

## International Conference:

# Religious Communities and Sustainable Development - Points of Departure for a Post-2030 Development Agenda

**Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

9h00 – 9h30 **Opening**

9h30 – 11h00 **Parallel Sessions I**

11h00 – 11h30 **Coffee Break**

11h30 – 13h00 **Parallel Sessions II**

13h00 – 14h30 **Lunch**

14h30 – 16h30 **Plenary I**

**Keynote**

**Ezra Chitando**, *University of Zimbabwe*:  
“Strides and Struggles. Religion and Development in Africa”

**Keynote**

**Shobana Shankar**, *Stony Brook University*:  
“Renunciation: Practices for a Post-Prosperity and Pandemic Age”

16h30 – 17h00 **Coffee Break**

**Wednesday, 9 June 2021**

9h00 – 11h00 **Plenary II**

**Keynote**

**Judith Becker**, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*:  
“Mission Histories. On the Relationship Between Conversion and Development in the History of Christian Missions”

**Keynote**

**Emma Tomalin**, *University of Leeds*: “Faith in 'Leave No One Behind' Beyond 2030”

11h00 – 11h30 **Coffee Break**

11h30 – 13h00 **Parallel Sessions III**

13h00 – 15h00 **Lunch**

15h00 – 16h30 **Policy & Practice Plenary**  
Co-hosted with the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities

Roundtable: “Tensions of Transdisciplinary Knowledge Exchange Between Development Practice and Research”

**Panelists**

**Kathryn Kraft**, *World Vision International*  
**Nora Khalaf-Elledge**, *University of London*  
**Anupama Ranawana**, *Christian Aid*  
**Sarah Markiewicz**, *Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin*  
**Lincoln Lau**, *International Care Ministries*

**Chairs**

**Olivia Wilkinson & Jennifer Eggert**, *JLI*

16h30 – 17h00 **Coffee Break**

**Thursday, 10 June 2021**

9h00 – 11h00 **Parallel Sessions V**

Presentations of research projects by participants of the Master Class: “Tensions of Transdisciplinarity. A Master Class on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development”

11h00 – 11h30 **Coffee Break**

11h30 – 13h00 **Parallel Sessions VI**

13h00 – 14h30 **Lunch**

14h30 – 16h30 **Plenary III**

**Keynote**

**Almut Renger & Robekkah Ritchie**, *Freie Universität Berlin*: “Nature and Sustainability in the Scientific Study of Buddhism”

**Keynote**

**Ignatius Swart**, *University of the Western Cape*:  
“Bringing Religion and Development into the Curriculum: The Case of a New Focus on Sustainable Development at University of the Western Cape”

16h30 – 17h00 **Coffee Break**

**Friday, 11 June 2021**

9h00 – 11h00 **Policy & Practice Plenary**

**Impulse**

**Dietrich Werner**, *Bread for the World*:  
“Towards a Post-2030 Development Agenda - A Transdisciplinary Perspective”

**Panel discussion**: “Towards a Post-2030 Development Agenda”

**Panelists**

**Nadine Bowers-Du Toit**, *Stellenbosch University*  
**Timo Biank**, *Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit*  
**Nayla Tabbara**, *Adyan Foundation*  
**Lata Narayanaswamy**, *University of Leeds*  
**Obiora Ike**, *Globethics*

**Closing Remarks**

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**Please note:**

\*All times indicated refer to  
Central European Time (CET)

\*The plenary sessions will be recorded

## Lecture Series on African Independent and Pentecostal Approaches to Theology and Development

17h00 – 18h00 **Church Leader's Keynote**

**Rev. Titus Mooketsi**, *Lutheran Bapedi Church, South Africa*: “The Lutheran Bapedi Church – Decolonial Developments Since 1890”

17h00 – 18h00 **Church Leader's Keynote**

**Pastor. Victoria Oppong-Boateng**, *Victory Bible Church, Ghana*: “Women Leadership in Ghanaian Pentecostal Church”

19h00 – 20h30 **Parallel Sessions IV**

17h00 – 18h00 **Church Leader's Keynote**

**Apostle Siboniso Ngobese**, *Gilgal Bible Church, South Africa*: “The Role of Religious Communities in Fostering Social Cohesion in a South African Townships”

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