One Humanity, Shared Responsibilities:
Evidence for Religious Groups’ Contributions to Humanitarian Response

Date/Time & Location: May 23, 8:30-10am. Rumeli Hall 6, Lufti Kirdar Convention and Exhibition Center


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The Side Event examines the evidence for religious and faith-based groups’ contributions to humanitarian assistance. Five Evidence Briefs, structured according to the core commitments of the Secretary General’s “One Humanity, Shared Responsibility” report, will be presented. The Side Event is supported by an Online Information Platform that houses the evidence briefs and related resources on the JLIF&LC website: www.jliflc.com/whs

Side Event Objectives:
- Provide recommendations for fuller partnership with religious communities in humanitarian and conflict responses
- Present the evidence base and orient attendees to in-depth resources accessible through the organizers’ online platforms
- Equip religious leaders and FBOs with the evidence for enhancing their own capacity and to ground advocacy for faith-based contributions to humanitarian response, particularly in conflict settings
- Equip policymakers and practitioners with the information they need to make evidence-based decisions regarding full and appropriate engagement of religious and faith-based groups in humanitarian action

Agenda

Introduction & Welcome
- Jean Duff, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities
- Manu Gupta, Asian Disaster Reduction & Response Network

Overview of Key Messages and Evidence Briefs
- Alastair Ager, Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh; JLIF&LC Resilience Learning Hub

Launch of JLIF&LC Peace & Conflict Learning Hub Scoping Paper
- Lucy Salek, Islamic Relief; JLIF&LC Peace and Conflict Learning Hub

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Panel: Local & National Faith Leaders & Networks: Perspectives & Case Studies Illustrating the Evidence

- **Moderator:** Ajit Hazra, World Vision International
- Tomy Hendrajati, Humanitarian Forum Indonesia
- Pastor Santa Johnson, New Harvest Development Office, Sierra Leone
- Nobuyuki Asai, Soka Gakkai International
- **Video Message:** Central African Republic Inter-faith Platform for Peace: Archbishop Dieudonné Nzapalainga, Imam Omar Kobine Layama, and Pastor Nicholas Guéréko yame Gbangou
- **Q&A Discussion**

Panel: Acting on the Evidence: Full engagement of faith-based and religious groups in humanitarian response

- **Moderator:** William Vendley, Religions for Peace
- Michel Veuthey, Order of Malta to UNOG; International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- Naser Haghamed, Islamic Relief Worldwide
- Ulrich Nitschke, International Partnership on Religion & Development (PaRD) Secretariat
- Shahabeddin Mohammadi Araghi, International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies
- Azza Karam, UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion & Development, UNFPA

**Closing Remarks:** Jean Duff, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities

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