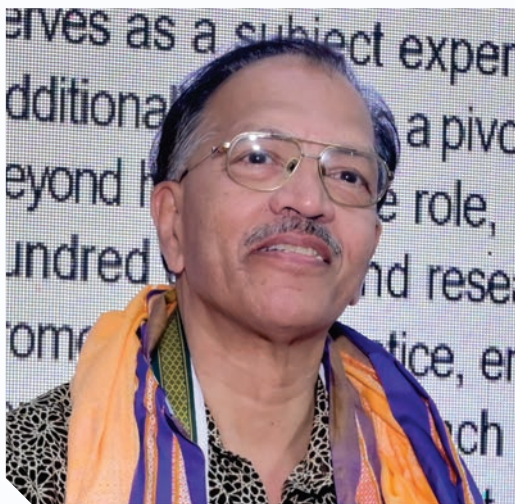
Day	Wednesday, 6th September 2023, 11:45 am to 01:03 pm	
Program	Break out Session - 1A: Religion, Ethics & Technology	
Venue	Mahatma Gandhi Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:45 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:46 am	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
11:48 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Satish Chinchorkar , Professor Emeritus Ramcharan School of Leadership & Dr. Vijaykumar Bilolikar , Associate Dean, Ramcharan School of Leadership
11:50 am	03 mins	Playing of the Curtain raiser film on the theme "Religion, Ethics & Technology"
11:53 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slide by Session Co-ordinator
11:54 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:59 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
12 : 00 Noon	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Dr. Marianna Richardson , Director of Communications, G20 Interfaith Forum Association
12:10 pm	45 mins	Parallel Discussions on – -Hon'ble Dr. A K Merchant, General Secretary, Temple of Understanding India Foundation, New Delhi -Hon'ble Manisha Jain, Senior Partner, Architect Azure Machine Learning Platform, Microsoft -Hon'ble Dr. Arash Fazli, Professor and Head; the Baha'i Chair for Studies in Development at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore -Hon'ble Dr. Deepak M Ranade, World Famous Neurosurgeon, Author of Speaking Tree Column, Times of India, News Daily, Pune -Hon'ble Mahant Yogi Amarnath ji, Renowned Scholar & Sadhak Himalayan Yogi, Rushikesh, Uttarakhand, India
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Marianna Richardson

Director communications for G20 Interfaith Forum

“It is the responsibility of faith leaders to bridge the gap between faith and technology so that technology is used ethically. The rights of the people should be protected while faith governs the use of technology. I request suggestions from panel members on policy intervention for use of technology ethically so that the world remains united”.

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Dr. A. K. Merchant

General Secretary, Temple of Understanding India Foundation,
New Delhi

I would like to trace the historical position of religion in society and emphasized that in the past, religion and spirituality were central to human life, but as science and technology advanced in the 19th century, traditional religious values began to wane. I assure that this shift need not be feared, as science and technology can enhance human knowledge, happiness, and peace. Religion and science must be unified to provide a coherent framework for civilization. A recent Vatican meeting discussed AI ethics, emphasizing human control over technology. Such initiatives could include all religious

communities and address global crises. The 2023 Parliament of Religions addressed disruptive technologies, nuclear threats, and climate emergencies. I would like to stress that these challenges demand collective action to prevent catastrophe. I would like to conclude by saying that science and religion should be seen as complementary aspects of reality. Technology must serve humanity and not harm anyone, emphasizing human altruism and control. This approach can elevate human life in spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and material dimensions.

“Religion and science must be unified to provide a coherent framework for civilization.”



Manisha Jain

Senior Partner, Architect Azure Machine Learning Platform, Microsoft

I am a Senior Partner, Architect Azure Machine Learning Platform, from Microsoft, as one of the panellists I identify as an open source model developer and was intrigued to see people use the AI models in variety of ways. However, I did caution that the responsibility with which we should use technology should be governed by ethics and this can come from religion. Microsoft and responsible AI, as I emphasized, adopt a systematic, comprehensive and layered approach, which facilitate the acceptance of queries and being thoughtful about it with strategies such as filtering out ‘hate speech’ and reasoning ‘generated responses with

factsheets’. As a developer I elaborated that models are just words turning into numbers, but the regulation in de-biasing and training data for models comes from the community. The collective community should guide the users. I think that the community is close to my heart, and during the pandemic technology helped to bring the community together. To conclude, I would like to emphasize that spirituality in education should be inculcated using automation. Teaching ethics and values with religion can help the judicious use of technology not as a weapon, but as a tool promoting efficiency.

“I would like to emphasize that spirituality in education should be inculcated using automation.”

Dr Arash Fazli

Professor and Head; the Baha’i Chair for Studies in Development at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore

I would like to focus on the importance of applying technology appropriately in society. To highlight, I would like to stress on the relationship between technology and values, stating that complex technology has embedded values. Technology can increase productivity, solve problems and change the way we do things, and change normative values. Hence, there is a need to understand the relationship between technology and values. Technology should serve society, while the community should gain control and understand its needs and focus on values. Ethics aim to improve our relationship with nature. I

suggest that the needs of the community should reflect in the ethics that guide our relationship, while technology should promote equality, and address mass misery.



“Ethics aim to improve our relationship with nature.”

Dr. Deepak M Ranade

World Famous Neurosurgeon,
Author of Speaking Tree Column, Times of India, News Daily, Pune



I want to focus on the need to replace human development with humane development with values drawn from religion. The journey from 'koham to soham' culminating in 'aham brahmoshmi' 'the universe within me' from the Upanishads, suggests a profound connection between the individual consciousness and broader universe. The most remarkable attribute of human beings according to me is the frontal lobe an evolutionary gift which provides us with the essential power of discrimination and control. I suggest that religion can play a role in developing a sense of responsibility and accountability for the judicious use of technology.

Uncontrolled use akin to unregulated firearm use such as in the USA can have devastating consequences. I urge that the concept of 'vivek buddhi' from the Indian culture to be practised for fostering compassion in humans.

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Yogi Amarnath Ji

Renowned Scholar &
Sadhak Himalayan Yogi, Rushikesh, Uttarakhand, India

I would like to emphasize the need for moral education. Ethics and morals are beyond any religion and according to me, ethics should be taught to the students from KG to PG. Value based universal education system would help people understand morals and ethics. I assert that both technology and religion are man-made. Religion is not the solution to the problems created by modern technology. Technology gives us comfort in day to day life but technology cannot give inner peace and harmony. I would like to explain how morality and ethics come into play in the use of technology by giving the

example of a person who has the choice to use nuclear technology to make medicine or bomb. I would like to explain that research in USA, Japan and other European countries where it was found that 10-12 minutes of meditation practiced by people from a grass root level can have benefits such as concentration, relaxation and focus. I would say, "People are busy in watering the leaves and not focusing on the roots." Information is transferred and transmitted but morals are embedded in a person's mind. We will never evolve with the information unless we are aware on a spiritual level. Ethics provide long term solutions. Ethics and morals are fundamentals of life.

"People are busy in watering the leaves and not focusing on the roots."



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Program	Break out Session - 1B: Role of Business in Peace	
Venue	Gautam Buddha Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:45 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:46 am	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
11:48 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Mr. Ravi Sahu , Professor, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune & Dr. Umesh Shrivastav , Professor, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune
11:50 am	03 mins	Playing of the Curtain raiser film on the theme Role of Business in Peace
11:53 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slide
11:54 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:59 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
12 : 00 Noon	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Brian Grim , President, Religious Freedom and Business Foundation, USA
12:10 pm	45 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Sukie Singh , Manager of Technical Consulting, and Executive Vice President of Salesforce's "Faithforce Global Equality Group.", Hyderabad -Prof. Kiran Yadav , Vice President of the India chapter of the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT), Mumbai, India -Mr. Harshal Jawale , Vice President, Zensar Technologies, Pune, India -Dr. Prashant Pansare , Founder & Global CEO, Inteliment Group, Pune, India
12:55 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
01:00 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
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Theme: 'Everyone smiles with the same language and that's what brings us together.'

About the theme

Businesses can make a significant contribution to interfaith.

The G20 forum allows people to come together and work together for peace and the well-being of people. Multinational corporations have the resources to take the required action to implement significant impacts in the world.

Mr. Brian Grim

President, Religious Freedom and Business Foundation, USA

An amazing thing about business is people. It's the people in companies who are a powerful force for interfaith coexistence and peace. The IT industry is the biggest player in peace. The religious heritage of all religions is what makes India strong. Google has set up an inter-belief network because religious people are huge users of Google. Businesses can gain in social entrepreneurship by engaging with NGOs and deal with social issues. 'We are not shooting for the moon anymore; we have to go beyond!'

"The religious heritage of all religions is what makes India strong."



Ms. Sukie Singh

Manager of Technical Consulting, and Executive Vice President of Salesforce's "Faithforce Global Equality Group.", Hyderabad



I am the Executive Vice President of Salesforce's "Faith force Global Equality Group", Hyderabad. I was brought up in a Sikh family with uncut hair, the turban and the 5 Ks. We believe that God made our bodies and we must not alter it. India's unique festivals and features makes it unique and diverse. In 2012, I embarked a new chapter by moving to New Jersey. However, my uncles and aunts faced discrimination due to their Sikh culture after the 9/11 incident, making me more fearful. In 2016, destiny led me to Salesforce. My prayer was asking God to place me in a company to fulfil the 3 Sikh principles. Salesforces advocates for global faith communities. We encourage everyone to understand that

diversity is our strength and not our weakness. There's no finish line when it comes to equality. Salesforce promises to plant 1 million trees in support of this understanding.

"We encourage everyone to understand that diversity is our strength and not our weakness."

Mr. Kiran Yadav

Vice President of the India chapter of the International Institute for Peace through Tourism (IIPT), Mumbai, India

Firstly, we are all travelers on this earth and being co-travelers makes it more interesting. 'Business essentially can't happen without peace. But peace can be generated by business. In 2021, the total transactions in the travel and tourism industry was 11.1 trillion US Dollars. This industry contributes to 10% of the overall GDP. In 1986, a gentleman from the US, used to work for UN department of tourism. He got the opportunity to work with the UN Peace department and combined both and called the concept tourism to be the first peace industry of the world. Someone once said that tourism is a tool for terrorism. To counter that, Louie put together something called the pledge of a peaceful traveler. Peace begins with an individual. The business of travel and tourism is actually the business of peace! One Earth, One Family, One Future can happen only when all of us can do it jointly.



"Development and success applied to diversity, equity and inclusion can bind people together and lead to sharing responsibilities."



Mr. Harshal Jawale

Vice President, Zensar Technologies, Pune, India

Having faith is having faith in yourself. I am a part of the Heartfulness department. When our mind is at peace, our body is also at peace. The path to world peace starts with the peace in our heart!

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Mr. Prashant Pansare

Founder & Global CEO, Inteliment Group, Pune, India

Peace at workplace means peace at office and home which are connected digitally. Peace is like a cake broken into 3 pieces- People, Profit and Planet. Peace has to come first from women, then business, but will always begin from an individual. Self-actualization is a state of achieving peace which can't happen in isolation. There is always a divide between India and Bharat. The digital world can help bridge this gap and reduce this difference. Supplementing AI with Digital will help bring in balance. Profit from Governance, risk and compliance are very important. If we want to be sustainable, companies have to give back to society. If you want to be a good corporate citizen, we have to decide how we can give back. The first 25 years of our life goes for studying and preparing for your corporate journey, while the next 25 years are dedicated to yourself and work and the next 25 years, feelings are more important. In the last phase, you receive what you have given or contributed to society in the first 25 years. To have a happy life, even when we are not here, depends on what we leave behind! The choice depends on how we leave memories behind.



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Break out Session - 1C
WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



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Program	Break out Session - 1C: Women Empowerment	
Venue	Nelson Mandela Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:45 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:46 am	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
11:48 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Swapna Saoji , Professor, School of Business, MITWPU, Pune & Dr. Renuka Suryavanshi , School of Computer Engineering & Technology, MITWPU, Pune
11:50 am	03 mins	Playing the curtain raiser film on the theme Women Empowerment
11:53 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
11:54 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:59 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
12 : 00 Noon	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Audrey Kitagawa , President/Founder, The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation, President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family, USA
12:10 pm	60 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Bani Dugal (Principal Representative of The Bahá'í International Community to the UN), New Delhi -Zahra Al Hilaly (ACWAY), Indonesia -Denisse Molina (Journalist, Thailand) -Justice (Retd) Roshan Dalvi (Former Justice, Bombay High Court), Mumbai -Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee , Asst Prof, Centre for Women's Studies, Bangalore University, Bangalore -Ms. Nasrin Ejner , Corporate Consultant ICE Consultants, Pune
01:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
01:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
01:16 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
01:17 pm	01 min	Group Photographs & Session concludes

Audrey Kitagawa

President/Founder, The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation,
President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family, USA

Women's empowerment is a multifaceted and transformative concept aimed at enhancing women's social, economic, political, and personal statuses. This global imperative goes beyond mere rhetoric; it is crucial for sustainable development, societal progress, and human well-being. At its core, women's empowerment is about granting women autonomy and agency in shaping their lives, making choices, and determining their destinies.

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Bani Dugal

Principal Representative at
Baha'i International Community's United Nations Office

I aim to shed light on the significance of gender equality as a prerequisite for societal progress. Until full equality between women and men is established, humanity's highest social development remains unattainable. Gender equality is a divine reality ordained by a higher power. Women and men are inherently equal in the sight of God, and this equality must be reflected in social systems, legal frameworks, economic models, cultural norms, and individual perspectives. The achievement of such equality will pave the way for significant progress and advancement of humanity. Humanity is on the verge of its collective maturity. In this context, any form of inequality, particularly gender inequality, is seen as a manifestation of prejudice and is incompatible with societal maturity. Often societies that fail to embrace gender equality face societal costs, instability, and unrest. Religion plays a crucial role in generating the determination and dedication required to bring about a society that genuinely reflects gender equality. It highlights the need for religious institutions to actively participate in promoting gender equality and challenging oppressive norms and practices. Advancement of women and the achievement of gender equality are not only crucial for women but also beneficial to men and society as a whole.

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Zahra Al Hilaly

Co-CEO of Oaktree Australia | Duke University - FFOP Fellow |
Inaugural Under 25 Asian Australian of the Year | UN Women 30 for 2030

To address safety concerns for women, it is crucial to prioritize their security in all environments. This includes workplaces, public spaces, and online platforms. Creating platforms for women to voice their concerns and seek support is essential. Encouraging women to report incidents of abuse and discrimination and providing them with the necessary resources for assistance should be a top priority. Gender equality in political participation remains a challenge in many parts of the world. To bridge this gap, efforts should be made to empower young women to engage in politics and decision-making processes. G20 and other international platforms can play a significant role in promoting gender equality.

Encouraging countries to adopt policies that promote women's participation in politics and leadership roles is essential. Empowering women in sectors like crime prevention, food security, and agriculture can lead to more equitable outcomes and address the issue of women being left behind. Highlighting successful women leaders in these fields can serve as inspiration for young women and encourage them to pursue careers in traditionally male-dominated sectors.

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Dennise Molina

Journalist and communication expert, Ecuador



Women left their jobs for their families—so many stories about hope and pain. Still, women left their jobs to take care of their families and look after their children, and so much of their ambitions were left behind. It hurts to know this. In Ecuador, more and more deaths among women are due to violence. More than 4,000 women in Latin America were killed. What we can do is, we can have a helpline center for women in danger so that we can help women at the right time. Something like a safe house for domestically abused women. Why do women not leave when they are domestically abused? Most of the time women do not complain or leave due to fear. Due to these questions I started to work for women's vulnerability in Thailand to teach them about body language and speech. When women support women, amazing things happen". That's what we need to remember, and that's why we need safe houses. And we should help each other women to women and look after each other in their neighborhood and complain. If we see anybody suffering, then help each other. That's what we all want. That's how we all can help society.

"Who says we are the weaker sex; we are women We can do anything we are more than a gender."

Smt. Justice Roshan S. Dalvi

Former Judge of the Bombay High Court Bench



Gender equality must commence within the confines of our own homes, where we have the power to instill a culture of respect, equality, and understanding from a young age. There are two fundamental principles that should guide us on this path.

1. First and foremost, we should start by investing in our families, nurturing them as we would nurture nature itself.
2. Second, we must promote unwavering respect for all individuals, irrespective of their gender.

It is this foundation that sets the stage for progress. It is of paramount importance that boys' and girls' study and work together, as this collaboration can lead to a more inclusive society. We must emphasize the significance of men actively supporting women's empowerment. Men must not only stand in solidarity but also speak out against gender-based violence and discrimination, recognizing that women's empowerment benefits not just women but society as a whole. By instilling these values and principles of a gender informed alphabet system, we can work toward a world where gender equality is not just a distant goal but a living reality for all.

It should not not only be Beti Padhao, Beti Bachao but rather Beta Padhao, Beti Bachao.



Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee

Asst Prof, Centre for Women's Studies,
Bangalore University, Bangalore

While women's empowerment is undeniably crucial, it's essential to recognize its limitations. Focusing solely on women's empowerment implies inadequacies within women, requiring specialized interventions. True empowerment is multifaceted, encompassing social, political, economic, and cultural dimensions. It often overlooks the intersectionality of identities like race, class, religion, and disability, leaving marginalized women facing multiple layers of discrimination. In some cases, empowerment efforts become tokenistic, masking systemic issues with superficial changes. Regrettably, women's empowerment has been co-opted by neoliberal capitalism, reducing it to an individual responsibility rather than a collective effort. These risks commodify empowerment, detracting from its essence as a social justice matter. Despite remarkable achievements by women, including India's female scientists during the pandemic, gender-based inequalities persist. The global gender pay gap remains, and women bear a disproportionate burden of domestic work. Many empowerment initiatives overlook men, perpetuating gender disparities. Empowering men should be integral to the process. Historically, women played vital roles in religious custodianship, yet major religions have fallen short in advocating for them. While religions endorse equality, they often perpetuate women's rights violations. Leading religions must proactively empower men to achieve global gender parity, peace, and harmony. It's not just about religion and science but also about gender justice for sustainable progress and universal happiness.

It is not solely religion and science that steer us toward global tranquility; gender justice is the linchpin for sustainable progress, happiness, and universal harmony.



Nasrin Ejner

Business Consultant -ICE CONSULTANTS,
Pune Bharat President-MIT-WPU Pune Alumni Chapter

Religious leaders possess the ability to educate their communities about the importance of gender equality. They can actively support initiatives that empower women while working towards ending harmful practices such as violence against women and child marriage. Skill development programs equip women with the necessary knowledge and skills needed to enter the workforce, enhancing their self-esteem and confidence. Skill development often takes place in group settings within communities, leading to healthier family environments and fostering children's education and well-being. There is a need for collaboration between religious

leaders, government initiatives, and the private sector to achieve success, particularly in women's empowerment. The significance of a public-private-religious collaboration, where various stakeholders work together to support women's rights and advancement is extremely crucial for gender equality. Skill development programs are the key components of this collaboration, enabling women to become leaders in their communities. We need to recognize the interconnectedness of individuals within society and to actively contribute to supporting women's rights. By fostering collaboration, society can work towards creating a more equitable and empowered future for all.

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Schedule from 5th Sept to 7th Sept 2023
Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome

Day	Wednesday, 6th September 2023, 11:45 am to 01:03 pm	
Program	Break out Session - 1D : Social Cohesion, Stable Societies and Religion	
Venue	Joseph Smith Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:45 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:46 am	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
11:48 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Akshay Baheti , Professor, School of Pharmacy, MITWPU, Pune & Dr. Aarti Shastri , Professor, School of Pharmacy, MITWPU, Pune
11:50 am	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme Social Cohesion, Stable Societies and Religion
11:53 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
11:54 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:59 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
12 : 00 Noon	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr. (President, G20 Interfaith Forum Association)
12:10 pm	60 mins	Parallel Discussion on – - Asher Maoz (Dean, Peres Academic Center Law School) - Elias Szczytnicki (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) - Prof. Javier Martinez-Torron (Professor of Law, Complutense University (Madrid, Spain)) - Kimberlie Orr (International Legal Fellow, Religious Liberty Initiative, Notre Dame) - Ravan Hasanov , Executive Director; Baku International Multicultural Center - Her Excellency Yuyun Wahyuningrum (Chair and Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)) - Dr. Pramod Mujumdar , Author and Activist for Social Harmony, New Delhi
01:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
01:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
01:16 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
01:17 pm	01 min	Group Photographs & Session concludes

Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr. (Moderator)

President, G20 Interfaith Forum Association

In light of the discussion on Social Cohesion, Stable Societies, and Religion, I would like to speak on a few important points. Freedom of Speech is our right to express any opinions we hold without restraint. Subsequently, Freedom of Religion is the right to practice any religion or spiritual beliefs we choose as individuals. These rights are fundamental to be known and exercised by any, in America, and around the world. However, it is observed in India that this personal expression depends upon the democracy pillar in place. And yet again, it may be observed that there are various pieces of literature that emphasize and represent this freedom like the Bible, the Quran, etc. Thus, the individuals' right to choose their religion must be noted and practiced. Furthermore, no one has the right to say anything against any religion or any individual based on their particular religious beliefs.



“Every person has the right to practice his/her preferred faith or religion.”



Asher Maoz

Dean, Peres Academic Center Law School

I believe that God was trying to tell us something, give us a life that means something. God said, “I built a flawed world but with humans who have the autonomy to change and advance towards perfection, where humans can make better what I have given.”. And so what we must realize is that our role is to improve upon what was given to us, to try with the power of critical thinking and development. And this here, what we have gathered for at the G20 summit is to do exactly that. To work upon the roles that were bestowed upon us by the creator of this world and each person in this world. If you save one soul, you save the world. It is the duty of each one of us to perfect the world. Start doing things for friends, family, and community,

and remember, you will save the world.

“If you save one soul, you save the world.”

Elias Szczytnicki

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.

What can be observed? I must say, is the difficulty of people of different races in finding common ground with one another. They find themselves struggling to accept other faiths. It is significant that there have been many members who have shown commitment to the concept of ‘interfaith’. We need to accept and recognize the important contributions toward human rights too. It isn't easy to accept the rights of every individual. Nevertheless, the last 70 years have seen a significant rise in the understanding of the Right to Religious Freedom. Political leaders talk about social issues, and people of different religious beliefs have recognized the need to collaborate with each other.



“We share faith, in every country, beyond citizenship”



Prof. Javier Martinez-Torron

Professor of Law, Complutense University (Madrid, Spain)

I believe that we need to develop a tolerance for the views of people of a broad spectrum. For instance, some people have their perspective of the Bible as a book written by people who were drunk and wasted while some considered Jesus to be a mentally challenged person. Even Prophet Muhammad, who was the religious leader of Islam, was considered by many individual thinkers to be a pedophile in light of his matrimony to his wife who was almost half his age. As you can see, these people have inferred the information and data provided to them differently from common understandings. These perspectives, however, may be different from what the majority has believed but are valid. We generally make the mistake of

having our thoughts and ideologies shaped according to the law, which states what is legally right and wrong, which in turn is a complicated phenomenon due to the many differences of opinions. As such, it is far much better that we develop respect and tolerance for the opinions of others which will help us in maintaining harmonious relationships with one another.

“We should respect and develop tolerance, but when there is respect there is no need for tolerance.”

Kimberlie Orr

International Legal Fellow, Religious Liberty Initiative,
Notre Dame



I must say that the correlation of social cohesion and migration is pretty significant to better our responsibility to both issues. The UNHCR’s flagship annual report, *Global Trends in Forced Displacement 2022*, states that approximately 110 million people were displaced in 2022 and it is likely to increase up to 250 million in the coming financial year. And simultaneously it was observed that no country was ready to receive the influx of a large number of displaced individuals from their own country. As we know, during the mass displacement of the French and Dutch, there was a lot of violence and prosecution to be faced by the displaced. Many Christians were displaced from their residence with the promise of refugee services and areas to relocate but instead, they were moved to bigger urbanized locations, which were already facing an immense lack of resources and many other socio-economic problems. This led to overcrowding and caused even many natural calamities like famines to occur. Furthermore, the displacement created significant divisions among the common mass, creating even more social classes than the ones existing prior and forming complex economic segregation.

“Discussion on social cohesion cannot be completed without migration as they always go hand-in-hand.”

Ravan Hasanov

Executive Director;
Baku International Multicultural Center



I believe that when we interact with people of different social, economic and cultural backgrounds, we broaden our horizons, exchange each other's experiences, and enrich our insights. Social harmony through interaction and compassionate listening have always reduced the potential for misunderstandings. And that must be something we should try to inculcate in us and the future generation. Some of the many factors that might impact it would be inequality, discrimination, migration, economic disparity, and polarization. In Azerbaijan, the President of the National University strongly believes in multiculturalism, which is not only a concept but an important part of the state policy. Peace is of importance to every religion, every culture, every human and every country. And we here realize that G20 is one such platform that helps in connecting people of different faiths and exchanging ideas.

“Creating strong cultural cohesion is of utmost importance in these times”



Her Excellency Yuyun Wahyuningrum

Chair and Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

I feel that a sense of belonging is a mechanism for political participation. People will connect and interact better if there is someone to look up to who looks like them, and who has the same background. And thus there is a need for a good representation of the various kinds of people that exist within a country. And it is a lack of such proper representation in political and social platforms that creates even more challenges. This must be understood, addressed, and dealt with so as to better the participation and involvement of citizens in activities. The organization I represent, ASEAN works on religious freedom, dialogues and strengthening cooperation to maintain peace. As such, recently ASEAN had organized various international conferences in Jakarta for fostering peace and harmony between people of different faiths. There is a strong need for a societal approach to overcoming existing challenges. It is important to recognize and respect people and faiths of different cultures and values and build cooperation to promote a sense of greater understanding.

“Knowledge, action, spirituality and morality are the important factors that are required for building social cohesion.”



Dr. Pramod Mujumdar

Author and Activist for Social Harmony

Recently among many issues of globalization and its impact on human relations, interfaith relationships have been a topic of discussion due to the concerning incidents surrounding the treatment and existence. I must say as we step onto the horizon of a new, uplifting, and accepting world, all of us have to strive to understand and focus on the democratic principles that are a part of our lives. The tensions grow when societies are divided into minority and majority. Segregation and discrimination based on individual and communal differences can lead to even more problematic approaches and practices being in place. In such volatile and changing conditions, the role of the majority in creating harmonious relations is pivotal.

In India, it is imperative to develop interfaith dialogue and with the diversity encompassed within the subcontinent, it is also a very strong opportunity to better the connectivity between the many different schools of faith. All religions are great creations of humankind. While History is often looked at in terms of the violence and conflicts between man and his struggle with power, we should seek to also find within the ages marvels of humanity and its relations to help further take humankind ahead.

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Break out Session - 2A

VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES: LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND



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Day	Wednesday, 6th September 2023, 02:30 pm to 04:30 pm	
Program	Break out Session – 2A : Vulnerable Communities: Leaving No One Behind	
Venue	Mahatma Gandhi Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
02:30 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:31 pm	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
02:33 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Irfan Sayyed, Assistant Professor, MIT-SOCS & Dr. Basant Tiwari, Assistant Professor, MIT- School of Computer Science
02:35 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme “Vulnerable Communities: Leaving No One Behind”
02:38 pm	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:39 pm	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:34 pm	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
03:15 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Dr. S. N. Pathan, Former Vice Chancellor, Nagpur University, Nagpur & Vice Chairman Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Govt. of India, New Delhi
03:17 pm	60 mins	Parallel Discussion on – - Her Excellency Mrs. Victoria Samuel Aru, Ambassador, Republic of South Sudan - Her Excellency Ms. Esther Karema Mutua, Asst. Director Ministry of Education Kenya (Education Attache), New Delhi - Shri. Adhik Kadam (Maharashtra Bhushan, Social Worker, worked for Kashmiri People, Borderless Foundation), Mumbai, India - Lenin Raghuvanshi, Founder, People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India - Shruti Naghuvanshi, Founder, People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India - Prof. Dr. D K Verma, Director, Research, Extension and Training Dean School of ATP Dr B R Ambedkar University of Social Sciences, Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, India
04:17 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by Anchor
04:21 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
04:22 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
04:23 pm	01 min	Group Photographs
04:30 pm		Session concludes

2A : Vulnerable Communities: Leaving No One Behind

About the theme

In today's rapidly changing and interconnected world, the imperative to ensure that no one is left behind has never been more critical. The G20 breakout session on "Vulnerable Communities: Leaving No One Behind" brought together experts, thought leaders, and policymakers to deliberate on the multifaceted challenges facing marginalized populations worldwide.

This report serves as a comprehensive record of the discussions and insights shared during the session. It outlines the key themes, strategies, and actionable recommendations that emerged from our collective efforts to address the vulnerabilities that persist in our societies.

Throughout the session, we explored the pressing issues affecting vulnerable communities, delved into innovative approaches and policies, and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts at local, national, and global levels. Our shared commitment to social justice, equity, and inclusivity was evident in the passionate dialogues and proposed solutions.

As we present this report, we call upon leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to heed the lessons and recommendations contained herein. Together, we can forge a path towards a more equitable world where no one is left behind, ensuring that the most vulnerable among us have the opportunity to thrive and contribute to a brighter future for all.





Dr. S.N. Pathan

Former Vice Chancellor, Nagpur University, Nagpur &
Vice Chairman, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Govt. of India, New Delhi

“I am a Muslim myself, a community that falls under the roof of the “Vulnerable Communities” in our very country; but where is the minority in my case? Developing on the foundation of the holy scriptures of Islam, my religion, history of India and the theory of Aatma itself teaches that the only difference God has created among living creatures is that of a man and a woman. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar converted to Buddhism since he was considered a threat to the caste system back then but so isn't the case today. The most important thing needed to overcome this is propagation of education especially in the mountainous

regions inhabited by tribes that are misguided into violent practices onto those religious lines. The work by Dr. Shruti Nagvanshi and Girish Prabhune in Pune and Banaras respectively are noteworthy. Apart from only thinking on religious lines when thinking about vulnerable communities, women- whose importance is thought of highly in our religious scriptures like An-nisa Adhyaya, HIV affected people, Transgenders, Sexually abused individuals. I believe Indian culture is evolving at an exponential rate in itself and will soon be the Vishwaguru.”

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Her Excellency Mrs. Victoria Samuel Aru

Ambassador, Republic of South Sudan

As the female ambassador representing South Sudan, I stand before the United Nations, fully committed to upholding the 17 essential goals that aim to eliminate discrimination against women worldwide. Breaking the chains of discrimination begins with a shift in mindset, fostering an environment of respect and equality for all women, regardless of their background or circumstances. We firmly believe that education is a powerful tool to empower women, providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to break free from the cycle of discrimination. Access to quality education ensures that women can fully participate in society, contributing to its growth and development.



The United Nations must work tirelessly to protect women and girls from all forms of abuse, ensuring their safety and well-being. Education is not just about empowering individuals; it's about strengthening our entire society. When women are educated, they can better understand and address the myriad challenges facing our world today. Moreover, we must confront the issue of child marriage, as it robs young girls of their potential and a bright future. In conclusion, South Sudan remains unwavering in its commitment to the United Nations' goals to eliminate discrimination against women. We understand that true progress can only be achieved when women are granted equal opportunities, respect, and education.

Education is not just about empowering individuals; it's about strengthening our entire society.

Ms. Esther Karema Mutua

Asst. Director Ministry of Education Kenya
(Education Attache), New Delhi

"I, Ester Karem, the Education minister, would like to speak about the need for 21st Century Skills to be provided to young girls to realize their potential to the fullest and for the betterment of sustainable development."

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Adhik Kadam

Maharashtra Bhushan, Social Worker,
Worked for Kashmiri People, Borderless Foundation, Mumbai, India

"Firstly, I want to emphasize the importance of the interfaith shrines that we've placed at the summit. These shrines symbolize the unity and shared values that can be found across various faiths. They serve as a powerful reminder that, despite our differences, we can come together to promote peace, tolerance, and understanding. Now, let me share a personal reflection on my upbringing in a Varkari family. I was taught the values of devotion and faith. It wasn't until I reached Kashmir that I began to explore and understand the different sectors of religion. This experience highlighted for me the

transformative power of exposure to diverse beliefs and the importance of learning from one another. One of the central themes of my speech is my deep sense of divine calling. I genuinely feel that God has sent me on a mission to help those in need, and I am wholeheartedly committed to not letting God down. This sense of duty and responsibility serves as the driving force behind my work in humanitarian endeavors. Lastly, I want to talk about my efforts to bring orphans into the broader community. By bringing these children into the main community, we demonstrate the inclusive and supportive nature of our faith-based work.

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Lenin Raghuvanshi

Founder, People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India

"I would like to begin by sharing a glimpse into the diversity within my own family, illustrating the beautiful tapestry of cultures and backgrounds that have shaped my life. It's a testament to the richness that embracing diversity brings to our existence. There is a need for a non-violent approach to address the issues of hegemonic masculinity in South India. There is a need for "ruthless diagnosis" of this problem while advocating for a "non-violent treatment" that promotes understanding and dialogue over aggression and confrontation. Cultivating silence among women due to societal norms and the dominance of masculinity is an issue

that must be confronted. Therefore I would like to place emphasis on empowerment of women by helping them find their voices and break free from oppressive silence.

Lastly, I would like to highlight the importance of understanding and addressing the complexities surrounding varnas, or social classes, in Indian society. Recognizing these complexities is crucial for promoting equality and social justice. In closing, my speech aims to inspire dialogue and action on the issues of masculinity, gender equality, and cultural diversity. I firmly believe that through non-violence, understanding, and empowerment, we can create a more inclusive and harmonious world for all. Thank you for your attention and support in these endeavors.

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Shruti Nagvanshi

Founder, People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, India

"I, Shruti Nagvanshi is an Indian women's and child's rights activist and an advocate for marginalized groups in India, including the untouchable caste known as Dalit and rural women. I am one of the founding members of People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR) and a founder of Savitri Bai Phule Mahila Panchayat, a women's forum. I have worked with several other projects to empower minorities. I would like to discuss about the struggles related to women, shortage of food, hunger and rampant child marriage of women in India."



Empowerment of the minorities is the need of the hour.

DR. D. K. VERMA

Director, Research, Extension and Training Dean,
School of ATP Dr B R Ambedkar University of Social Sciences,
Mhow, Madhya Pradesh, India

"I am Prof. D.K. Verma, Professor & Head, Division of SC, ST & OBC Development I have been teaching M. Phil for the last 23 years. I have supervised 63 M. Phil and 12 Ph.D. thesis. I am the editor of two ISSN research Journals in Social Sciences. I Have published 8 books and 154 research and concept papers. I am a Regional Member of International Sociological Association and chaired sessions at the World Sociology Congress at Durban (South Africa, 2006) and Goteborg (Sweden, 2010). My innovative contributions in sociology include Social Devolution and Affirmative Status. I am working on 480 communities in India"



**Vote of Thanks:
Dr. Basant Tiwari**

Assistant Professor, MIT- School of Computer Science

A warm and graceful morning to our most valued Honorable Chief guest, management committee, worthy teachers and everyone gathered here. It's my privilege to propose a vote of thanks speech and acknowledge the contribution of those who worked really hard to make this Annual day celebration happen.

On behalf of my college, I extend a really hearty vote of thanks to our chief guest who spared time from his busiest schedule to grace the occasion. Today we had an opportunity to hear your thoughts and this will surely be going to encourage us in

our future events.

Your thoughts have enlightened our minds and have shown us a new path. My gratitude to all the speakers for gracing the occasion and sharing their opinions today.







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Break out Session - 2B

PERSPECTIVES ON INDIAN NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY



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Program	Break out Session – 2B: Perspectives on Indian National Education Policy	
Venue	World Peace Dome	
Time	Duration	Description
02:30 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:31 pm	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:33 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Ganesh Pokale, Registrar, MIT-WPU & Dr. Mahesh Chopade, Registrar, MIT-ADTU
02:35 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme Perspectives on Indian National Education Policy
02:38 pm	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:39 pm	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:34 pm	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
03:15 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Dr. R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University, Pune
03:17 pm	90 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Mr. Shailendra Sharma (Principal Advisor (Hon) to the Minister and the Director of Education, Government of Delhi), New Delhi - Prof. (Dr.) Ankur A. Kulkarni, Vice Chancellor, SAGE University, Indore, India -Dr. Rajesh Dixit, Vice Chancellor, Renaissance University, Indore, India -Prof. Gopal Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Sarla Birla University, Ranchi, India -Dr. M. D. Lawrence, Vice Chancellor, Dr. P.A. Inamdar University, Pune, India -Dr Prasad Khandekar, Founding Vice Chancellor, DES Pune University, Pune, India -Prof. V N Rajasekharan Pillai, Vice Chancellor & Member, Somaiya University & PERA, Mumbai, India -Dr. Sunil Rai, Chancellor at UPES University, Dehra Dun, Uttarakhand, India - Dr. Vinod Shastri, Dean, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Bennett Colemann University, New Delhi - Dr. Nandkumar Nikam, President, Principal Forum. - Dr. Sanjay Kharat, Treasurer, Principal Forum. - Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad Sir, Founder-President, MIT WPU -Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, UNESCO Chair and Founding Chancellor, MIT-WPU, Pune, Bharat
04:47 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by Dr. Datta Dandge
04:52 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Ratnadeep Joshi
04:53 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
04:54 pm	05 min	Group Photographs
05:00 pm		Session concludes





Welcome Address by Mr. Ganesh Pokale

Registrar, MIT-WPU

Its been more than two years from National Education policy being published and is into the discussion. We have seen good number of Education institutes that have moved forward and gone into the implementation stage of these policies. This policy's aim to bring lot of reforms to the field of Education and hence there is lot of discussion required and lot of perspectives needs to be understood and today we have all these Stalwarts sitting on dias they will give us insights and perspective on this National Education policy. With this I once again welcome you all to this occasion of G20 Interfaith Summit 2023.

“This policy's aim to bring lot of reforms to the field of Education and hence there is lot of discussion required and lot of perspectives needs to be understood”

Dr. Mahesh Chopade

Registrar MIT-ADT

The NEP, 2020 will close the gaps between the earlier policies made on the education. The session will help us in finding the solutions for the challenges we face while implementing this policy. The ViceChancellors and Educationists gathered here will help us in finding the solutions.

“The NEP, 2020 will close the gaps between the earlier policies made on the education.”



Dr. R. M. Chitnis

Vice Chancellor, MIT WPU

Prof. Vishwanath Karad Sir has is a pioneer in the field of the private education whereby he opened up the doors of the higher education in Engineering when he first started private education institute which now grown into education trust having six universities in different states of India. G20 Interfaith talks about sustainable development which guides us for the pursuit of common minimum points at the global level such as poverty, human trafficking and access to education. The top agendas that the NEP, 2020 talks about is institutional restructuring, digital education, holistic education and multidisciplinary education. The SDGs are integrated with the syllabus of MIT WPU. Dr. Karad sir pioneered the integration of Indian Knowledge systems. MIT WPU has designed its degrees and knowledge systems in such a manner which integrates itself with the objectives of NEP, 2020.

“The SDGs are integrated with the syllabus of MIT WPU”

Shri. Shailendra Sharma

Principal Advisor to the Ministry of Education and
Director of Education, New Delhi



For the last eight years the New Delhi government is spending nearly 25% on the education. The government has spent a considerable amount of resources on strengthening infrastructure, teacher training and capacity building. NEP, 2020 is a comprehensive and holistic policy. One of the important aspects of the policy is the emphasis on early childhood education. School can be gainfully utilized and the child comes out of it not only with Knowledge and Skills but also with right kinds of values and attitude. We have tried to develop the value system by emphasising on mindset curriculum. National Education policy about holistic development of the child so every child should get an opportunity to learn and thrive.

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Dr. Ankur Kulkarni

Vice Chancellor, Sage University, Indore.

An important aspect of education is education through Mother tongue. Mother tongue is the only way of communication to every person. The way of communication is only a mother tongue so National Education policy also emphasizes on mother tongue. Regarding implementation of policy, majority of the students who are taking education are in arts science Commerce which are three years degrees to convert those three years degrees into four-year degrees immediately is a political problem and at this moment very few organization and institutions have implemented it.

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Dr. Rajesh Dixit

Vice Chancellor, Renaissance University, Indoor.

The new age requires scientifism and spirituality. The young generation requires this approach the most. Spirituality means to know oneself and guiding oneself. Rationality is another part of the spirituality. The implementation of the policy requires acceptability by all.

The new age requires scientifism and spirituality

Dr. Gopal Pathak

Birla University, Ranchi

Teachers create new generation so they are the most respected persons of the society. The main strength of ancient universities where our Indian values, the commitment, the honesty, Integrity of a teacher who makes the university. Hence, we require a right kind of a system for selection of the teachers.

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Dr. M.D. Lawrence

VC, Dr. PA Inamdar University, Pune

Education is supposed to bring out the best in any individual. We have develop a prospective plan for effective implementation of the NEP, 2020. Continuity, stability and growth is critical for the success of the plan. Skill development should be emphasised upon alongwith the required factors necessary for the same.

Continuity, stability and growth is critical for the success of the plan.



Dr. Prasad Khandekar

VC, DES University



The G20 summit is critical for education, health and environment. India is able to bring out a comprehensive policy like NEP because of its complexities such as large population. We, should therefore, guide other nations under G20 umbrella. The two important parameters of the NEP are multidisciplinary and holistic environment and second is internationalization. We have been practicing it for thousands of years. We have to ensure access to education and accountability in the education system alongwith affordability.

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Dr. VN Rajashekharan Pillai

VC, Somaiyya University

National Education policy is an important policy but at the same time state education policies are equally important. Independent initiatives at state level should be honoured for better implementation of the policy. The teachers are important part of education system and technology should be used in a wise manner. At same time the context of India should be taken into consideration while implementing the multidisciplinary education.

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Dr. Sunil Rai

Chancellor, UPES, Dehradun



There are three aspects of NEP implementation. First is moving from consumption to contribution. Second from competition to collaboration and finally from compressedness to comprehensiveness. Richness should be measured from contribution. We need to collaborate from people outside and compete within. Comprehensiveness of skills will bring out solutions.

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Dr. Vinod Shastri

Dean, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Bennett Colemann University, New Delhi

For turning the youth from job seekers to job creators we need to implement the NEP in its true spirit. One has to learn from the failures of start up industries. We need to embrace and celebrate failure not curse it.

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Dr. Nandkumar Nikam

President, Principal Forum

The NEP is a massive operation from early childhood education to post-graduation. We have to find the areas where we failed to implement the earlier policies. For proper implementation of the policy we should also explore the possibility of federal language. In the college education we should take care of multi-disciplinary education. It is also necessary that we recruit and train the teachers systematically. Finally, research should be oriented as Lab to land so we can apply it for finding solutions to the people’s problem.

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Dr. Sanjay Kharat

Treasurer, Principal Forum



The NEP for the first time takes care of the entire spectrum from pre-primary to PhD. Officially we can are going to teach the Indian knowledge system in education system. Student credit transfer is also another uniqueness of this policy. The clustered colleges will take care of the diversity but it is also a challenge to control the number of such colleges. Lastly, it is necessary that we should make parents and students aware about the four-year programme.

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Rev. Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad

UNESCO Chair and Founding Chancellor, MIT-WPU, Pune, Bharat

The idea of ultimate reality or consciousness has been told to us by all the educationists. These educationists have sense of commitment, courage, conviction and determination for welfare of the society through education system. In this line, this dome reflects the very essence of the ultimate reality. This is a spiritually oriented scientific laboratory. We have to collectively make our nation the Vishwaguru with passion and spirit. Let us come together to develop value-based universal education system. MIT is full of consciousness and reality and studies those aspects and that's the pathway we have chosen to promote the culture of peace.



Let us come together to develop value-based universal education system.







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Break out Session - 2C
PEACE BUILDING AND SOCIAL PEACE



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Day	Wednesday, 6th September 2023, 02:30 pm to 04:30 pm	
Program	Break out Session – 2C: Peace Building and Social Peace	
Venue	Nelson Mandela Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
02:30 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:31 pm	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:33 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Vaibhav Joshi, Assistant professor, School of Business & Dr. Mandar Bapat, Assistant professor, Department of Peace Studies
02:35 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme Peace Building and Social Peace
02:38 pm	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:39 pm	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:34 pm	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
03:15 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Rachel Miner (Founder and CEO, Bellwether International)
03:17 pm	60 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Prof. Mohammad Gulrez (Vice-Chancellor, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh) -Dr. Priyankar Upadhyaya (UNESCO Chair for Peace & Intercultural Understanding, Distinguished Professor & Sr Advisor, MIT World Peace University (Pune), Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)) -Pieter Francois (Associate Prof., Oxford) -Audrey Kitagawa (President/Founder, The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation, President of the Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family) - Dr. Sanjay Upadhye, Mentor & Chief Advisor, MIT World Peace University, Pune, Bharat - Hon'ble Dr. Edison Samraj, Director, Education Department, Southern Asia Division, India, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives
04:17 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by Anchor
04:21 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
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04:30 pm		Session concludes



Miss Rachel Miner

Founder and CEO of Bellwether International

"In Latin the word peace means to fasten or bind together. In Spanish, it translates to reconciliation and finally in English it means freedom. All these words together narrate a story. Therefore one of its several meanings/definitions states the development of constructive relationships into non-violent methods, creating relationships that tackle conflicts of the world."

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Prof. Mohammad Gulrez

Vice Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University

"Peace always comes after war wherein international conflicts are tried to be mitigated by the government of various countries. But that is not how it should be. We should build a society where people have confidence in their governments. When it comes to social peace, it is not the public or people that fail but an untrustworthy system that fails. We need to set up a government that has the people's confidence and is not involved in giving any special status or partiality."

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Dr. Priyankar Upadhyaya

UNESCO Chair for Peace & Intercultural Understanding,
Distinguished Professor & Sr Advisor, MIT World Peace University (Pune),
Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)



"Peace has gone through tremendous change. It means the absence of both direct and indirect violence like cultural violence, structural violence, etc. Peace was seen as a "post-war activity." However, the UN has introduced the concept of sustaining peace to the world. Peace does not wait for any conflict to begin but starts with day-to-day life. It is a journey of discovery. It is also a personal journey that must be done in a social context. Nobody is opposed to peace but the difference is that we all have various terminologies or words to define it. Peace isn't about our past as our past is present to reflect upon, but it is about the present and future. Peace is pragmatic and not euphoric."

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Mr. Pieter Francois

Associate Prof. of Oxford University

“Peace is what makes a society cohesive. It is a complex matter that is linked to various subjects. Peace can be developed by focusing on the most imperative population, which is the youth. And by inculcating and preaching about the importance of leadership and education in everyone’s lives. The teaching of leadership qualities might bring about the necessary change that we have been looking for”.

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Miss Audrey Kitagawa

President of The International Academy for Multicultural Cooperation and The Light of Awareness International Spiritual Family



“We need to strengthen national capacities of all levels of conflict management and lay the foundation for sustainable peace and development. Transformation should take place on an individual level then the larger level for a profound experience. Just like the preamble of UNESCO states, “Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.” Peace is a very complex subject because it is the study of self. There should be a promotion of human rights and trying to reduce the gap between the developed world and developing worlds.

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Dr. Sanjay Upadhye

Mentor and Chief Advisor, at MIT World Peace University

“A person’s smile is the shortest distance to happiness and peace. There is no conflict in spirituality but there is in ritual. MIT is modeling the happiness and peace quotient very well. He believes that the moment you distribute tribute you start finding mental peace. For that to happen, one needs to enjoy their liveliness then only they can distribute peace. Neither birth nor death is our choice but the journey between them definitely is and the basic ingredient for this journey to be better is a smile. Make people realize that they’re alive by smiling at them.”

A person’s smile is the shortest distance to happiness and peace.

Honorable Dr. Edison Samraj

Director, Education Department, Southern Asia Division,
India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Maldives

“There is a need for peace but people mostly talk about it in a rhetorical manner and nobody really dives deeper into the true questions like, How? Why? People talk about the result but very rarely about the cause. He as an educator has taken the challenge to bring transformation and peace of mind. The two variables of peace that play a crucial role are the intelligence quotient and the emotional quotient. But just these two are not sufficient enough for peace, we need to add a ‘BQ’ (Behavioural Quotient) to control both IQ and EQ. There is a need for our curriculum to enhance the peace sustainability factor.”

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Break out Session - 2D
FOOD SECURITY



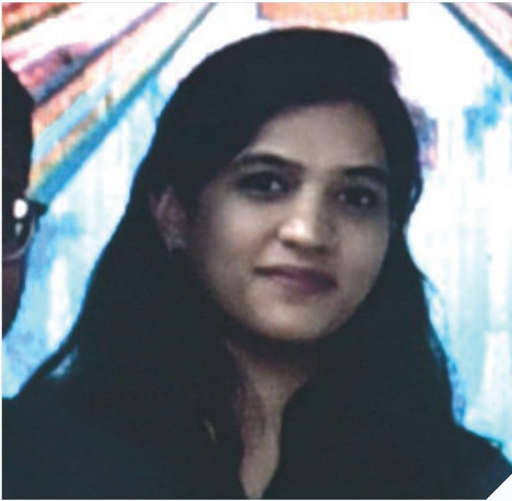
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Program	Break out Session – 2D: Food Security	
Venue	Joseph Smith Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
02:30 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:31 pm	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
02:33 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Satish Polshettiwar, Professor, School of Pharmacy & Dr. Anuruddha Chabukaswar, Professor, School of Pharmacy
02:35 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme Food Security
02:38 pm	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:39 pm	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:34 pm	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
03:15 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator - Jeff Nelson (International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University), USA
03:17 pm	60 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Karishma Dattani, Volunteer Management, Pune (Representative of Robinhood Army) -Shri Anoop Khanna, Founder Dadi Ki Rasoi, New Delhi - Rand Blimes (Associate Professor. Faculty of Business & Government) BYU, Hawaii -Mudit Jain (Mission Neki), Pune -Dr. Anjoo Upadhyaya (Distinguished Professor, MITWPU, Global Fellow, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway) -Badiul Alam Majumdar (Global Vice President & Country Director, The Hunger Protect), Bangladesh
04:17 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by Anchor
04:21 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
04:22 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details



Karishma Dattani

Volunteer Management, Pune (Representative of Robinhood Army)

The Rohin Hood Army, a global organization, addresses global hunger and poverty by selling food from restaurants and homes to hunger people. Just to start with some global facts, about 25,000 people die out of which 10,000 are children who are die out of poor and hunger. As far as India is concern FSSAI India states that 33% of the food is wasted and spoiled that is almost one third of food is wasted. With 2,37,000 volunteers, we aim to feed at least 1% of the hunger population. We have identified clusters, called 'Basti', and provided blood donation camps and academy for kids. The problem is accessibility, and organizations must work together to solve this issue.

Start with the 1% to make the change.

Anoop Khanna

Founder Dadi Ki Rasoi, New Delhi

"Dadi ki Rasoi" which I represent is a food service program in Delhi that serves meals for just Rs 5 per plate to help needy people. The program has also started a social work initiative where they sell branded clothes from youngsters that are still untanned for Rs 10 per piece. The idea is to empower people by motivating them to stand on their own feet. The younger generation should focus on education, job, and social services before starting social work. The problem with the younger generation is that they often lack the motivation to start small things and the capacity to do big tasks and are stuck in the middle. To address this, one should start with the maid from the house and focusing on serving meals to six or seven people a day. Good intentions will help the program to grow.

First, get well settled, and then you will have only free time for helping people.



Rand Blimes

Associate Professor. Faculty of Business & Government) BYU, Hawaii



The fundamental challenge in managing risks associated with food insecurities is that risk is the key component of any task. Food security alone is the primary source of food insecurity. By 2030, Goal 2 of the United Nations SDG 20 aims to eradicate hunger worldwide. Since 2015, there has been an alarming rise in the global issue of hunger and food insecurity. This trend has been made worse by a number of factors, including the pandemic, violence, climate change, and widening inequality because using newer methods carries some risk. Farmers therefore don't like taking chances. Therefore, low risk results in low return, low productivity, and a weaker economy. Risk has to be taken for management of food insecurities so it will provide safety also which in turn results into high returns as well as higher economy.

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Mudit Jain

Mission Neki, Pune

There is an increasing global hunger crisis, with a 9.6% increase in 2022, affecting 122 million people worldwide. In India 1 out of 5 Indian children suffer from hunger as a result of such problems as food security. This is particularly concerning in West Asia, where generational poverty from unemployment and disability is a significant issue. I have come up with the idea of Mission Neki, a food waste management initiative in university areas, to break the poverty chain between women and transgenders, aiming to help both genders overcome their hunger problems. The idea came up against the background of stories of hunger and survival. The vision is to create a more sustainable and equitable food system.

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Dr. Anjoo Upadhyay

Distinguished Professor, MIT-WPU, Global Fellow,
Peace Research Institute Oslo, Norway

Food security occupied my imagination. I'm grateful to the organizing team for including me in this event. Food security occupied my imagination. About 8.6 billion populations is going to rise. To begin with, some global statistics: 10,000 of the 25,000 people who die each year do so because they are hungry or poor. People want food but not getting the food. First of all, it is important to know about food insecurity. Globally greenhouse effect is increasing day by day. There is a need to introduce concept of small scale farming. About 165% of our land is dried in 5 years, and about 16 % land is going to dry in coming 5 years. The people must cooperate in order to bring about change. The first phase is education, which involves raising global awareness among the populace. Only when everyone pitches in will there be a day when everyone will have enough to eat and won't have to go to bed hungry. In order to tackle this issue, we must collaborate.

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Badiul Alam Majumdar

Global Vice President & Country Director, The Hunger Project, Bangladesh



Our planet has provided us with tremendous resources, but unequal access and inefficient handling leaves millions of people malnourished. The number of people affected by hunger globally rose to as many as 828 million in 2021, an increase of about 46 million since 2020 and 150 million since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. The 5 causes of food insecurity are: 1) conflict, 2) Climate, 3) Corruption, 4) Cronyism, 5) Autocracy. The fight for survival and the struggle to get basic essential food is being faced in countries like Bangladesh. The people in power due to their deeds often make the people in their country deprived of the basic essential like food, clothing and shelter. We Founded 'The Hunger Project (THP)', a non-profit organization in 1977 with the stated goal of ending world hunger in 25 years, is

an organization committed to end hunger. It has ongoing programs in Africa, Asia, and Latin America where it implements programs aimed at mobilizing rural grassroots communities to achieve sustainable progress in health, education and nutrition, and family income. We need to work in unison to end hunger.

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Break out Session - 3A

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION



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Program	Break out Session - 3A: Global Perspective on Education	
Venue	Mahatma Gandhi Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:00 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:01 am	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
11:03 am	02 mins	Welcome by the Session Coordinator Dr. Bharat Choudhari , Professor, School of Electrical & E&TC Engineering & Dr. Anil Hiwale , Professor, School of Electrical & E&TC Engineering
11:05 am	03 mins	Playing of the Curtain raiser film on the theme “ Global Perspective on Education ”
11:08 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slide by Session Co-ordinator
11:09 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:14 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
11:15 am	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Michael K. Young , Prof. of Law and Former President Texas A&M Univ. Former Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom.
11:25am	45 mins	Parallel Discussions on – - Maria Lucia Uribe Torres , Ethics in Education Arigatou International - Prof. Dr. Sanjay Kamtekar , Chief Academic Officer, MIT World Peace University, Pune, India - Prof. Marshal Sheldon , Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Technology, Nelson Mandela University - Dr. Akshay Malhotra , Dean-Academics, MIT World Peace University, Pune, India - A. Halim Mahfudz (Badan Wakaf Pesantren Tebuireng (Pesantren Tebuireng Waqf Foundation)) - Matus Ho (Executive Director, Leimena Institute) - J Heinrich Arnold (Bruderhof) - Vishal Talreja (Co-founder Dream a Dream)
12:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
12:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
12:16 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
12:17pm	01 min	Group Photographs & Session concludes

Dr. Bharat Chaudhari

Professor, School of Electrical & E&TC Engineering



I would like to initiate the panel by focusing on the topic of interfaith harmony, as how it can reshape world peace and sustainable development through it. I would like to affirm that this summit is a platform for people of different faiths to come together and discuss how we can work together to create a better ethical world. Throughout my life, I have noticed the unprecedented challenges in society, be it social, cultural, economic, environmental, driven by exhilarating globalization and rapid technological growth. So, in order to cope with the ever-growing and rapid progress of society and technology, I would stress on the value based universal education. I believe religion needs a vital place because they are crucial providers of education and make education much more inclusive in our lives. We should constantly talk about the importance of improving harmony and communication between faith groups and governments and this is essential for ensuring that everyone should have the right to get access to quality ethics and value-based education.

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Dr. Michael K. Young

Prof. of Law and Former President Texas A&M University
Former Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom.

In the G20 session on the Global Perspective of Education, I had the opportunity to address the severe crises plaguing education. It's disheartening to note that almost 60 million students globally are unable to attend school, and an astonishing 244 million children under the age of 14 have never experienced formal education. These numbers represent only the tip of the iceberg, revealing deeper systemic issues. I would focus on two critical aspects. Firstly, the future of education, shedding light on the limitations of education provided by churches and governments. It became evident that innovative models are required to ensure education's universal accessibility and adaptability to our ever-changing global landscape. Secondly, I would emphasize the content of education. I shared the troubling fact that nearly 50% of the world's population lacks access to proper healthcare. Our new generation holds the key to the future, and it is our responsibility to equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive. In conclusion, these challenges are not insurmountable obstacles but opportunities for collective global action.

“As a united community, we must commit to education reform and address healthcare disparities, thereby paving the way for a brighter, more equitable future for all.”



Maria Lucia Uribe Torres

Ethics in Education Arigatou International

I firmly believe ethical education is deeply rooted in the principles of interconnection, the cultivation of meaningful relationships, the promotion of respect, and the assurance of mutual protection among individuals and communities. To reinforce the importance of my message and highlight its global relevance, I would suggest the work of Martius Ho, whose insights underscored the significance of ethical education in today's complex world. I am identifying three critical challenges within our education system. Firstly, the pervasive issue of biased textbooks, which all too often overlooked essential societal issues, perpetuating ignorance, and misunderstanding. Secondly, I would address the term,

“delusion of a perfect reality,” wherein we tended to turn a blind eye to genocides and other significant problems due to biased teaching practices. Lastly, I am expressing concerns about religious communities becoming overly possessive about ethical education, which could potentially alienate people from religious values. In conclusion, I would like to urge all of us to reevaluate and reform our education system by integrating ethical education. This, I believe, would lead to increased understanding, tolerance, and the creation of a more inclusive society.

“I think ethics should have been an integral part of our children's education and challenged the misconception that teaching ethics would distance them from religious principles.”

Dr. Sanjay Kamtekar

Chief Academic Officer, MIT World Peace University,
Pune, India



I want to highlight the importance of acknowledging the role of religion in education. In India, where I come from, we have a rich tapestry of 7-8 major religions, fostering tolerance and exposing us to diverse beliefs. I remember that in the 1970s, every textbook I read had a pledge on its first page, emphasizing that all religions, while different in practice, share a common goal of reaching the divine and achieving enlightenment. To guide policy frameworks, we can include religious institutions to create blueprints for religious education. Religion has historically played a profound role in shaping society, instilling values, and guiding moral compasses. It emphasizes compassion, empathy, truth, love, and tolerance, providing a shared foundation. Government policies can formalize partnerships between religious bodies and education systems, extending access where formal education may not reach. However, we must exercise caution, as only a minority has access to interfaith practices. To avoid misinterpretations, we need structured policies for teaching religion, emphasizing ethical instruction and ensuring that educators approach the subject objectively. In conclusion, let us recognize the universal principles that underlie all religions and embrace religion's role in education with thoughtful policies that respect diversity and promote ethical values.

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Prof. Marshall Sheerene Sheldon

Executive Dean, Faculty of Engineering, the Built Environment and Technology,
Nelson Mandela University



We carry the responsibility of upholding Nelson Mandela's legacy in all our endeavours, embracing his teachings, and applying them to our research, innovation, community engagement, and work. As an institution, our strategic intent aligns with his ethos and legacy. Our first purpose is to liberate human potential by humanizing innovation in learning and teaching. We recognize the uniqueness of each student and staff member, valuing their diverse backgrounds, experiences, values, and contributions. The second purpose focuses on research, innovation, and internationalization. The third is about transformation and engagement through equalizing partnerships, emphasizing co-creation of responsible solutions. Our commitment is to provide access to previously marginalized communities while ensuring their success not only within our campus but also as global citizens. We adhere to six core values, all reflecting Nelson Mandela's principles. These include respect for diversity, pursuit of excellence, social justice and equality, being people-centered, integrity, and sustainable stewardship. Promoting access and opportunities for females, especially in fields traditionally male-dominated like engineering and technology, is a strong passion within our institution. Our goal is to prepare students for jobs that don't yet exist, solving problems through technology and adaptability. We are dedicated to serving and exercising stewardship for the benefit of current and future generations.

“We adhere to six core values, all reflecting Nelson Mandela's principles.”



Dr. Akshay Malhotra

Dean-Academics, MIT World Peace University,
Pune, India

We've undoubtedly made tremendous scientific and material progress over the years. In the 1800s, it was said that we suffer more in imagination than in reality. However, today, many students in their mid-20s are grappling with existential crises. While science has excelled in asking "how," it's religion that delves into the profound "why" questions. The purpose of education, in my view, is not just to impart knowledge but to nurture and mentor individuals. Religion, with its profound teachings and moral compass, plays a vital role in this aspect. It's important to acknowledge that religion can come with baggage, but it also offers invaluable guidance. I am aware of

my involvement with the World Peace Dome in MIT ADT and the power of meditation in cultivating self-awareness. It's true that there are numerous factors that divide us, but we must also recognize the many aspects that unite us as a global community. In conclusion, I emphasized the need for a holistic approach to education, one that combines the best of scientific knowledge and the wisdom offered by religion to guide the next generation towards a brighter and more harmonious future.

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Mr. Abdul Halim Mahfudz

Badan Wakaf Pesantren Tebuireng (Pesantren Tebuireng Waqf Foundation)

I would say that good education is nowadays very hard to preach because of the influence of Society and social media. Social media has had a great impact on imparting ethical values. Since Facebook, Twitter, Tiktok was introduced, preaching ethical education became difficult. I believe education can be imparted from five main, or rather, key sources- Mosques, classrooms, books written in Middle Ages by scholars, prominent leader and by ethics. But the biggest challenge he believes is prevailing in Indonesia is somewhat localised. In Indonesia, 7-10% of Muslims are considered minors who doesn't want Indonesia to prosper, but want their own religious group to prosper. So, in order to impart his

Institution and its students with quality education and ethics, I encourage my high school students to explore different Catholic schools, Persian Schools, etc. to enrich them with moral values.

“Quality Education is twitching because of strengthening of Economy in some parts of the society.”

Mr. Matius Ho

Executive Director, Leimena Institute



I would like to discuss religious education as it is also that important for students to learn as syllabus. Religious education is very important. It should be compulsory for each student. From my perspective, within the global educational landscape, several vital principles highlight the importance of religious tolerance, the significance of religion, and the inclusion of religious education. Firstly, fostering religious tolerance is paramount. It encourages individuals, including students, to not merely recognize but wholeheartedly embrace and respect diverse religious beliefs, promoting social harmony in our multicultural world. Furthermore, recognizing the importance of religion enables students to understand the cultural, ethical, and moral foundations that shape global communities. This awareness fosters a compassionate and well-informed global citizenry, promoting empathy and understanding. Additionally, compulsory religious education, aligned with human rights principles, equips students with knowledge to engage thoughtfully with different faiths, promoting respect and dialogue. Finally, I would say that inclusion of Islamic religious education alongside other faiths encourages cross-cultural understanding, dispelling stereotypes, and fostering mutual respect and cooperation among diverse backgrounds.

“Compulsory religious education, aligned with human rights principles, equips students with knowledge to engage thoughtfully with different faiths, promoting respect and dialogue.”

Vishal Talreja

Co-founder Dream a Dream



I would like to talk about the importance of education for all children, regardless of their circumstances. I will highlight Mr. Michael K. Young's point about vulnerable children and share the story of an 11-year-old child he knew personally who stopped going to school and started stealing because of absent parents. This child eventually died in a bike accident, and indeed his death was a preventable tragedy. The complexity of the education system and how it requires an ecosystem of parents, teachers, institutions, and communities to be effective. I would like to draw your attention towards the COVID-19 pandemic that has highlighted the many challenges facing the education system, including the digital divide and the lack of support for vulnerable children. I would like to give the example of academically brilliant children who committed suicide because they could not afford smartphones to study online. This is a clear indication that the Indian education system is not working as intended. The role of faith institutions in the modernization of education.

"The role of faith institutions in the modernization of education. He said that faith institutions have a unique role to play in helping children develop their minds, bodies, and souls."







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HEALTH CARE



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Program	Break out Session - 3B: Health Care	
Venue	Gautam Buddha Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:00 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:01 am	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
11:03 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Vanisree Ramnathan , Professor, School of Public Health & Dr. Snehal Kulkarni , Professor, School of Public Health
11:05 am	03 mins	Playing of the Curtain raiser film on the theme "Health Care"
11:08 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
11:09 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
11:14 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
11:15 am	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Col. Harjit S. Bhagat (CEO, Medident India)
11:25am	45 mins	Parallel Discussion on – - Dr Vijay G Prabhakar Ji , Chairman, Global Strategic Alliance Inc, Editor-In-Chief, Global Eye – Digital News Monthly, Greater, Chicago, USA - Dr. Babasaheb Vishwanath Tandale , Senior Scientist , National Institute of Virology Pune - Dr. Archana Patil , Former Director, Health Services, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai - Dr. Subhash Salunke , Former Assistant Regional Director, WHO, South East Asia, Mumbai - Hon'ble Dr. Deepak Mhaisekar Ji , Designation Advisor to CM and Ex Divisional Commissioner Pune - Mr. Yaqeen Sikander ACWAY, UK
12:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
12:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
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Harjit. S. Bhagat

CEO, Medident India



"I'd like to begin our discussion by addressing the enormous challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has thrust upon us. It's been an eye-opener for all of us, hasn't it? One glaring issue we've witnessed on a global scale is the inadequacy of our healthcare resources. It's been a wake-up call for us all. What's truly heartening, though, is how we've seen people, regardless of their backgrounds, step across community boundaries to assist one another. It's these acts of kindness that remind us of our shared humanity. As we dive into our conversation today, I'd like to challenge our esteemed panellists with a critical question: How can we better prepare ourselves for future health crises? This pandemic has shown us that we need to be more proactive in our approach. Let's remember that health isn't just about physical well-being. It encompasses our emotional and psychological states as well. And in this context, I want to emphasize the pivotal role that faith-based organizations can play in providing support and solace during such challenging times. So, let's engage in a thoughtful discussion about the holistic nature of health and explore how we can harness the power of faith-based organizations to enhance our preparedness for future crises."

"The pandemic showed us the power of community solidarity, but it also raised the question: how prepared are we for the future?"



Vijay G Prabhakar Ji

Chairman, Global Strategic Alliance Inc,
Editor-In-Chief, Global Eye – Digital News Monthly, Greater, Chicago, USA

"Allow me to share my perspective on the crucial theme of healthcare within the G20 summit, and how it resonates with spiritual dimensions. As I stand before you today, I'm reminded of a powerful biblical reference: "The faith of a mustard seed can move mountains." This exemplifies the incredible resilience of humanity, particularly when faced with health crises. Drawing from my own journey as the first Asian American health commissioner in Wisconsin, I've witnessed first-hand the importance of interfaith harmony in the realm of healthcare. It's essential for us to remember that our collective efforts can bring about profound changes in our healthcare

systems. In light of the recent COVID-19 pandemic, it has become even more evident that we must prioritize public health issues. This crisis has made it abundantly clear that we cannot afford to overlook the importance of healthcare. It's a matter that transcends borders and affects us all. So, let's engage in a dialogue about how we can foster interfaith harmony in healthcare, drawing inspiration from both historical resilience and our contemporary challenges. Together, we can pave the way for a healthier and more harmonious world."

"The faith of a mustard seed can move mountains, and so can our collective faith in addressing public health challenges."



Dr. Babasaheb Vishwanath Tandale

Senior Scientist , National Institute of Virology Pune

"I'd like to shed light on the critical role of epidemiology in comprehending the challenges that COVID-19 has posed to our healthcare systems. It's been a time of profound disruptions, and epidemiology has been our guiding light in navigating these uncertain times. In my view, our response to such health crises must be multifaceted. We need a collaborative effort that spans multiple sectors, involving not only healthcare professionals but also the broader community. This is where community engagement becomes paramount. I'm particularly passionate about the concept of citizen science and community epidemiology. We have to bring communities into the fold when it comes to healthcare surveillance and

maintenance. It's about empowering individuals to actively participate in monitoring their health and well-being. To truly address these challenges, we must also focus on health literacy. It's about ensuring that everyone understands the importance of public health measures and can make informed decisions."

"Epidemiology is our detective work, and we need communities as our partners in solving the health puzzle."

Dr. Archana Patil

Former Director, Health Services, Government of Maharashtra, Mumbai



"I'd like to share with you the unique challenges we faced in Maharashtra during the COVID-19 pandemic. We found ourselves confronting not one, not two, but three waves of the virus, with the second wave proving to be the most severe. The numbers were staggering—more than 81 lakh cases and over 41,000 deaths, with Maharashtra bearing a significant burden. At one point, we diagnosed a maximum of 70,000 cases in a single day, and the highest number of active cases in Maharashtra reached a whopping 7 lakhs. A significant portion of these cases required critical care with oxygen support and ICU facilities. What set COVID-19 apart were the multifaceted challenges it presented. It wasn't just a medical crisis; it touched upon social and psychological aspects as well. Families struggled with the inability to perform traditional last rites, and the plight of migrant laborers added another layer of complexity. Our healthcare system faced unprecedented strain, with resources stretched to the limit. Overdiagnosis and overtreatment became issues, and we realized the importance of decentralized management. We needed to be more agile and responsive in our approach.

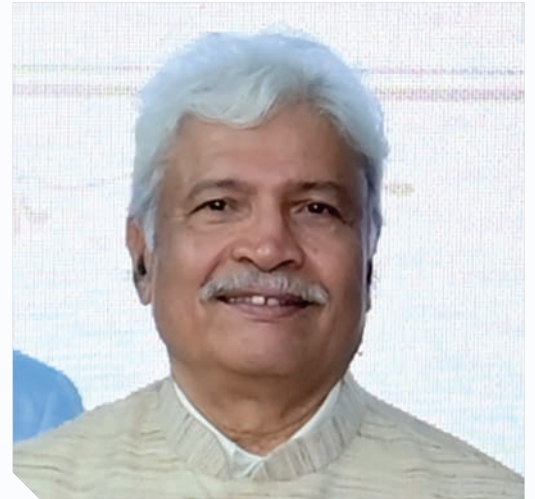
I must commend the role played by religious leaders and faith-based organizations during these trying times. They stepped up to provide care and support to marginalized populations, showing the invaluable contribution that interfaith harmony can bring to healthcare.

In conclusion, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown us the need for adaptability, resource management, and the importance of partnerships with faith-based organizations in ensuring the well-being of our communities."

"The pandemic tested us in ways we never imagined, but it also revealed the importance of structured and systematic healthcare approaches."

Dr. Subhash Salunke

Former Assistant Regional Director, WHO, South East Asia, Mumbai



“Let me dive into the profound role of faith in the domain of healthcare. It's not just a mere concept; it's a powerful force that significantly shapes how we deliver healthcare and the outcomes we achieve.

First and foremost, I want to highlight how faith acts as a sturdy pillar of strength for individuals grappling with health challenges. In times of illness or uncertainty, we often find solace in our faith and spirituality. Faith brings hope, comfort, and purpose to our lives, elements that are truly invaluable during the healing process. But it's not just about the individual; faith extends its influence on healthcare systems and entire communities. Faith-based organizations and religious leaders play a pivotal role in providing support and guidance during health crises. They offer resources, create a sense of community, and encourage health-seeking behaviours. This collective impact is indispensable in ensuring better access to healthcare services and promoting overall well-being. In essence, let's remember that faith isn't confined to personal beliefs; it has a far-reaching impact on healthcare at both the individual and community levels.”

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Hon'ble Deelip Mhaisekar Ji

Designation Advisor to CM and
Ex Divisional Commissioner Pune

“I'd like to take a moment to share some thoughts with you, thoughts that have been on my mind as I've observed events unfolding, particularly in Italy during the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Italy, with its excellent healthcare infrastructure, faced numerous challenges during those trying times. As an advisor to the Chief Minister on COVID-19, I had a unique vantage point.

One issue that has been increasingly pressing on my mind is the concern over our carbon footprint and the concept of carbon credits. It's crucial that we take environmental exploitation seriously and work towards a more sustainable future. But there's another concern that looms on the horizon, and that is gene manipulation. The recombinant techniques being employed today and the potential for genetic modification in the future pose substantial risks. Playing with our genetic code is a perilous endeavour, and it raises questions about the challenges that await us. Now, turning to the topic of faith, we saw how the COVID-19 pandemic brought about its own set of challenges. One issue that emerged was the respectful disposal of bodies without conflicting with various faiths and beliefs. In discussions about interfaith harmony, it's essential to recognize that in the end, the truths of birth and death are universal. While we may not have control over when we are born, COVID-19 reminds us that our fate lies in the hands of the unknown.”

“In discussions about interfaith harmony, it's essential to recognize that in the end, the truths of birth and death are universal.”



Mr. Yaqeen Sikander

ACWAY, UK

"I'd like to address a topic of utmost importance, especially in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic—mental health. The pandemic has revealed the pressing need to address mental health challenges. It's crucial to recognize that despite India often being perceived through the lens of Bollywood and its vibrancy, we fall far behind in the happiness index. This disparity points to a hidden issue within our society that we can no longer afford to ignore. It's true that India has a tendency to hide its problems. But after the pandemic struck, the reality became very apparent. Even countries considered highly developed found themselves among the worst affected. We must acknowledge the immense power of the mind over the

body and understand that mental health plays a pivotal role in our overall well-being.

We are clearly in a deficit when it comes to mental health resources. People were confined and living in constant fear during the pandemic, further exacerbating the mental health crisis. I want to emphasize the urgent need for mental health aid. Our government should prioritize and emphasize mental health as a core aspect of healthcare. It's disheartening that mental health is not receiving the attention it deserves. Focusing on mental health will not only aid in disaster preparedness but also in building a more resilient and compassionate society.

So let's prioritize mental health and work collectively to promote peace and well-being in our communities. In doing so, we can better equip ourselves to face whatever challenges the future may bring"

"Addressing mental health is crucial, and the government should prioritize mental health services to ensure resilience in the face of future crises."





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Break out Session - 3C

PROTECTION CHILDREN AND THE VULNERABLE



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Day	Thursday, 7th September 2023, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm	
Program	Break out Session - 3C: Protection children and the vulnerable	
Venue	Nelson Mandela Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:00 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:01 am	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
11:03 am	02 mins	Welcome by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Santosh Kumar , Dean Liberal Arts, MITWPU, Pune, India
11:05 am	03 mins	Playing the curtain raiser film on the theme "Protectiong children and the vulnerable"
11:08 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
11:09 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Dr. Santosh Kumar , Dean Liberal Arts, MITWPU, Pune, India
11:14 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
11:15 am	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Bani Dugal , Principal Representative of The Bahá'í International Community to the UN
11:25am	45 mins	Parallel Discussion – - Justice Roshan Dalvi , High Court, Mumbai (Retd.) - Hesha Perera (Arigatou International's End Child Poverty - Knowledge Centre, Sri Lanka - Yayah Khisbiyah , MA (Associate Professor of Psychology, Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta, Indonesia - Lenin Raghuvanshi , Founding President, (People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - Col. Binoj Koshy (Technical Director, UIDAI, Govt. of India, New Delhi) - Shruti Nagvanshi , Founding Member, (People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
12:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
12:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
12:16 pm	01min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
12:17pm	01 min	Group Photographs & Session concludes

Ms. Bani Dugal

Principal Representative of The Bahá'í International Community to the UN



I want to emphasize the need for greater attention to each child and discussed the importance of protection and prevention. Some of the great challenges face is online exploitation especially sexual exploitation. With development of technology comes the challenges and opportunities. The technology platform is used by the child exploiters exploit the children. While working with UNICEF, UNO I came across different forms of child exploitation such as hunger, street-children exploitation. We are equal responsible for the solutions for such an important problem.

“With development of technology comes the challenges and opportunities.”



Justice (Retd) Roshan Dalvi

High Court, Mumbai (Retd.)

The impact of any vulnerability on any child is tremendous. Hence, the first step is the prevention of exploitation. The greater the number of children the greater the vulnerability. We need to imbibe the principle of three R's Recognise, Resist and Report. Reporting is required because vulnerability can tackled only when only the incident is reported. Children should be taught about the child all possible types of abuse from which protection can ensured. It is onlt from these steps that protection and Prevention can be realised.

“We need to imbibe the principle of three R's Recognise, Resist and Report.”

Ms. Hesha Perera

Arigatou International's End Child Poverty - Knowledge Centre, Sri Lanka

I want to highlight the necessity of creating safe spaces for children, especially in crisis situations like those in Sri Lanka. I am working for creating safe spaces for children and working for the education of children. Children of all ages have the right of Life with rights of learning. Living without fear, any kind of abuse, exploitation and discrimination. We have observed that the cultural norms which accept the emotional and physical abuse of violence exist throughout the countries. The parents and teachers ae unaware as to how to tackle this issue. As a result of Srilankan crisis children lost the opportunities of education, nutrition, health. Hence, creation of safe spaces is required.



“Children of all ages have the right of Life with rights of learning. Living without fear, any kind of abuse, exploitation and discrimination.”



Prof. Director Yaha Khisbiyah

MA (Associate Professor of Psychology, Universitas Muhammadiyah Surakarta, Indonesia)

I want to stress the responsibility of educating children from a young age and promote interfaith collaboration. It is necessary that we educate children especially from poor families. The responsibility of nurturing children is responsibility of the society. Many of us unfortunately come from a culture which does not prioritise child well-being. The current liberal economy is not favourable to child development. Child development is central to all the religious orders and it is responsibility of everyone. We should assist the children in developing their personality. We have to work on Intrafaith development and Intra-faith collaboration.

"The responsibility of nurturing children is responsibility of the society."

Mr. Lenin Raghuvanshi

Founding President, (People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

I want to share the experiences from Varanasi and emphasize the importance of indigenous wisdom in understanding natural cues. We used the technology in the Madrassas as we wanted bridge the gap between Teachers and students. We helped them to understand their identity better with technology. We brought the technology in the educational systems. We are bridging the indigenous wisdom of east and technological advances of West. We used the educational system to eliminate the hatred and discrimination between the communities.



"We are bridging the indigenous wisdom of east and technological advances of West."



Mr. Col Binoj Koshy

Technical Director, UIDAI, Govt. of India, New Delhi

I want to discuss the Aadhar card's role in reuniting children with their parents and India's leadership in supporting vulnerable communities through the Juvenile Justice Act. Aadhar has led to inclusion of children in the systems. It has helped the mapping of the children. In last two years the aadhar has de-duplicated the data and hence any child who is missing and tries to enrol in any school for second time is immediately known to the system. The CARA act is one of the best in the world and it will help us in the plugging the vulnerability of the children.

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Ms. Shruti Nagvanshi

Founding Member, (People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR)), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

I will try to explain how technology, including social media, has been used to protect and educate children, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. My organisation has been involved in making people aware of the child helpline numbers which has helped in tackling the vulnerability of children. During COVID children who were addicted to mobile phones were counselled thereby overcoming the addiction. We have created bridge between child grievances mechanisms and child grievances so that problems could be addressed effectively. We are also tackling the child marriage through development of life skills so that we could inculcate a sense of responsibility.



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Break out Session - 3D
CLIMATE CHANGE



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Day	Thursday, 7th September 2023, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm	
Program	Break out Session - 3D : Climate Change	
Venue	Joseph Smith Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
11:00 am	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
11:01 am	02 mins	Ringing of the World Peace Bell
11:03 am	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Prasad Kulkarni , Professor, School of Sciences and environmental studies , MITWPU, Pune & Dr. Pankaj Koparde , Professor, School of Sciences and environmental studies MITWPU, Pune
11:05 am	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme "The Climate Change"
11:08 am	01 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
11:09 am	05 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Coordinators
11:14 am	01 min	Handing over to the session moderator
11:15 am	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Dr. Rajashree Joshi , Program Director, BAIF Development Research Foundation, Pune
11:25am	45 mins	Parallel Discussion on – -Hon'ble Greshma Pious Raju (ACWAY) -Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hattah Fattah , Vice Rector, Universitas Muslim Indonesia -Ambassador of Peace Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni (Founder President 'Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti), New Delhi -Hon'ble Prof. Dr. Mallickarjun Joshi , Former Director Science & Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh -Hon'ble Shri. Dr.Alok Shrivastava , Dy. Director, URSC, ISRO, Bangalore Team Chandrayan Mission
12:10 pm	05 mins	Q &A session by Anchor
12:15 pm	01 min	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
12:16 pm	01 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
12:17pm	01 min	Group Photographs & Session concludes

Dr. Rajashree Joshi (Moderator)

Program Director, BAI Development Research Foundation, Pune



The G20 summit theme, "One Earth, One Family, One Future," was introduced by the Indian government. Climate change is a significant threat to all global sectors, including livelihood, health, and agriculture. A multidisciplinary response is needed to address this complex issue. I urge listeners to have a "Feeling of Oneness" and discuss sustainable lifestyles for both the environment and well-being. I emphasized that solutions should not be a problem for tomorrow, and lifestyle development is crucial. Practices for climate change adaptation include circularity in business processes, cost reduction, nature-based solutions, net zero efforts, responsible consumption, agro-residue replacement, agro-biodiversity conservation, and indigenous and traditional nutrition intake.

“Climate change is a significant threat to all global sectors, including livelihood, health, and agriculture”

**Greshma Pious Raju**

International Speaker | Peace Educator

I would like to highlight the importance of faith in addressing climate change and its impact on human life. In continuation to the point I emphasized the 2018 Kerala flood as an example of this, and highlighted the youth's role in influencing family decisions. It is important to stress the need for immediate action for a better future and also stating that every action should be taken for the next seven generations. I here underlined the importance of nature in holistic scriptures and provided methods to intertwine faith and combating climate change, such as planting a peace tree, writing a reflection diary, and involving indigenous communities in conservation. I

would like to conclude by stating that individual peace is community peace, community peace is national peace, and national peace is international peace.

“Individual peace is Community peace, Community peace is National peace, and National peace in International peace.”



Dr. Muhammad Hattah Fattah

Chairman, Universitas Muslim Indonesia, Indonesia

I am opening the dialogue which is centered on the impacts of climate change, including floods, heavy dry seasons, and social conflicts. It highlighted the impact of pollution on the shrimp farming industry in Indonesia, where water bodies dry up due to increased dry seasons and pesticides and fertilizers runoff. The lack of awareness among farmers about using ammonia in farming further exacerbated the issue. To mitigate climate change, the professor suggested several steps, including increasing education and awareness about conservation and farming techniques, using natural feed for their high nutrient content, developing reservoirs for water storage, recycling organic produce, and increasing charity-

based conservation and restoration projects. He concluded by emphasizing the urgent need for interfaith collaboration between science, religion, and technology in mitigating and adapting to climate change for a sustainable future.

“Interfaith between Science, religion and Technology is very urgent in mitigation and adaptation in climate change and for a sustainable future.”

Dr. Lokesh Muni

Founder President, Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti, New Delhi

I am underlining the need of the hour is an interfaith call for action for climate change. I would also like to emphasize the need for compassion, empathy, and responsibility towards the future generation, as human activities like consumption-based development and extravagant lifestyles contribute to climate change. Jainism as an example of protecting nature and natural resources, promoting non-violence and environmental carefulness. I am requesting all the religious leaders from this platform to lead people towards a sustainable future, promoting biodiversity and sustainable agriculture. It is alarming situation to the society that our inability to handle the climate crisis would be detrimental to future generations. I conclude with a quote "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

“Be the change you wish to see in the world”.



Dr. Mallickarjun Joshi

Former Director, Faculty of Science, BHU



I am highlighting the interconnectedness between social sciences and environmental sciences and also highlighting the distinction between Environmental Studies as a subject and not a discipline. The planetary emergency of climate change and its impacts, emphasizing the subjective nature of environmental sciences and the necessity of sciences. The concept of "punya" and "punishment" in religions, emphasizing that everything has consequences. In the early 1990s, 1% of the population is causing 80% of the emissions but the effect of these emissions impacts the lives of rest 99% too. But the biological systems that govern the world, stating that there are no rewards or punishments in ecosystems. The modern society has conjured up huge things in form of production and development and used an analogy comparing this development with a beast that is now out of control. I conclude by highlighting the harm caused by cooperation and greed, where profits are privatized and losses are socialized.

“If everything was as it seems, science wouldn’t be necessary.”

**Dr. Alok Srivastav**

Deputy Director, URSC, ISRO – Bangalore

I am sharing my experiences of working in a strategic way and highlight on planning the strategy from a point of view of failure. As in the implementation of Chandrayan 3 was prepared for every possible situation of failure, so the scope of success itself turned to be maximum. Planning and implementation plays a vital role in Climate change and we need to focus on it rather than discussing it. Same can be applied to every strategy we plan for climate change. It is need of the time that we should emphasize more on Increasing Green Hand rather than reducing Carbon Footprints.

“Increasing Green Hand rather than reducing Carbon Footprints.”





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Break out Session - 4A
**PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS AND
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Day	Thursday, 7th September 2023, 02:00 pm to 03:45 pm	
Program	Break out Session – 4A : Protection of Religious and Cultural Heritage	
Venue	Mahatma Gandhi Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
02:00 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:01 pm	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:03 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Ganesh Jadhav, Professor, School of Design, MITWPU, Pune & Prof. Neelesh Gham, Professor, School of Design, MITWPU, Pune
02:05 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme "Protection of Religious and Cultural Heritage"
02:08 pm	02 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:10 pm	10 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:20 pm	05 mins	Handing over to the session moderator
02:25 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Peter Petkoff, Editor, Oxford Journal of Law and Religion
02:35 pm	50 mins	Parallel Discussion on – - Hon'ble Dr. Vasant Shinde, Former Vice Chancellor, Deccan University, Pune - Hon'ble David Burrowes, House of Commons, UK - Hon'ble Siddharth Kak, Indian Documentary Maker, Television Producer, and Presenter, New Delhi - Hon'ble Dr. M. Satish Kumar, Queen's University Belfast, UK - Hon'ble Dr. M. C. Rajan, Director at St. Xavier's Legal Aid Ministry, India
03:25 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by Anchor
03.30	10 mins	Vote of Thanks by session coordinator
03:40 pm	02 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
03:42 pm	01 min	Group Photographs
03:43 pm	02 min	Session concludes

Dr. Peter Petkoff

(Moderator)

Distinguished Scholar & Advocate-International human rights law



The discussion today focuses on the connection between religious and cultural heritage and sustainable development, examining its profound impact on communities and nations. It explores various perspectives, including legal frameworks, security considerations, and the dichotomy of cultural heritage as a source of division and an avenue for inclusivity. The panel comprises esteemed speakers who will discuss trends and challenges while guiding insights towards solutions. The discussion aims to explore whether culture hinders or propels sustainable development and if the concept of religious cultural heritage is necessary. The panel welcomes new partnerships, such as the one with France, and seeks to build upon existing efforts to further shared goals. The goal is to uncover fresh perspectives and actionable strategies to better cherish, preserve, and harness the power of cultural heritage for the betterment of the world.

“The goal is to uncover fresh perspectives and actionable strategies to better cherish, preserve, and harness the power of cultural heritage for the betterment of the world.”



Dr. Vasant Shinde

Former Vice Chancellor, Deccan University, Pune

I always feel that Cultural heritage is not just about gaining knowledge but also inspiring others. Japan's post-World War II recovery was a testament to this strategy, following the Harappan civilization's approach of importing resources, manufacturing goods, and trading them back with the regions from which they sourced raw materials. We can learn from each other's experiences and knowledge, as the G20 countries have developed unique technologies and practices that can be shared. Museums have evolved significantly, and local knowledge is essential for effective site maintenance. In politics, religious and cultural heritage are interconnected and essential for sustainable development. The Ministerial

Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Cultural Heritage in London emphasized the importance of cultural heritage and freedom of religion. Heritage represents the transfer of knowledge, practices, and resources across generations, requiring the involvement of religious and vulnerable communities. Cultural heritage encompasses both tangible and intangible aspects, and the Sustainable Development Goals must address discrimination faced by religious groups left behind in development efforts. Reflecting on our heritage fosters connection, hope, and affirmation, and celebrating each other's strengths and weaknesses contributes to our wellbeing.

Cultural heritage from around the world is not only to gain knowledge but also to draw inspiration.



Mr. David Burrows

House of Commons

Being a politician, I emphasize the interconnectedness of human trafficking, social cohesion, and political progress, particularly in relation to religious and cultural heritage. The Ministerial Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Cultural Heritage in London highlighted the importance of these elements for all humanity. Cultural heritage is integral to our identity, and places of worship serve as focal points for various aspects of freedom of religion and belief. The London Statement called for the protection of cultural heritage to create inclusive societies through mutual and sustainable development. The speaker urges representatives to consider

both tangible and intangible aspects of cultural heritage when discussing it. The Sustainable Development Goals have not explicitly addressed religion and belief, leaving those discriminated against based on religion behind in sustainable development efforts. The speaker calls for the celebration of religious and cultural diversity, as it represents the transfer of knowledge, practices, and resources across generations. Cultural heritage goes beyond museums and monuments, promoting social cohesion and strengthening shared humanity.

Cultural heritage is integral to our identity, and places of worship serve as focal points for various aspects of freedom of religion and belief.

Mr. Siddharth Kak

Documentary Maker, Television Producer, & Presenter

Being an author and documentary filmmaker, I emphasize the importance of diverse perspectives in culture and heritage observation. I believe that media plays a vital role in presenting questions, inviting participation, and showcasing different aspects of heritage. Culture is not defined by specific parameters but unfolds organically, and that World Heritage monuments are a crucial part of our identity. I also accentuate the importance of craftsmanship and the need to see World Heritage as a shared global identity. Culture and identity is very complex to discuss, and filmmakers play a vital role in communicating with a broad audience, presenting diverse perspectives, and encouraging critical thinking. I also believe

that discussing and sharing different perspectives can help to resolve conflicts among communities and encourage unity in the culture.

In conclusion, I believe that culture is a dynamic force that cannot be limited by predefined boundaries. As filmmakers and storytellers and the citizens of the world, it is our responsibility to present a tapestry of perspectives and narratives, inviting audiences to engage in meaningful dialogues and celebrate the richness of our shared heritage.

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Dr. M. Satish Kumar

Queen's University Belfast, UK



I feel that The G20 interfaith summit forum emphasize the importance of cultural heritage in addressing climate change and preserving it. Decarbonizing heritage sites, such as MIT WPU, is now a pressing necessity, as plastic pollution in cities is a stark reminder of our shared humanity. The conservation and preservation of cultural heritage require continuous negotiation and collaboration among diverse stakeholders. Economically, acknowledging the importance of culture and heritage is valuable for G20 nations, but it is crucial to avoid economic priorities overriding heritage preservation. Striking a balance between poverty eradication and planet protection is a crucial challenge that demands the attention of young leaders.

The conservation and preservation of cultural heritage require continuous negotiation and collaboration among diverse stakeholders.



Dr. M.C. Rajan

Director at St. Xavier's Legal Aid Ministry, UNESCO India

Being a Roman Catholic priest and human rights advocate, I would to discuss the preservation of cultural heritage and social harmony. Growing up in Kanyakumari, India, I witnessed the Mandai Kada rites, connecting religious communities through sacred sites. Despite the richness of laws and policies, there is a gap between having laws and enforcing them, much like a welfare state safeguarding sacred sites. Over the last two decades, there has been a surge in attacks on cultural and sacred sites, affecting not only the safety of these sites but also the crucial role faith formation

plays in sustainable development. I am supporter for love and service to all, regardless of their faith. The crux of the issue lies in the inadequate implementation of existing laws and policies. I also have faith in that every human being is a temple of God and that promoting social justice is crucial. I encourage people to believe in themselves as temples of God, protect iconic faith centers, and create social harmony groups. I also believe that attacks on sacred sites affect not just culture but also economic growth, social harmony, and stability.

Every human being is a temple of God.





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Break out Session - 4B
HUMAN TRAFFICKING



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G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT – 2023
"Shaping World Peace and Sustainable Development through Interfaith Harmony"
Schedule from 5th Sept to 7th Sept 2023
 Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome

Day	Thursday, 7th September 2023, 02:00 pm to 03:45 pm	
Program	Break out Session – 4B: Human Trafficking	
Venue	Gautam Buddha Hall	
Time	Duration	Description
02:00 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:01 pm	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:03 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Co-ordinator Dr. Pournima Inamdar, Program Head, School of Law & Dr. Anutama Ghosh, Professor, School of Law
02:05 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme "Human Trafficking"
02:08 pm	02 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:10 pm	10 mins	Felicitation of the Speakers by Session Co-ordinators
02:20 pm	05 mins	Handing over to the session moderator
02:25 pm	10 mins	Introductory Remarks by the Moderator Hon'ble Kevin Hyland, Former Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner, UK & Global Strategic Director, Santa Marta Group, UK
02:35 pm	50 mins	Parallel Discussion on – - Fr. Don Bosco Darsi, Director, Talitha Cumi Unnati, India - Shri Ajeet Singh Founder and Director, Guria, Varanasi, India - Ms. Pallabi Ghosh, Founder, Impact Dialogue Foundation, New Delhi.
03:25 pm	05 mins	Q&A session by
03.30	10 mins.	Vote of Thanks
03:40 pm	02 min	Announcement of the next session with theme details
03:42 pm	01 min	Group Photographs
03:43 pm	02 min	Session concludes

Hon'ble Kevin Hyland

Former Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner,
UK & Global Strategic Director, Santa Marta Group, UK



At the outset I want to recognise the significance of the matter being discussed. Human trafficking represents not only a worldwide issue, but also a moral obligation that necessitates the joint dedication and collaboration of the global community. Through my personal experiences as Former Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioner in the United Kingdom there is a significant influence stemming with reference to the topic being discussed. My firsthand experience of seeing the atrocities of human trafficking, together with the remarkable resilience shown by survivors, bolstered my determination to eliminate this abhorrent offense.

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Fr. Don Bosco Darsi

Director, Talitha Cumi Unnati

I am going to provide a compelling and perceptive examination of the complex and diverse obstacles presented by the issue of human trafficking. I want to start with a presentation detailing the exposition on the several manifestations of human trafficking which emphasizes the manifold perils endured by its victims, including physical, mental, and psychic harm. Through a persuasive statistical data and anecdotal evidence we can understand the worldwide scope of the issue. With this I want to underscore the significance of resolutions and collective endeavours as crucial components in successfully addressing the issue of human trafficking. It is through the global collaboration, legal

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Shri. Ajeet Singh

Founder and Director, Guria, Varanasi, India

I have to start this conversation by providing a graphic depiction of the many perils and abominable acts linked to the phenomenon of human trafficking. We have documented a number of distressing narratives of individuals who have experienced significant suffering, which highlights the profound physical and psychological consequences which they have endured. There is a considerable backlog of outstanding legal cases pertaining to human trafficking inside the judicial system of India. The backlog of the cases in the judiciary system not only demonstrates the magnitude of the issue, but also highlights the difficulties encountered in

providing justice to those affected. There is a need for prompt action to effectively tackle these difficulties. To tackle this issue effectively we have to enhance the legal frameworks, accelerate legal procedures, and offer complete assistance to those who have experienced harm. Guria has made remarkable quantitative achievements in the fight against human trafficking and the protection of vulnerable individuals in terms of rescue, convictions in cases of sex trafficking and rehabilitation.

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Ms. Pallabi Ghosh

Founder, Impact Dialogue Foundation, New Delhi, IDF

I have been combatting human trafficking and modern slavery in India through Impact Dialogue Foundation (IDF) in New Delhi. We have uncovered certain exploitative characteristics which are inherent in human trafficking such as instances of coerced labor and sexual exploitation. The exploitation tactics used by traffickers often lie into exploiting the weaknesses of people and manipulate them into circumstances where their fundamental rights and dignity are systematically violated. The issue of exploitation extends across geographical boundaries and industry sectors, necessitating collaborative efforts on a worldwide scale. The need of creating knowledge about the strategies used by



traffickers, the indicators of trafficking, and the entitlements of victims is crucial in the prevention and resolution of this problem. There is a vital role of advocacy activities, both at the grassroots and worldwide levels, in driving policy changes and legislative reforms.

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Break out Session - 4C
GLOBAL YOUTH PEACE DIALOGUE



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Day	Thursday, 7th September 2023, 02:30 pm to 04:15 pm	
Program	Break out Session – 4C: Global Youth Peace Dialogue	
Venue	World Peace Dome	
Time	Duration	Description
02:30 pm	01 min	Arrival of the Distinguished Speakers and Delegates, Dean, Director, Professors and Peace Ambassadors
02:31 pm	02 mins	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:33 pm	02 mins	Welcoming by the Session Moderator Prof. Milind Patre, Associate Dean, Department of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune
02:35 pm	03 mins	Playing the Curtain raiser film on the theme "Global Youth Peace Dialogue"
02:38 pm	02 mins	Introduction of the Speakers through slides
02:40 pm	10 mins	Felicitation of the Distinguished Guests and Student Speakers
02:50 pm	05 mins	- Introductory Remarks by - Panji Saputra, Head of National Sport Affairs Division, Indonesia
02:55 pm	10 mins	Panel Discussion – Global Youth Peace Dialogue by Session Moderator Prof. Milind Patre , Associate Dean, Dept. of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune and Dr. Sachin Gadekar , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Peace Studies, MIT-WPU, Pune - Zahra Al Hilaly ACWAY, UK - Alek Barovic ACWAY, UK - Andrés ramos bonilla, MITWPU, India - Mr. Yaqeen Sikander ACWAY, India - Mr. Himanshu Panday ACWAY, India - Supriya Babasaheb Thorat, MITWPU, India - Dr. Deepak Kumar ACWAY, India - Aardra Prasanna Manoj ACWAY, India - Om Joshi, MIT-WPU, India - Greshma Pious Raju ACWAY, India - Dharini Nashikkar, MIT-WPU, India - Sophia Lestina Brigham Young University, Hawaii - Aaron James Brigham Young University, Hawaii - Dnyaneshwari Nilesh Virole, MIT-WPU, India - Prashanth Ramishetty Brigham Young University, Hawaii
03:05 pm	50 mins	Address by Jeff and Janet Nelson, Senior Fellows, International Centre for Law and Religion Studies
03:55 pm	05 mins	Vote of Thanks by Session Coordinator Dr. Bhagwat Biradi, Program Director, Dept. of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune, India
04.00	10 mins.	Group Photograph
04:10 pm	02 min	Session concludes



Panji Saputra

Head of National Sport Affairs Division, Indonesia.

Youth represents today's culture. G20 youth can extend access to all for better ways of equality. The youth need to come together to extend the ties of peace through quality dialogues and help countries grow. Youth can do this by using technology and social-entrepreneurship can be. For this an inclusive education that facilitates education to all is crucial.

"The youth need to come together to extend the ties of peace through quality dialogues and help countries grow."

Zahra Al Hilaly

ACWAY, UK

Simply dialogues are not important. We need action and we must facilitate interfaith development goals too.

"We need action and we must facilitate interfaith development goals."



Alek Barovic

ACWAY, UK

Rising sentiments of nationalism are causing troubles. The Youth can play a crucial role here. Education and dialogue can play a major role in peace building. We need to unite youth in the Balkan region and make impact.

"Education and dialogue can play a major role in peace building."





Andrés Ramos Bonilla

MIT-WPU

Mindful education is a must. Mindfulness can help students study and have a better life. Mindful education can give better focus in life without being dogmatic and intolerant.

“Mindfulness can help students study and have a better life.”

Dr. Yaqeen Sikander

Ph.D in Clinical Psychology, IBN Haldun University

There is a need for decent dialogues to take place. The differences of caste, creed, color and religion need to be addressed sensitively. Religion can be used to build peace.

“Religion can be used to build peace.”



Mr. Himanshu Panday

ACWAY, India

With the boom in AI and social networking each one must strive to avoid hate on social media as it has long lasting impacts. AI can track such words and stop users from using them.

“With the boom in AI and social networking one must strive to avoid hate on social media.”





Supriya Babasaheb Thorat

MIT-WPU, India

I am proud of my roots. The youth needs to spread more awareness about the challenges and issues faced by those who live in the villages. Their focus could be on understanding the problems of women and finding solutions to empower them, as well as effectively communicate these solutions to them.

“The youth needs to spread more awareness about the challenges and issues faced by those who live in the villages.”

Dr. Deepak Kumar

ACWAY, India

160 million kids are deprived of mainstream quality education. Efforts must be made to provide them with food, clothing, shelter and education. I started my school with 3 kids from a slum which now has become a school of 2000 plus kids today.

“Efforts must be made to provide children with food, clothing, shelter and education.”



Aardra Prasanna Manoj

ACWAY, India

Enduring peace is important. Youth can be the change maker and facilitator in this. 1 Billion youth for peace is the movement that is working hard towards these goals.

“Youth can be the change maker and facilitator”





Om Joshi

MIT-WPU

Government policies can be implemented well through awareness. Covid-19 has impacted the closure of many good institutes and efforts need to be made to cater quality education to kids.

“Government policies can be implemented well through awareness”

Greshma Pious Raju

ACWAY, India

Youth can work upon different challenges such as, climate change and education. However peacebuilding should be the priority.

“Peacebuilding should be the priority.”



Dharini Nashikkar

MIT-WPU, India

Youth need peace in heart and mind. The ancient scriptures tell us to keep peace within and peace outside. The youth of India can promote peace through academic curriculum.

“Youth need peace in heart and mind.”





Sophia Lestina

Brigham Young University, Hawaii

Conflict mediation is common in today's world. One must not assume randomly but we need practical ways to settle it.

"Conflict mediation is common in today's world."

Prashanth Ramishetty

Brigham Young University, Hawaii

Each one has a responsibility to contribute towards peace-making in order to achieve the goals of peacebuilding in this world.

"Each one has a responsibility to contribute towards peace-making."



Aaron James

Brigham Young University, Hawaii

Religion and technology can go hand in hand. Dharma and righteousness can help people to be ethical in this complex world.

"Religion and technology can go hand in hand."





Dnyaneshwari Nilesh Virole

MIT-WPU, India

Vrutti is more important in life. Religion and ethics together would help society to be together. Dharma is a duty and way of life that one needs to follow.

“Religion and ethics together would help society to be together.”

Jeff and Janet Nelson

Senior Fellows, International Centre for Law and Religion Studies

We are connected as one global society, and therefore we need to cater to the religious freedom of all.

“We are connected as one global society.”









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VALEDICTORY SESSION



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Program	Valedictory session G20 Interfaith Conference
Venue	Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Dome
Time	Description
02:15 pm	Arrival of the Chief Guests and other Guests
02:16 pm	Ringling of the World Peace Bell
02:18 pm	Lighting of the Lamp
02:20 pm	Introduction by the Anchor – Dr. Gautam Bapat , Program Director, School of Business, MIT-WPU, Pune
02:22 pm	National Anthem
02:24 pm	World Peace Prayer
02:27 pm	World Peace Meditation by Prof. Milind Patre , Associate Dean, Faculty of Peace Studies, MITWPU, Pune
02:30 pm	Video review of the G20 Interfaith Forum
02:33 pm	<p>Felicitation of the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests on the dais</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hamad Al Hammadi, Vice President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities 2. Matius Ho, Executive Director, Leimena Institute 3. Her Excellency Yuyun Wahyuningrum, Chair and Representative of Indonesia to ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) 4. Michael K. Young, Prof. of Law and Former President Texas A&M Univ. Former Chair, US Commission on International Religious Freedom 5. Faraz Hashmi, President, Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities, UAE 6. Dr. Ashok Joshi, Founder, Microlin LLC, Salt Lake City, USA 7. Roderigo Vitorino Souza Alves, Chair, 2024 G20 Interfaith Forum Local Organizing Committee 8. Irenilda Aparecida Maria Francis, (General Coordinator for the Promotion of Religious Freedom National Secretariat for the Promotion and Defense of Human Rights, Ministry of Human Rights and Citizenship 9. Alexandre Brasil Carvalho Da Fonesca, Ministry of Education, Federative Republic of Brazil, Director of Higher Education Policies and Programs 10. Ivo Pereira da Silva, Analyst for Social Policies, General Coordination for the Promotion of Religious Freedom, General Directorate for the Promotion of Human Rights 11. Fabio Nascimento, Translator
02:43 pm	India to Brazil Handover Session at the hands of W. Cole Durham Jr. & Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Shri. Rahul V. Karad
02:53 pm	<p>Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Roderigo Vitorino Souza Alves, Chair, 2024 G20 Interfaith Forum Local Organizing Committee - Alexandre Brasil Carvalho Da Fonesca, Ministry of Education, Federative Republic of Brazil, Director of Higher Education Policies and Programs - Hon'ble Shri. Narayan Bablani Ji, Vice President Vishwa Hindu Parishad, writer Social worker, Founder President Sindhi Heritage Foundation
03:03 pm	<p>Concluding Thoughts and Transition Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reading of the G20 Interfaith Forum Final Statement Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr. (USA)
03:13 pm	<p>Reading of the Citation of Honour</p> <p>Dr. Milind Pande, Convenor, G20 Interfaith Summit</p>
03:18 pm	Vote of Thanks - Dr. Milind Pande , Convenor, G20 Interfaith Summit
03:23 pm	Valedictory Session Concludes

Roderigo Vitorino Souza Alves

Chair, 2024 G20 Interfaith Forum Local Organizing Committee

The handover is a challenge to us. We are thankful for the opportunity given to Brazil. We have learnt from this forum and we will work hard for the success of the forum.

“We will work hard for the success of the forum”



Alexandre Brasil Carvalho Da Fonesca

Ministry of Education, Federative Republic of Brazil,
Director of Higher Education Policies and Programs

The freedom of religion and plurality is central to the G20 nations. They give us the strength to face the challenges posed to us in today's world. The assuming of presidency by developing nations is important as we have to tackle the challenges of poverty and social inclusion. Another challenge is environmental issue and climate change. It is essential we discuss the sustainable development model. Finally, the pandemic has taught us that investment in science and education can help to overcome the global coherent challenges.

“The assuming of presidency by developing nations is important as we have to tackle the challenges of poverty and social inclusion.”

Shri. Narayan Bablani

Vice President, Vishwa Hindu Parishad

Sanatan Dharma believes in the philosophy of One Earth, One World, One Community. Bharat has given support to all the religions such as Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism. We can witness the greatest religious freedom in Bharat. It is crucial that we protect and conserve our heritage sites from natural disasters as they are reservoirs of our eternal values. Conservation of heritage sites is also required as it is an important source tourism and employment opportunities. It is our duty to protect and preserve our culture and heritage.

“We can witness the greatest religious freedom in Bharat.”





Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr. (USA)

Jr., President, G20 Interfaith Forum, USA

The G20 theme of One Earth One World and One family encompasses the challenges and hopes of all the world. We face urgent and pressing problems of economic and financial perils, health and education agenda and socio-political challenges. We need to focus on the most vulnerable which in this case are children. The appeal reflects the values held by diverse religions and traditions. The pandemic demands a global action for solving the inequalities of income and health. Education will play a critical role in resolving the conflicts globally and hence a global action is called for.

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**Vote of Thanks
Dr. Milind Pande**

Convenor, G20 Interfaith Summit

We have witnessed the convergence of 125 speakers and 3000 delegates from countries like Indonesia, USA, Brazil, UK for deliberating for a shared vision of shaping the world for lasting peace and sustainable development. I through this summit. This summit is testament to the power of collaboration and dialogue. The summit had got wide coverage in the national as well as international media. I would like to thank all for their support for organising this summit.























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