

## Abstract

Multilateral agencies face considerable challenges in effecting desired outcomes for poverty alleviation. Faith actors, their reach and institutional assets present tantalizing prospects for making this possible. How can a confluence of multilateral agencies and the conviction and institutional assets of faith catalyze efficiencies and better (country level) outcomes for development?

## Event Objectives and Expected Results

1. Make the case for securing better outcomes for poverty alleviation, revitalizing partnerships and strategic synergies between faith actors and multilateral agencies, to achieve development. This will result in advocacy actions by faith actors, towards the same.
2. Catalyze debate on how to best spur faith actors' contribution towards ending extreme poverty through collaboration between faith actors and multilateral agencies at country and regional levels; and with special referencing to inclusive development, scaling-up investments in human capital development, women and gender equality, and child poverty. This will result in increased commitment and effort to gain 'faith literacy' among multi-lateral agencies, including knowledge on the various faith organs and how best to work with faith actors.
3. Nurture new spaces for regional and in-country dialogues on development outcomes among faith actors and the multinational and global development community. This will result in heightened collaboration, particularly at country level.

## Event Description

- The session shall reflect on the questions below:
- How can a convergence of multilateral agencies and the conviction and institutional assets of faith catalyze efficiencies and better (country level) outcomes for development?
  - How can faith actors and multilateral agencies best seek each other's strengths and competencies to accelerate the realization of shared development objectives?



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## High-Level Consultation on Strengthening Partnerships Between Faith Actors and Multilateral Agencies to Achieve Better Development Outcomes

### Strengthening Partnerships: Faith Actors And Multilateral Agencies

Co-sponsored by:

- Arigatou International,
- Moral Imperative to End Extreme Poverty,
- The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), and
- Strength In Diversity Development Centre/ Farmers Advocacy and Support Initiative

Venue: World Bank HQ, Washington DC (2-210)  
 Date: Tuesday, 15 October 2019  
 Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

## Panelists



**Ms. Mercy Niwe,**  
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World Bank Group and Senior  
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**Dr. Katherine Marshall,**  
Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for  
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**Fred Nyabera,**  
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Duration (1 hour 30 min)	Session	Person Responsible
3 minutes	Welcome Remarks	<b>Ms. Mercy Niwe,</b> Global Faith Engagement Lead, World Bank Group
3 minutes	Introduction and Objectives of the session	<b>Event Moderator:</b> Fred Nyabera, Director, Arigatou International — End Child Poverty
15 minutes	<b>Keynote Address;</b> Setting the Scene: Faith and multilateral cooperation on sustainable development, eradicating extreme poverty and growing human capital	<b>Dr. Katherine Marshall,</b> Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue
<b>Panel Discussions</b>		
7 minutes	Collaboration for advocacy towards investing in children and women, to advance human capital development and overcome poverty	<b>Panelist 1:</b> H.E Aja Fatoumata Jallow Tambajang, Former Vice President, the Republic of Gambia
7 minutes	Collaboration to promote inclusive growth and alternative financial intermediation for development	<b>Panelist 2:</b> Peter Prove, Director, WCC Commission of the Churches on International Affairs
7 minutes	<b>Experience Sharing:</b> Interfaith Collaboration in Nigeria	<b>Panelist 3:</b> Imam Shefiu Abdulkareem Majemu, Founder and Co-Executive Director, Strength in Diversity Development Centre, Nigeria
<b>Scenario Shaping</b>		
45 minutes	<b>Claiming the Future:</b> Dynamics for partnerships and collaboration  Q&A and feedback on the panel discussion	<b>Session Moderator:</b> Fred Nyabera Director, Arigatou International — End Child Poverty
7 minutes	<b>Way Forward and Concluding Remarks</b>	The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)