

Faith-based Entrepreneurs: Stronger Together International Networking Conference



**22 (Mon) to 23 (Tue) January 2018 in Geneva, Switzerland
(Ecumenical Centre)**

Topic

Faith in business: How can I live my faith and values in daily decisions in my company and professional life? How can we learn from each other? How can we be stronger by connecting in associations and fellowships?

The conference brings together Associations of Christian Entrepreneurs (and to some extent Christian Workers Associations and Christian investors) from all continents and backgrounds in order to *learn* from each other, *connect* to each other and explore and plan how to *cooperate*. Faith-based partners from other religions are invited even though the focus is on Christians. One focus is on linking with Christian Entrepreneurs in China and the academic research about them.

The conference is organized by the Geneva Agape Foundation with the World Council of Churches and supported by sponsors.

Market

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Moderator

Christoph Stückelberger, Professor of Ethics, Executive Director Geneva Agape Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland

<i>*confirmed speakers; **to be confirmed</i>		
Date	Time	Topic
21 Jan – Sunday	Anytime	Arrival in Geneva
Day 1 22 Jan Monday Learn and Connect	08.00 – 08.30	Arrival at the venue, registration
	08.30 – 09.00	Worship with the Ecumenical Centre in the Ecumenical Chapel
	09.10 – 09.30	Opening Session: Programme, Participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cui Wantian*</i>, Entrepreneur, Prof. of Economics, Founder of Kingdom Business College and Founder/President of Geneva Agape Foundation, Beijing, China • <i>Isabel Phiri*</i>, Prof. of Ethics, Deputy General Secretary, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland
	09.30 – 10.30	Faith in Business in China <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: <i>Prof. You Bin*</i>, Director Religious Research Institute, Minzu University of China, Beijing Faith in Business in Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: <i>Pastor John Enelama*</i>, Entrepreneur, Apostles in the Marketplace, Lagos, Nigeria Faith in Business Globally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote: <i>Mr. Rolando Medeiros*</i>, President Uniapac International (International Christian Union of Business Executives), Chile
	10.30-11.00	<i>Networking Tea Break / getting to know each other</i>
	11.00-12.45	Christian Entrepreneurs' Associations: Past, Present, Future. Presentation (10' each) and Panel/Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith in Business, Cambridge, UK: <i>Dr. Richard Higginson*</i>, Director, and <i>Kina Robertshaw*</i> • International Association of Christian Entrepreneurs IVCG and VCU, Switzerland: <i>Michael Nägeli*</i>, past President • Association of Catholic Entrepreneurs in Germany (Bund Kath. Unternehmer BKU): <i>Stephan Werhahn*</i>, President of Internat. Commission • European Economic Summit, Netherlands: <i>Dr. Arleen Westerhof*</i>, Director/Founder • World Evangelical Alliance Business Coalition WEABC, Germany: <i>Timo Plutschinski*</i>, Director • Association of Orthodox Business Leaders in Russia: <i>Prof. Alexander Ageev*</i>, Prof. of Economics, President • International Labor Organization, Geneva: <i>Pierre Martino-Lagarde*</i>, Special Advisor for Socio Religious Affairs • Les Entrepreneurs et Dirigeants Chrétiens, France : <i>Philippe Royer**</i>
	12.45 – 14.15	<i>Networking Lunch / getting to know each other</i>
14.15 – 15.30	Workgroups: The Responsibility of Christian Entrepreneurs <i>Moderators</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For the company <i>Rodrigo Whitelaw, Director, Uniapac*</i> ➤ For Environment <i>Martin Palmer, Director, ARC*</i> ➤ For the Family <i>Niels Riconalla, CEO, FOCIG Philippines*</i> ➤ For the Churches <i>Peralta Athena, Programme Executive, WCC*</i> ➤ For Politics/Advocacy <i>Yvan Maillard Ardent, Program Officer, Bread for All*</i> ➤ For Impact Investments <i>Nicolas Lorne, CEO Waterpreneurs *</i> (Moderators will present the results on Day 2)	

	15.30 – 16.00	tea break / getting to know each other more
	16.00 – 17.30	<p>Panel: Christian Faith in Workplace. Multi-Stakeholder Moderator: <i>Athena Peralta*</i>, Program Executive Economic Justice, World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Aid SALT Business Network, UK: Entrepreneurs and Workers in Christian Development Organisations (<i>Helen Howe*</i>, SALT Manager) • Fellowship of Christians in Government FOCIG, Philippines: Christians in Public Administration (<i>Niels Riconalla*</i>, President/CEO) • Alliance for Religions and Conservation, UK: Faith-consistent Investments (<i>Martin Palmer*</i>, Executive Director) • Princeton University, Faith & Work Initiative, US (<i>Dr. Nicoleta Acatrinei*</i>, Researcher) • Bread for All, Switzerland: Responsible Business (<i>Yvan Maillard Ardenti*</i>, Programme Officer Business & Human Rights) • Internat. Council for Trade and Sustainable Development ICTSD, Switzerland: Working in an international organisation (<i>Wallace Cheng*</i>, Managing Director) • City Vision, UK: Faith in professional life (<i>Tony Hodges*</i>, Founder)
	17.30	Travel to Old Town (Take bus 5 and drop at Place Neuve, walk via Place de Neuve and Rue de la Tertasse)
	18.15 - 21.00	<p>Cases: Stories of Christian Entrepreneurs Christian Entrepreneurs/Sponsors tell about their companies, faith in business and foundations, with buffet-dinner at the Societe-de-lecture (Grand Rue 11, 1204 Genève); Host is <i>Guillaume Taylor*</i>, Banker/Investor, Board member of GAF, Geneva, Switzerland. Further Contributors: <i>Dieter and Jeanne Pestalozzi*</i>, Entrepreneur and President of Bread for All, Zurich, Switzerland; Prof. Dr. <i>Christoph Sigrist*</i>, Urbain Diakonia Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland</p>
	21.00	back to hotel
Day 2 23 Jan Tuesday Connect and Cooperate	08.30	Arrival at the venue
	08.40 - 09.10	Prayer in the chapel, Summary of Day 1
	09.15- 10.30	<p>Plenary: Values-Driven Entrepreneurship in different World Views and Continents. Keynotes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Hubert Miyimi Muwawa*</i>, Director General, Société National des Hydrocarbures du Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo DRC • <i>Prof. Cui Wantian*</i>, President of GAF, Prof. of Economics, Beijing, China • <i>Ms. Cui Ning*</i>, Kingdom Business College, Beijing, China • <i>Prof. Li Xiangping*</i>, Director Religion and Social Research Centre, East China Normal University, Shanghai, China
	10.30-11.00	tea break
	11.00 – 12.15	Plenary: Presentation of Workgroups
	12.15 - 13.00	<p>Promotional Market: Book launches, presentation of Journals, events; Visit of tables/exhibition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Globethics.net “China Christian” Book Series, Book Launch - Other presentations from participating institutions - Unveiling ceremony of new Chinese partners
	13.00 - 14.30	Networking Lunch/ getting to know each other more
	14.30 - 15.30	Networking: Build interest groups or bilateral contacts on e.g. publications, events, spiritual leadership, advocacy etc.

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	16.00 - 17.30	Plenary: The Way Forward (Moderator: Christoph Stückelberger, GAF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Joint Declaration ➤ Tools of future cooperation ➤ A Global Forum of Faith-based Entrepreneurs Associations? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses from Geneva Agape Foundation (<i>Prof. Cui Wantian*</i>, President of GAF) and • World Council of Churches (<i>Isabel Phiri*</i>, Prof. of Ethics, Deputy General Secretary, World Council of Churches)
	17.30 - 18.00	Celebrate Life: Closing Worship in the chapel
	18.00 – 19.00	Farewell Apero
	19.00 - 21.00	Special Event: Impact Investments for Water and Health, with Waterpreneurs, Ecumenical Water Network and others See separate programme
Day 3 24 Jan Wed	Whole day	Departure Options for Exposure/Holiday, WEF: For information: 24-27 January, the World Economic Forum WEF will be held in Davos/ Switzerland (5 hours by train from Geneva).

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Practical Information

Address:

The venue is in the neighbourhood of the United Nations Geneva:

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150 Route de Ferney
1211 Geneva 2
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From Geneva Airport/SBB Train station take bus 5 or 28 and drop at Station Crêts-de-Morillons

