





## Appendix 1. Program of the Forum

#### 13.00 - 13.25

## **Opening session**

Izzy Ben-Ebrahim | South Africa | Spiritual Activist & Educator, ACWAY Fellow Sara Rahim | USA | Head of Programming, ACWAY

## Prof. W. Cole Durham, Jr.

## G20 Interfaith Forum

W. Cole Durham, Jr., is the immediate past President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS), and Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law and Founding Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University.

#### Prof. Azza Karam

## Religions for Peace

Prof. Dr. Azza Karam serves as the Secretary General of Religions for Peace – the largest multi-religious leadership platform with 92 national and 6 regional Interreligious Councils. She served as a Senior Advisor on Culture, at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); and as Coordinator/Chair of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development (UN IATF-R&D); and founder of the Multi Faith Advisory Council of the UN IATF-R&D.

## 13:25 - 13:35

Local project presentations by ACWAY fellows (Grantees):

Clement Awanfe Ngueto | Cameroon | Peace building Consultant Tsiry Randrianavelo | Madagaskar | Founder at Move Up Madagascar

## 13.35 - 14.45

## **Break Out Sessions**

# Group 1: Policy Recommendations for **G20IF Italy**

## **Description:**

The G20 is a forum that brings together the political and economic leadership of the twenty largest economies of the world to address global challenges and coordinate responses to them. In 2020, the forum was hosted virtually with the theme "Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All." This year's theme is focused on "Time to Heal: Peace Among Cultures, Understanding between Religions."

The G20 Interfaith Forum (IF20) is a consultative process that seeks to weave interfaith insight and faith perspectives into practical policy recommendations to the G20. ACWAY has been a global youth partner of the G20 Interfaith Forums since 2016. Every year, ACWAY is focused







on building concrete policy recommendations informed by challenges that young people (children, youth, and adults under the age of 40) are facing around the world.

This breakout room will specifically focus on building discussion around specific challenges facing young people, and practical recommendations to address them. The takeaways from this specific room will then be integrated into a policy brief to be submitted to the next G20 Interfaith Forum, on behalf of the Children & Youth Working Group.

## Facilitators:

Jana Jakob | Sweden | Project Coordinator Sara Rahim | USA | Head of Programming, ACWAY

## *In Discussion with:*

**Elizabeta Kitanovic** | Belgium | G20 Interfaith Forum, Secretary

**Skyler Oberst** | USA | Faith & Tech Specialist **Parth Bhansali** | USA | Head of Travel at Groupon

# Group 2: Action planning with URI

## **Description:**

From ideation to evaluation, let's talk action! This breakout room seeks to take an action-based approach to discuss how young people can develop and implement their ideas into successful interfaith projects, including context-specific strategies, challenges, and lessons learned.

We come from different contexts and backgrounds, where our work as interfaith and social justice activists has different political and social implications. Recognising this, what are the strategies and praxes that are useful to be shared with each other? How do we move between the local and global in our responses to social injustice? As young people we are expertly positioned to be navigating the current challenges of our world. We know our communities best, and therefore have the skills to be imagining and co-creating our desired futures. In this breakout session, we hope to create a space of inspiration, skills-sharing and learning. Join us! The breakout room will be run in collaboration with our partners and friends at URI – United Religions Initiative.

## Facilitators:

**Lola Matmusaeva** | Sweden | International Development Professional







	Izzy Ben-Ebrahim   South Africa   Spiritual Activist & Educator in Discussion with:  Tahil Sharma   USA   United Religions Initiative Sarah Oliver   South Africa   United Religions Initiative
Group 3: Local context with GenLab	Description:  Context matters. We hear that a lot and rightly so. The interfaith sector is diverse with many challenges and opportunities that differ from country to country and even within the country as well as within the same religion/faith/culture. The complexity of diversity is a strength in our community but how does it affect interfaith dialogue? What can we learn from each other at the local level about what works and what doesn't? Can we share examples of locally-led initiatives? This interactive session will explore the ACWAY IDGs, and how we can contribute to these at a local level with account for local context. The session will be led by our local partner GenLab based in Bangladesh.  Facilitators:  Ratul Dev   Bangladesh   Executive Director, GenLab
	Sneha Roy   India/UK   Researcher, ACWAY Fellow

## 14:45 - 15:30

## **Closing Ceremony**

14:45 - 14:50

Activities delivered during UN WIHW:

**Zachariah Munayi** | Kenya | Gender & Youth Programme Specialist **Maria K Daka** | Zambia | Social Justice Activist

14.50 - 15.30

Closing remarks & Announcements

**Brittney Stirling** | USA | Program Manager, Stirling Foundation **Kehkashan Basu** | Canada | Founder, Green Hope Foundation

## Announcements:

- 1. How to contribute to the G20IF Youth Policy Brief and present at the Forum
- 2. Capturing impact of interfaith action using ACWAYs Interfaith Development Goals (IDGs)
- 3. Opportunities to apply for the next round of ACWAY's Activism Award grant to deliver activities during UN WIHW 2022