

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
14.30-14.40	1 Opening Address <i>Prof. Dr. Christoph Stückelberger, Executive Director Geneva Agape Foundation.</i> <i>Mr. Rudelmar Bueno da Faria, General Secretary ACT Alliance, both Geneva Switzerland</i>
14.40-15.10	2 Keynotes: 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> Agape Investments. Risk Taking for social progress. <i>Prof. Cui Wantian, entrepreneur, investor, Beijing/China, President of Geneva Agape Foundation</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>Mr. Nicolas Karambadzakis, Partner Relations Consultant ECLOF International, Geneva/Switzerland</i> • <i>Mrs. Ging Ledesma, Director Investor Relations and Social Performance, Oikocredit (Ecumenical Microcredit), Ammersfort, The Netherlands</i> • <i>Dr. Ulrich Möller, Member of the Church leadership, Protestant Church of Nordrhein Westfalen, Germany, President of OneClimate Fund</i> • <i>Prof. Dr. Paul Dembinski, President of the Council of Rente Genevoise (semi-public Pension Fund Geneva) and Director/Founder of Observatoire de la Finance, Geneva.</i>
16.15-16.45	Networking Break
16.45-18.00	4 Mixed workgroups
18.30-21.00	Networking Apéro rich in Geneva old city (Quadia Investment Company)
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>Mr. Terry Gray, Executive Director, Impact Bridges Group for impact of social programmes, Toronto, Canada</i> • <i>Mr. Jørgen Thomsen, Chair of the Council in the Oikos Cooperative Bank and Advisor on Religion and Development, DanChurchAid, Copenhagen/Denmark</i> • <i>Mr. Nicolas Lorne, Founder of Waterpreneurs, Innovate for Water Marketplaces, Lausanne, Switzerland</i> • <i>Mr. Stephan Werhahn, Bundesvorstand / Board member for International relations 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: Mr. Rudelmar Bueno da Faria, General Secretary, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>FaithInvest Alliance: Dr Martin Palmer, Interim President, London, GB</i> • <i>Swiss Impact Investment Association: Mr. Klaus-Michael Christensen, Zug, Switzerland</i> • <i>Geneva Agape Foundation/China SDG Fund, Prof. Dr Karl Pilny, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>International Network of Financial Centres for Sustainability FC4S: Mr. Mark Halle, Geneva, Switzerland</i> • <i>Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility ICCR: Rev. Seamus Finn, Chair Board of Directors, New York, USA</i> <p>Questions and Answers in Plenary</p>

12.00-13.30	Lunch break
13.40-14.00	8 Keynote. Religions for Development: Funding and Implementing the SDGs by cooperation between Governments, UN Agencies and Faith Communities <i>Prof. Obiora Ike, Executive Director Globethics.net and its Representative to PaRD, Africa Representative to the Club of Rome, Founder/President of a Christian Bank in Nigeria</i>
14.00-15.00	9 Workgroups to elaborate strategies for cooperation
15.00-16.30	10 Plenary: Strategic Planning, Lessons Learnt, Next Steps, Conclusions
16.30-16.45	Closing