



4th International Faith-Based Investment Conference **Faith-Driven Investing: Walk the Talk** **Africa-Europe Focus**

Friday 15 January 2021, 9am – 5pm CET
Online on Conference Platform

Topic

Covid-19 creates worldwide turbulences in health, economy, politics, education, religious answers and much more. Allocation of resources – capital, natural, human and religious resources – with the best impact on development becomes even more important. Churches and church-related partners and investors have great potential to contribute to faith-driven and impactful investing.

*After successful conferences in last three years on faith-driven investing, the focus of the conference 2021 is on **Walk the talk** by **sharing experiences** of successful and challenging investment projects, **strengthening impactful cooperation** between faith partners and investors, and **present tools to make projects investable***

*For reasons of time zones in online conferences, this one has a **Focus on Africa and Europe**. A similar conference is planned with **Focus on Asia on Friday 5 March 2021, subject to confirmation. More info follows on this website***

Fully Online

The conference will be held as virtual conference online, due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic and ongoing travel and meeting restrictions in Geneva.

Regis- tration

*Registration fee: 30 USD. See registration form. Please register until 10 January to plan the workgroups, but last-minute registration will remain open until 13 Jan. **Registration form and updates** on the programme on <https://gafoundation.world/en/conference/conference-2021>.*

Oikosinvest Partner Con- sultation

On Thursday 25 Feb, a workshop will be offered by Oikosinvest Foundation, the new foundation based in Geneva for faith-driven and values-driven investment with a consultation focussed on Africa. The workshop is offered on invitation only, for those who already submitted an investment application. For more information contact: stueckelberger@oikosinvest.org

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| Time CET | Time East Africa: CET+2. Western Europe (UK) and West Africa: CET-1 |
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| 08.30-09.00 | Login, chatroom open, "Networking Breakfast" (with your food at home 😊) |
| 09.00-09.30 | <p>1) Welcome.: Walk the Talk: Expectations for 2021. Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christoph Stückelberger</i>, Executive Director Geneva Agape Foundation GAF, Geneva • <i>Isabel Phiri</i>, Deputy General Secretary World Council of Churches, Geneva • <i>Nana Francois</i>, Director Membership, FaithInvest, Bristol/UK • <i>Timo Plutschinski</i>, Director WEA Business Coalition, Berlin/Germany • <i>Hong Bui</i>, GAF: Technical indications for breakout groups and bilateral talks. |
| 09:30-10.10 | <p>2) Keynotes Plenary (Moderator Christoph Stückelberger)</p> <p>Setting the Scene: Impact and Faith drove Investing in and after the Corona Pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anis Ashgar</i>, Investor, UK, Board Oikosinvest Foundation Needs, risks and opportunities of investing in Corona times. Investor perspective. • <i>Nkatha Njeru</i>, Coordinator African Christian Health Association Platform ACHAP, Nairobi: Needs/ opportunities of health projects in Corona times. Church perspective. • <i>Bruno Bubone</i>, new President of UNIAPAC: The Contribution of Christian entrepreneurs (Uniapac members) for Faith-driven Investments, with a focus on Africa. • <i>Roland Schatz</i>, CEO UNGSII and President Geneva Agape Foundation, ev with <i>Günter Nocke</i>, Africa Desk of the Government of Germany, Berlin (tbc) Commitment of the German government for cooperation with faith-driven investing. |
| 10.10-10.30 | Networking Break with online bilateral encounter options. |
| 10.30-11.45 | <p>3) Working Session 5 parallel sessions with active interaction of participants.</p> <p>Faith-driven Project Examples: one successful and one in consideration for investing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Sector (Moderator <i>Mwai Makoka</i>, WCC, Zambia/Geneva) • Agro-food and water sector (Moderator: <i>Athena Peralta</i>, WCC, Philippines/Geneva) • Renewable Energy and Climate sector (Moderator: <i>Timo Plutschinski</i>, WEA, Germany) • Education sector (Moderator: <i>Obiara Ike</i>, Globethics.net, Nigeria/Geneva) • Financial and Fintech sector (Moderator: <i>Nana Francois</i>, Faithinvest, UK) • Real Estate / Infrastructure (Moderator: <i>Chris Elisara</i>, WEA Creation Care, SDG Cities) |
| 11.45-12.45 | Lunch break, exhibition space, 10-15' bilateral networking slots with online reservation |
| 12.45-14.00 | <p>4) Plenary Panel and Discussion (Moderator Nana Francois)</p> <p>Loans, Interest Rates, Equities, Grants, Governance: What to consider</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jean-Pierre Sweerts</i>, DOB Equity, Board Chairman, Kenya/Amsterdam, Board GAF • <i>Oscar Iloh</i>, Lombard Odier Private Bank, Geneva • <i>Bright Mawudor</i>, All Africa Conference of Churches, Deputy GS, Finance Director: • <i>Nicholas Niggli</i>, Deputy General Secretary Economic Development, State of Geneva, Canton of Geneva Member Building Bridges Initiative. |
| 14.00-14.45 | <p>5) Plenary Panel and Discussion (Moderator Lorna Gold)</p> <p>Faiths Invest: Principles and Praxis in Islamic, Hindu and Interfaith Investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Omar Shaikh</i>, Head Policy, Islamic Finance Council UKIFC, UK • <i>Vivek Mittal</i>, Hindu, CEO AFIDA (Africa Infrastructure Dev. Assoc.), India/London • <i>Martin Palmer</i>, CEO FaithInvest: Faith Long-term Plans. The strategy of FaithInvest. |
| 14.45-15.00 | Networking Break with online bilateral encounter options. |
| 15.00-16.00 | <p>6) Plenary Panel and Discussion (Moderator Christoph Stückelberger)</p> <p>Making Investments Work. Three Cases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Grant Smith</i>, CEO Hand in Hand Group, Kenya/UK: Affordable Housing • <i>Christopher Mbanefo</i>, CEO Oxī-Zen, Continent Africa/Geneva: CO2-Conversion Projects • <i>Ulrich Möller</i>, President One Climate Fund, Germany/Southern Africa |
| 16.-16.15 | 7) Closing remarks, conclusion, follow up |
| 16.15-17.00 | 8) Networking: Online Bilateral Contacts on the Conference Platform |