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**Faith and Development Leaders' Meeting**

**FAITH-INSPIRED NETWORKS AND ORGANIZATIONS:  
THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES**

A meeting organized by the Development Dialogue on Values and Ethics at The World Bank, the UK Department for International Development, and the World Faiths Development Dialogue

**Accra, Ghana, July 1-2, 2009**

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Background

At Lambeth Palace in 1998, World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn and Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey launched a dialogue to strengthen partnerships and understanding between the worlds of faith and development. Subsequent meetings in 1999, 2002 and 2005 convened leaders from the world's faith communities and key development organizations, as well as people representing philanthropic organizations, private companies, and the arts, to explore new ways to meet global development challenges. A core conclusion of the 2005 Dublin meeting was that the next phase of dialogue should *"look actively for a practical and better defined path forward for faith and development collaboration."*

Objective and participants

The Accra meeting on July 1-2, 2009 has three main objectives: to (1) take stock of the extensive and rich experience on the ground of faith-inspired networks and organizations in implementing development programs and policies; (2) discuss the role of religious leaders as advocates on strategic development issues at regional and global levels, with emphasis on how to scale up successful development programs and policies; and (3) identify clear ways forward for expanding analytical work, capacity development, and policy dialogue involving faith and development, especially for service delivery in education, health and social protection. The meeting will be framed by the economic crisis that is dramatically affecting the poor across the developing world.

The meeting's focus will be Africa, including fragile states where development needs are highest and faith-inspired networks and organizations are the most active in service delivery. Graeme Wheeler, World Bank Managing Director, and Lord Carey of Clifton, former Archbishop of Canterbury will co-chair the meeting. Participation will be limited to about 80 people, to promote in-depth dialogue. Participants will include faith leaders, managers of faith-inspired organizations delivering services to the poor, government officials, representatives from donors and multilateral development organizations, foundations, and representatives from major interfaith organizations. The meeting will be organized jointly by the Development Dialogue on Values and Ethics at the World Bank, the UK Department for International Development, and the World Faiths Development Dialogue. Financial support for the meeting will come from the World Bank and the UK Department for International Development.

## Expected Outcomes

Two main outcomes are expected. Background notes and case studies prepared in advance of the meeting will inform discussions of roles played by faith-inspired networks and organizations in development programs and policies. Discussions will help in reaching common understandings of various roles and practical and policy challenges, especially regarding relationships with partners such as governments and donors, and possible steps to increase and better document the impact of their work. Second, the meeting is expected to suggest strategic directions for the future work related to faith and development of participating organizations, including the World Bank. The meeting's results, including the case studies, key lessons from their discussion, and strategic directions for future work on faith and development proposed by participants, will be published.

## **Tentative Agenda**

### ***Tuesday, June 30***

From 2:00 p.m. onwards, participants will register upon their arrival in Accra.

6:30 p.m. Opening reception

### ***Wednesday, July 1***

#### **9:00 a.m. -10.15 a.m. – Opening and Introductions**

- Opening Remarks, Lord Carey and Graeme Wheeler
- Comments, Archbishop Robert Aboagye-Mensah
- Opening of workshop, Ghana Official to be confirmed

#### **10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Role of Faith-Inspired Organizations in Health**

- Health challenges for Africa, Joy Phumaphi, Vice President, Human Development, World Bank
- Role of FIOs in Service Delivery, Dr Samuel Mwenda, Secretary General, CHAK
- Comments, Makki Abdelnabi Mohamed Hamid, Islamic Relief

#### **11:30-11:45 Tea and Coffee Break**

#### **11:45 a.m. -1:15 p.m. – Role of Faith-Inspired Organizations in HIV/AIDS and Malaria**

- HIV/AIDS challenges for Africa, Canon Gideon Byamugisha
- Mobilizing faith communities around malaria, Ruth Turner, Tony Blair Faith Foundation
- Fostering cooperation between the UN and faith groups on health care, Sally Smith, UNAIDS
- Community projects to fight malaria in Mali, Dr. Ichiaka Koné, Project Muso

#### **1:15-2:30 Lunch**

#### **2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m. – Faith-Inspired Organizations and Services for Vulnerable Groups**

- Early childhood education: Experience of the Aga Khan Network, Nicholas McKinlay, AKDN
- Reaching the Poorest, Eugen Brand, International Movement ATD Fourth World
- Service Delivery for Street Children in the DRC, Remy Mafu, REEJER

**4:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m. – Tea and Coffee Break**

**4:30 p.m.– 6:00p.m. – Service Delivery Challenges in the light of the MDGs**

- Discussion moderated by Agnes Abuom, Member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee, and Dr. Hany El Banna, President of the Humanitarian Forum.

*Thursday, July 2nd*

**9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. - Role of Faith-Inspired Organizations in Promoting Peace**

- The challenge of conflict, William Leshner, World Parliament of Religions
- Case study by Mauro Garofalo, Community of Sant Egidio
- Conflict, Gender, and Vulnerable Groups, Jacqueline Ogega Morturi, WCRP

**10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Tea and Coffee Break**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Current Economic Crisis and its Implications**

- Impact of the crisis and responses, Ishac Diwan, Country Director, World Bank
- Role of faith leaders and FIOs, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick
- Remarks, Ingrid Srinath, President, CIVICUS

**12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Lunch**

**2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. - Advocacy opportunities and challenges**

- Bilateral support for advocacy by faith communities and leaders, Peter Kerby, DFID
- Faith and Development: Perspectives from US Administration, Rabbi David Saperstein
- Keeping donors to their aid pledges in the context of crisis, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Diocese of Dublin, Ireland

**3:30 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Tea and Coffee Break**

**4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Concluding Session - Looking Forward: Directions for development & faith partnerships**

- Katherine Marshall, Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue
- Quentin Wodon, Advisor, Development Dialogue on Values and Ethics, World Bank
- Concluding remarks by Lord Carey and Graeme Wheeler

**6:00 p.m. Reception and Dinner**