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PROGRAM — OVERVIEW

Morning Session

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch break

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Afternoon Session

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

MORNING SESSION

8:30-9:00 AM **Arrivals and security check-in**

9:00 -9:40 AM **Opening**

Moderator: **Mr. Rudelmar Bueno de Faria**, General Secretary, ACT Alliance

Speakers: **Dr. Azza Karam**, Coordinator, United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development

Mr. Anwar Khan, President, Islamic Relief USA

Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse-Tveit, General Secretary, World Council of Churches
(Message delivered by Peter Prove, Director, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs)

Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary, General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church (Message delivered by Bishop Hope Morgan Ward)

9:40-10:40 AM **Panel One**

Economy of Life: Faith-based Perspectives on Economic Justice as a Moral Imperative

Panel One will present a faith-based framing of financing for sustainable development, including the moral foundations for an Economy of Life that incorporates peace, justice and sustainability.

Moderator: **Dr. Ganoune Diop**, Director of Public Affairs, General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association

Speakers: **Dr. Ulrich Duchrow**, Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Heidelberg, Germany

Dr. Manuel Montes, Senior Advisor, Finance and Development & Permanent Observer to the United Nations in New York, South Centre

Sister Winfred Doherty, Main NGO Representative to the United Nations, Congregation Of Our Lady Of Charity

Mr. Anwar Khan, President, Islamic Relief USA

Dr. Azza Karam, Coordinator, United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development

10:40-11:05 AM Questions and Answers in Plenary

11:05-11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM-12:30 PM Panel Two

Integrating Human Rights in Financing for Sustainable Development

Panel Two will address the creation of an international financial architecture which promotes human rights, finds solutions to the debt crisis and realizes the attainment of the SDGs.

Moderator: **Rev. Dr. Liberato Bautista**, Assistant General Secretary for UN and International Affairs and Main UN Representative, General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church

Speakers: **Dr. Doerte Doemeland**, Practice Manager, Global Macro and Debt Analytics, Macroeconomics, Trade & Investment, World Bank Group

Ms. Lidy Nacpil, Co-coordinator, Asia-Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development

Ms. Kathryn Tobin, Advocacy Coordinator, WaterAid

Ms. Anita Thomas, Chair, NGO Committee on Financing for Development

Dr. Elizabeta Kitanovic, Executive Secretary for Human Rights, Conference of European Churches

12:30-1:00 PM Questions and Answers in Plenary

1:00-2:00 PM Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

2:00-3:00 PM Panel Three

Sustainable Resourcing for Sustainable Development

Panel Three will feature a dialogue on the mobilization of domestic resources through taxation as a means to tackle inequalities, guarantee human rights, promote climate and ecological sustainability, and to finance social protection. Examples of alternative financing for social protection will be discussed.

Moderator: **Ms. Mercy Niwe**, World Bank Lead for Global Faith Initiatives, World Bank Group

Speakers: **Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme**, Bishop of Møre, Church of Norway

Mr. Navid Hanif, Director for Financing for Sustainable Development Office, UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr., United Religions Initiative

Mr. Sharif Aly, Chief Executive Officer, Islamic Relief USA

Rabbi Diana Gerson, Associate Executive Vice President, New York Board of Rabbis

3:00-3:30 PM Questions and Answers in Plenary

3:30-4:00 PM Break

4:00-5:00 PM Panel Four

Building Genuine Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Panel Four will review the growing role of the private sector in development finance and policy, including public-private partnerships. We will discuss the need for systems of accountability and transparency and explore a more nuanced definition of partnerships in funding sustainable development. We will examine the role of faith-based organizations in funding the SDGs.

Moderator: **Rev. Douglas Leonard**, Representative to the United Nations, World Council of Churches

Speakers: **Ms. Athena Peralta**, Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, World Council of Churches

Mr. Monem Salam, President and Executive Director of Saturna Sdn. Bhd., Saturna Capital

Mr. Clive Harris, Practice Manager, Infrastructure, PPPs, and Guarantees, World Bank Group

Ms. Barbara Adams, Board Chair, Global Policy Forum

Mr. Michael Even, Interim Chief Executive Officer, FaithInvest, Alliance of Religion and Conservation

Mr. Aamer Naeem, Chief Executive Officer, Penny Appeal

5:00-5:30 PM **Questions and Answers in Plenary**

5:30-6:00 PM **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Ganoune Diop, Director of Public Affairs, General Conference of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church and Secretary General, International Religious Liberty Association

Mr. Aamir A. Rehman, Senior Advisor, United Nations Development Program

Ms. May Hashem, Symposium Coordinating Committee Representative, Islamic Relief