



## 4<sup>th</sup> International Faith-Based Investment Conference **Online** **Faith-Driven Investing: Walk the Talk** **Asia Focus**

**Friday 5 March 2021, 9.00am – 5.00pm IST (India)**

11.30am CST (China/Phil.), 4.30am CET (Europe), 3.30am UTC (UK), 10.30pm EST

### **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 Asia**. A similar conference was held on 15 January with the Focus on **Africa***

### **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. The plenary sessions will be available as video after the conference on the conference page below. Those from the Africa Focus conference held on 15 January are already available there.

### **Registration**

*Registration fee: 30 USD. See registration form. Registration is open until 4 March, but please register earlier to plan the workgroups and for participants to find you in advance.*

***Registration form and updates** on the programme on*

*<https://gafoundation.world/en/conference/conference-2021>*

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<b>Time India</b>	<b>11.30am CST (China), 12.30.am KST, 4.30am CET (Europe), 3.30am UTC</b>
08.30-09.00	Login, chatroom open, "Networking Breakfast" (with your food at home ☺)
09.00-09.30	<p><b>1) Welcome: Walk the Talk: Expectations for 2021. Plenary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Christoph Stückelberger</i>, Executive Director Geneva Agape Foundation GAF, Geneva</li> <li>• <i>Isabel Phiri</i>, Deputy General Secretary World Council of Churches, Geneva</li> <li>• <i>Nana Francois</i>, Director Membership, FaithInvest, Bristol/UK</li> <li>• <i>Timo Plutschinski</i>, Director WEA Business Coalition, Berlin/Germany</li> <li>• <i>Hong Bui</i>, GAF: Technical indications for breakout groups and bilateral talks.</li> </ul>
09:30-10.20	<p><b>2) Keynotes Plenary</b> (Moderator Christoph Stückelberger)</p> <p><b>Setting the Scene: Impact and Faith-driven Investing in and after the Corona Pandemic</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Anis Ashgar</i>, Investor, UK/Bangladesh, Board Oikosinvest Foundation Needs, risks and opportunities of investing in Corona times. Investor perspective.</li> <li>• <i>Mathews George Chunakara</i>, General Secretary, Christian Conference of Asia, Thailand/India: Needs and opportunities of investing in Asian church-related programmes.</li> <li>• <i>Baocheng Liu</i>, Professor of Business Ethics, Beijing/China, Advisor to the government on China-Africa-Investments: Social Responsibility in Chinese Outbound Investments.</li> <li>• <i>Prune Ansvananda</i>, President of UNIAPAC Asia, Thailand: The Contribution of Christian entrepreneurs (Uniapac members) for Faith-driven Investments, with a focus on Asia</li> </ul>
10.20-10.40	Networking Break with online bilateral encounter options.
10.40-11.45	<p><b>3) Working Session 6 parallel sessions with active interaction of participants.</b></p> <p>Faith-driven Project Examples: one successful and one in consideration for investing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Sector</b> (Moderator <i>Manoj Kurian</i>, India/Geneva, WCC, Public Health Expert)</li> <li>• <b>Agro-food and water sector</b> (Moderator: <i>Athena Peralta</i>, WCC, Philippines/Geneva)</li> <li>• <b>Renewable Energy and Climate sector</b> (Moderator: <i>Timo Plutschinski</i>, WEA, Germany)</li> <li>• <b>Education sector</b> (Moderator: <i>Asha Singh Kanvar</i>, President Common Wealth of Learning CoL.</li> <li>• <b>Financial and Fintech sector</b> (Moderator: <i>Nana Francois</i>, Faithinvest, UK)</li> <li>• <b>Real Estate / Infrastructure</b> (Moderator: <i>Chris Elisara</i>, WEA Creation Care, SDG Cities)</li> </ul>
11.45-12.45	Lunch break, exhibition space, 10-15' bilateral networking slots with online reservation
12.45-14.00	<p><b>4) Plenary Panel and Discussion</b> (Moderator Nana Francois)</p> <p><b>Loans, Interest Rates, Equities, Grants, Governance: What to consider</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nicolas Karambadzakis</i>, ECLOF International, Geneva. Microcredits</li> <li>• <i>Mason Tan</i>, Founder Garden Impact Investments, Singapore: Investing in the poor.</li> <li>• <i>Jean-Pascal Beyrard</i>, Partner, Lombard Odier Private Bank, Geneva: Impact Investing as a private bank.</li> <li>• <i>Nicholas Niggli</i>, Deputy General Secretary Economic Development, State of Geneva, Canton of Geneva, Member Building Bridges Initiative: Asian Investment Bridges.</li> </ul>
14.00-14.45	<p><b>5) Plenary Panel and Discussion</b> (Moderator Lorna Gold)</p> <p><b>Faiths Invest: Principles and Praxis in Islamic, Hindu and Interfaith Investments.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Vivek Mittal</i>, Hindu, CEO AFIDA (Africa Infrastructure Dev. Assoc.), India/London.</li> <li>• <i>Martin Palmer</i>, CEO FaithInvest: Faith Long-term Plans. The strategy of FaithInvest.</li> <li>• <i>Mizue Tsukushi</i>, President &amp; CEO of Good Bankers Japan &amp; <i>Michael Shackleton</i>, Faith-Invest Consultant for Asia: Building on traditional values: examples from Japan</li> </ul>
14.45-15.00	Networking Break with online bilateral encounter options.
15.00-16.00	<p><b>6) Plenary Panel and Discussion</b> (Moderator Christoph Stückelberger)</p> <p><b>Making Investments Work. Three Cases.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Nawang Kunphel</i>, Ladak, India: Pennees Row Project</li> <li>• <i>Joy Cadangen</i>, Philippines/Geneva, Board Oikosinvest: Affordable Housing</li> <li>• <i>Christopher Mbanefo</i>, CEO Oxi-Zen, Global/Geneva: CO2-Conversion Projects</li> </ul>
16.-16.15	<b>7) Closing remarks, conclusion, follow up</b>
16.15-17.00	<b>8) Networking: Online Bilateral Contacts on the Conference Platform</b>