



# ENGAGING WITH FAITH ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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STRATEGIC LEARNING EXCHANGE

AMMAN, 21-23 MARCH 2018

LANDMARK HOTEL

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## AGENDA

## Overall Objective

*Participants are more aware of the engagement of faith-based actors in the continuum of humanitarian to development work, and their potential contribution to realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, especially the human rights and gender dimensions.*

## Specific Objectives

- 1. DAY 1: To explore linkages between faith, humanitarian and development work; what religion, faith-based organisations and religious communities have as value-added; and the specific challenges posed by these inter-linkages.**

**Objective 1:** *Participants will better understand and be able to articulate clearly the linkages between faith, development and humanitarian work in contemporary contexts. They should be able to appreciate religious and spiritual dimensions of the framing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

- 2. DAY 2: How does faith interact or intersect with development and humanitarian work?**

**Objective 2:** *Participants will be able to identify and articulate opportunities and challenges, strengths, weaknesses, entry points and modalities for:*

- *Partnership with faith leaders, religious communities and faith-based organizations (FBOs) in development and humanitarian work in the frame of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;*
- *Internal cultures of development/humanitarian organizations, e.g. resistance towards religion as part of a response in development and humanitarian contexts;*
- *Challenges and opportunities of new partnerships (government relations, NGO/CSO dynamics, etc.); and,*
- *Strategies to strengthen partnerships and address some of the challenges associated with these.*

- 3. DAY 3: What do the UN and Governments need to do differently or better in order to improve partnerships with the range of faith-based actors when undertaking development and humanitarian work?**

Critical assessment of challenges and opportunities of partnerships–focusing on diverse forms of partnerships with faith-based organizations and their interaction with governmental entities and structures.

**Objective 3:** *Based on the reflections and knowledge shared over the preceding two days, participants will have identified skills and approaches to strengthen UN, inter-governmental and development/humanitarian agencies' collaborative partnerships with FBOs, in particular to achieve a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities encountered in efforts to strengthen capacity, engage in advocacy, and enhance national ownership processes.*

### **Objective 4:**

- *Participants will be able to use a number of different mapping tools to understand the types, locations, and activities of faith-based actors at country level;*
- *Participants will participate in a role-play exercise to visualize and understand the skills needed to work on and with religious dynamics and partners in development and humanitarian contexts; and will be able to view the rich practical resource tools available to them after the Strategic Learning Exchange.*

***Cross-Cutting Issues: human rights and gender equality  
Understanding of the 2030 Agenda principle of leave no one behind***

## DAY I – WEDNESDAY, 21 March 2018

*Objectives: Participants will have, by the end of the day:*

- (i) A clearer understanding of the linkages, opportunities, challenges, principles, world views and entry points for partnership between FBOs and UN development and humanitarian agencies (from both UN and FBO perspectives).*
- (ii) Identified possible ways in which partnerships have been or might be introduced/strengthened in their respective areas of work.*
- (iii) A greater understanding of the availability, methodologies and impact of ‘evidence’ on the work of FBOs and FBO-UN/international development/humanitarian organizations partnerships.*

- 9:15 – 12:30**            **OPENING AND WELCOME** – HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal: topic tbd
- 12:30 – 13:00**            **GROUP PHOTO (with HRH) & Coffee/Tea Break**
- 13:00 – 14:00**            **LUNCH**
- 14:00 – 14:30**            **INTRODUCTION by CO-FACILITATORS** – Objectives of the SLE  
*Co-convener: HLA, JHCO*  
*UN-representatives: tbd*  
*German Ambassador: tbc*  
*FBO representatives: tbd*
- 14:30 – 15:30**            **QUOTATIONS EXERCISES** – WHY ARE WE HERE/WHAT MOVES US?
- 15:30 – 16:00**            *Coffee/Tea Break*
- 16:00 – 17:30**            **INTERACTIVE PANEL I**: DEFINITIONS, FRAMING PARTNERSHIPS - SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES: UN and Governmental Perspectives  
  
*CHAIR/MODERATOR: tbd*  
*SPEAKERS: tbd*  
*DISCUSSANT: tbd*
- 17:30 – 18:30**            **INTERACTIVE PANEL II** - DEFINITIONS, FRAMING PARTNERSHIPS - SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES: Faith-based/Faith-inspired Perspectives
- Speakers to Provoke Conversation:**  
  
*CHAIR/MODERATOR: tbd*  
*SPEAKERS: tbd*  
*DISCUSSANT: tbd*
- 19:00**                    **DINNER**

## DAY II – THURSDAY, 22 March 2018

### QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DOES FAITH INTERACT OR INTERSECT WITH DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN WORK?

*Objective: The exchange of experiences and lessons learned through a series of case studies on different models and approaches to partnership between FBOs, governmental representation and the UN. Participants, following the interactive discussions, will have identified potential ideas, methods or strategies they could use to strengthen partnerships or address partnership challenges in working with FBOs in their own setting around development and humanitarian work.*

09:00 – 09:15	RECAP OF DAY I & INTRODUCTION TO DAY II OBJECTIVES AND ORGANIZATION
09:15 – 13:00	WORLD CAFÉ (CASE STUDIES)  [Themes and groups will be determined per participants' own expertise and case studies submitted]
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Resume Groups
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
14:00 – 16:00	Resume Groups
16:00 – 16:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:15 – 17:15	FEEDBACK IN OPEN FORUM/PLENARY <i>Method tbd</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Innovative approaches used</li><li>▪ Trends emerging – common approaches</li><li>▪ “Parked” Issues: Tough/Outstanding questions: “things we may have to learn to live with”</li></ul>
17:15 – 17:30	SUMMING UP and Preparation for Day 3
19:00	DINNER

## Day III - FRIDAY, 23 March 2018

### QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SKILLS DO WE NEED TO ENSURE WE HAVE AND WHAT ARE OUR TAKE-AWAYS FROM THESE DAYS?

#### Objectives:

- (i) Participants have identified some of the skills needed to understand the key challenges and elements needed to strengthen UN, governmental and faith-based development/humanitarian collaborative partnerships to strengthen capacity, engage in advocacy, and enhance national ownership processes.*
- (ii) Participants know which tools are available, and how some of these may be used to assess religious dynamics, as well as FBOs and their respective structures. Participants will also be able to view the practical resource tool made available to them beyond this Exchange.*
- (iii) Participants partake of an exercise to visualize and understand the skills needed to work on and with religious dynamics and partners in development and humanitarian contexts.*

09:00 – 09:15	RECAP OF DAY II – MAIN REFLECTIONS
09:15 – 10:30	Presentation of existing tools (Assessing religious landscape/FBO Mapping/KAICIID Mapping, Religious/ Developmental Literacy courses, etc.) – <i>KAICIID; PaRD Secretariat;</i>  PRESENTATION OF PaRD PLATTFORM: Website/Dashboard, <i>PaRD Secretariat</i>  PRESENTATION OF EXISTING TOOLS BY PARTICIPANTS
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 – 12:10	CREATIVE SKILLS DEVELOPMENT EXERCISE: ACTING ON FAITH IN A HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT
10:15 – 10:35	Overview of/Introduction to the Role Play by facilitators
10:35 – 11:00	Group and Teams familiarize with the Role Play & prepare
11:00 – 11:30	Enactment
11:30 – 12:00	Feedback and General Comments
12:00 – 12:15	Wrap-Up (facilitators)
12:15 – 13:15	EVALUATIONS, CERTIFICATE AWARD
13:15 – 13:35	CLOSURE & FAREWELLS
13:35	LUNCH