

# Engaging with Faith Organizations and Communities for Sustainable Development

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## Course Description

With more than 80% of people expressing a religious affiliation, there is a growing recognition that faith has the potential to play an active role in providing significant moral, social and political agency for advancing inclusive and sustainable development. Religions are the oldest, deepest-rooted and most widely connected human institutions with the capacity to undertake change and transformation. Indeed, religious institutions, communities of faith and faith-based organizations are deeply involved in critical development and humanitarian relief activities, including in entrenched situations of conflict. In the context of the new sustainable development agenda, it is timely to examine the objectives, modalities and outcomes of partnering with these religious organizations. This Strategic Learning Exchange will examine the nature of development and humanitarian work, the timeframes for intervention and the types of partnerships that are and can be pursued.

## Course Objectives

- Increasing understanding of the linkages between faith, development and humanitarian work in the context of the Agenda 2030;
- Identifying and articulating opportunities, challenges and modalities for UN partnerships with religious communities and faith-based organizations in development and humanitarian work;
- Critically assessing current UN and development/humanitarian agencies' collaborative partnerships with religious institutions and faith-based organizations and identifying the key elements, methods and tools needed to strengthen such partnerships.

**Fee:**

USD 500

**Language:** English

**Target audience:**

UN international and national headquarters and field professional-level personnel and partners from international organizations, bilateral development agencies, NGOs (including faith-based organizations), and religious institutions.

**Registration:**

Online until 8 November 2016  
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