

# Words to Actions. 5<sup>th</sup> International Faith-based Investment Conference January 21 (Friday) Geneva & Online



World Council  
of Churches



## Registration

8:00-9:00

Coffee (for the Geneva attendees)

## Opening remarks -On the need of a strong collaboration between Faiths and Finance to foster Sustainable Development, and more specifically, sustainable finance

9:00-9:20

- Dr. Nicoleta Acatrinei, Dr. Christoph Stückelberger, Geneva Agape Foundation GAF, Geneva
- Dr. Isabel Phiri, Deputy General Secretary World Council of Churches, and Athena Peralta, Program Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, WCC, Geneva
- Dr. Martin Palmer Founder and Director of FaithInvest, and Nana François, Director Membership, FaithInvest, London /UK
- Timo Plutschinski, Director WEA Business Coalition, Hambourg/Germany

## Part 1: On the role of regulatory bodies and international institutions in fostering sustainable development and most specifically, sustainable finance.

People engage online through the GAF Conference application .

Panel ends at 10:00 and then, Q and A

### Moderator:

9:20-10:20

Jean-Pierre Sweertz and Nicoleta Acatrinei

### Keynotes

1. Christoph Baumann, Head of Taskforce on Sustainable Finance, Swiss Federal Department of Finance, State Secretariat for International Finance SIF, Financial System & Financial Markets
2. Eric Usher, Executive Director, UN Environment Program Finance Initiative
3. Nicholas Niggli, Initiator and Member of the Steering Committee at Building Bridges, Switzerland

10:20-10:30

**Break**

**Part 2: On the role of faiths and religious institutions in questioning and shaping the role of finance in human society.**

People engage through the GAF Conference application. Panel ends at 11:15, and then, Q & A

**Moderator:**

Athena Peralta and Obiora Ike

10:30-11:30

**Keynotes**

1. Dr. Isabel Phiri, WCC
2. Son Excellence, Monseigneur Rey, Bishop of Fréjus-Toulon and Mgr Lionel Dalle, Vicaire général du diocèse de Fréjus-Toulon
3. Son Excellence, the Bishop Prof. Dr. mult. Thomas Schirmacher Secretary General of WEA
4. Dr. Martin Palmer, FaithInvest
5. Son Excellence, Metropolitan of Zimbabwe and Angola Serafim Kykotis

**Part 3 Working Session:**

Working groups with active interaction of participants.

Solution sharing sessions - Successful stories, Testimonies, Problems and Solutions, Best practices.

11:30-12:30

- Geneva Agape Foundation
- WEA
- WCC
- FaithInvest
- Globethics.net: Obiora Ike, Executive Director, and Lucy Howe López, Deputy Executive Director

12:30-14:00

**Lunch and networking through the Commissioned GAF Conference application**

**Part 4: On the role of Faith may/could/should play in financial markets and impact investing to deliver change: challenges and opportunities.**

People engage through the GAF application

Panel ends at 15:00 and then, Q & A

**Moderator:**

David Brenner and Nicoleta Acatrinei

14:00-15:30

**Keynotes**

1. Cathie Wood, CEO ARK Invest
2. Archduke Imre of Austria, CEO of ALITER
3. Robin John, CEO of Eventide and Tim Weinhold, Director, Eventide
4. Guillaume Taylor, Founder of Quadia

15:30-15:40

**Break and Networking - in person and online**

**Part 5: On the role of the private sector such as investors, banks, multinationals and SME in driving sustainable economic activities, promoting SDGs, ESGs in aligning them with faith-centred values – scaling up opportunities**

**Moderator:**

David Brenner and Timo Plutschinski

15:40-16:30

**Keynotes**

1. Guillaume d'Alançon, Aliter, Geneva, Switzerland : " Building Investement funds based on the Catholic Social Doctrine"
2. David Hoyme, Eventide Insitute
3. Mason Tan, Singapore

**Part 6: Parallel working groups with active interaction of participants.**

Solution sharing sessions - Successful stories, Testimonies, Problems and Solutions, Best practices.

16:30- 17:  
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1. Guillaume d'Alançon, Aliter, Geneva, Switzerland : " Building Investement funds based on the Catholic Social Doctrine"
2. Sebastian Văduva, Director of the Griffiths School of Management & IT, Serial Entrepreneur Faith-driven and Corneliu Niste, Faith-driven young Entrepreneur: "Entrepreneurship and Faith in the context of the Eastern Europe"
3. Humberto Shikiya, President CREAS, and Magdalena Vieyra, CREAS, Argentina: "Creating a network of Latin-American faith-based investors: Challenges and perspectives"

**Part 7: Plenary**

Moderators: Nana François and Dr. Christoph Stueckelberger

How Faiths are actually moving their money?

17:15-17:45

- Dr. Rob Fohr, Director of Faith-based Investment and Corporate Engagement, Presbyterian Mission Responsibility through Investment
- Dr. Bright Mawudor, Executive Director, AACC ( All Africa Conferences of Churches)
- Rev. Fletcher Harper, Executive Director, Green Faith

**Closing Keynote**

Introduction of the speaker: Nicoleta Acatrinei

17:45-18:00

"Quo Vadis ? The future of sustainable finance and faiths' role in driving it."  
Prof. Paul Dembinski, Director, Observatoire de la Finance, Geneva

**Conclusion**

Summaries of the parallel workshops, Conclusions, Lessons and Next Steps: Christoph Stückelberger, Athena Peralta, Martin Palmer, Nana François, Timo Plutschinski, Lucy Howe López, Nicoleta Acatrinei.

18:00-18:15

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