

International Conference for Christian Investors and Development Agencies FaithInvest: Building Bridges



**Mon 21 January 2019, 14h – Tue 22 January 2019, 17h
Geneva/Switzerland, Ecumenical Centre**

Topic

Churches and church-related institutions with their pension funds and capital invest billions of dollars worldwide. How can these investments become more consistent with the Christian values and have positive impact on development? And how can Christian development agencies with their expertise and partners match the needs of Christian investors? This conference aims at **increasing trust** between Christian (institutional) investors and Christian development agencies, **share experiences** of cooperation and **develop strategies** for future joint projects. The conference also contributes to the newly built FaithInvest Alliance.

Twin

This is the second part of a twin conference. We recommend to participate in both conferences. The first one focusses on spirituality at the workplace as source of energy and orientation and takes place from Sunday 20 Jan, 13h to Monday 21 Jan, 14.30h at the same venue.

Registration

Please register until 31 December. In case a visa is needed, ask for the invitation letter immediately.

Registration and updates on the programme on www.gafoundation.world/conferences.

DAY 1: Monday 21 January 2019	
Time	Activity
14.00-14.30	Registration of (new) participants
14.30-14.45	1 Opening Address <i>Prof. Dr. Christoph Stückelberger, Executive Director Geneva Agape Foundation. Rudelmar Bueno da Faria, General Secretary ACT Alliance, both Geneva Switzerland</i>
14.45-15.10	2 Keynote: Aid and Investments. The need for cooperation between investors and development agencies. <i>Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, General Secretary of the African Conference of Churches AACC, Nairobi/Kenya</i>
15.15-16.15	3 Building Trust: presentation of 3 core Christian participants' groups and their roles: Institutional Investors, Development Agencies, Churches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Pat Gleesen, Managing Director ECLOF International (Microfinance), Geneva/Switzerland</i> • <i>Ging Ledesma, Director Investor Relations and Social Performance, Oikocredit (Ecumenical Microcredit), Amersfoort, The Netherlands(tbc)</i> • <i>Dr. Ulrich Möller, Member of the Church leadership, Protestant Church of Nordrhein Westfalen, Germany, President of OneClimate Fund (tbc)</i>
16.15-16.45	Networking Break
16.45-18.00	4 Mixed workgroups
18.30-21.00	Networking Apéro rich / Reception with short presentations of personalities and institutions
Day 2: Tuesday 22 January 2019	
Time	Topic
08.30	5 Chapel prayer
08.45-10.00	6 Building bridges: Panel: cases in the field of cooperation between investors and development programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Terry Gray, Executive Director, Impact Bridges Group for impact of social programmes, Toronto, Canada</i> • <i>Jørgen Thomsen, Chair of the Council in the Oikos Cooperative Bank and Advisor on Religion and Development, DanChurchAid, Copenhagen/Denmark</i> • <i>Nicolas Lorne, Founder of Waterpreneurs, Innovate for Water Marketplaces, Lausanne, Switzerland</i> • <i>Stephan Werhahn, President of the Workgroup Responsible Finance of the Alliance of Catholic Entrepreneurs (BKU), Germany</i>
10.00-10.30	Networking Break
10.30-12.00	7 Networks present their work and vision of cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ACT Alliance: Nick Clarke, Head of Strategy and Partnerships, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>FaithInvest Alliance: Dr Martin Palmer, Interim President, London, GB</i> • <i>Swiss Impact Investment Association: Klaus-Michael Christensen, Zug, Switzerland</i> • <i>Geneva Agape Foundation/China SDG Fund, Prof. Dr Karl Pilny, Geneva, Switzerland and Charles Song, Investor, Beijing, China</i> • <i>International Network of Financial Centres for Sustainability FC4S: Mark Halle, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility ICCR: Rev. Seamon Finn, Chair Board of Directors, New York, USA</i> <i>Questions and Answers in Plenary</i>
12.00-13.30	Lunch break

13.40-14.00	<p>8 Keynote. Funding and Implementing the SDGs by Building Bridges between UN Agencies and Faith Communities</p> <p><i>Michael Moller, Secretary General United Nations Geneva Office UNOG</i> <i>[Or Dr. Jamison Ervin, United Nations Development Programme UNDP, Manager Global Programme Nature for Development, New York, USA] tbc</i></p>
14.00-15.00	<p>9 Workgroups to elaborate strategies for cooperation</p>
15.00-16.30	<p>10 Plenary: Strategic Planning, Lessons Learnt, Next Steps, Conclusions</p>
16.30-16.45	<p>Closing</p>