

Dear Colleague,

As part of the World Humanitarian Summit taking place on May 23-24, 2016 in Istanbul, a Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action will be convened. The Special Event, which is organized by the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion & Development in conjunction with the WHS Secretariat, will bring together leaders and influencers from religiously-inspired and secular humanitarian communities to share evidence and analysis of faith-based interventions, in order to promote improved partnership and response to serve affected populations.

The Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action seeks to build on the momentum from WHS regional consultations, which highlighted the need for increased partnership, innovation, and outreach to the diverse range of local stakeholders, including FBOs and religious leaders. In preparation for Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action, several targeted conversations are being hosted by civil society organizations to explore practical ways to take forward the existing inputs to the WHS, and to solicit feedback on the key framing and objectives of the Special on Religion & Humanitarian Action.

You are invited to participate in a working meeting for the WHS Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action in Berlin, on Feb 18, 2016, from 4.00 - 5.30 pm, CET. Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe has generously offered to host at their office (Caroline-Michaelis-Straße 1, 10115 Berlin). Virtual participation is possible by dialing in to the meeting: +49 30 65211 4800.

Input from this meeting will be shared with the Special Event organizers in order to define the priority areas of focus for the Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action and concrete outputs. The agenda will include a short briefing on the Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action and then quickly move to in-depth discussion among participants on how best to use the opportunity of the Special Event on Religion & Humanitarian Action to ensure it is maximally useful and impactful for religious communities and the populations they seek to serve.

In preparation for the conversation, a [short survey](#) has been prepared. We encourage you to view the questions ahead of time to help frame your thinking. If you are unable to attend the meeting in-person or by dialing in, it would be appreciated if you would please fill out the survey so that your input is captured.

If you are interested in attending in-person or virtually, please RSVP to Elisabeth Jeglitzka (Elisabeth.Jeglitzka@diakonie-katastrophenhilfe.de) by Feb 12, 2016. Please send questions or comments about the working meeting to Elisabeth Jeglitzka, Helena Manguerra (HelenaManguerra@pfaithdev.org), and Jean Duff (JeanDuff@pfaithdev.org).