

Optimizing Religious Input into the South African G20 Process

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Date	Time	Event	Location
17 Feb	Afternoon	Arrival	
17 Feb	16:00-18:00	Registration	Near Auditorium
17 Feb	18:00	Dinner	
17 Feb	19:30	Welcome Session Greetings from Session Moderators Introduction to G20 Themes and Opportunities: Overview of South Africa's G20 Plans "South Africa's G20 Themes: Solidarity, Equality, and Sustainability" Moderated Discussion of Potential Contributions of Religious Communities to G20 Process	Auditorium
TUESDAY			
18 Feb	8:00-8:45	Registration Continued (for those from Johannesburg and Pretoria, and otherwise not flying in for the meeting)	Near Auditorium
18 Feb	9:00-11:00	Opening Session Interfaith Prayer Overview of G20 Interfaith Process Experience from Brazilian G20 African Union Perspective on 2025 G20 Process Interfaith Background in South Africa International Interfaith Perspectives Panel: Perspectives of Religious Leaders and the Spirit of Ubuntu	Auditorium
	11:00-11:30	Break	
	11:30-13:00	Concurrent Sessions Each concurrent sessions will focus on the three themes that South Africa has chosen for its G20 year	

		(Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability). The aim of each session will be to identify subthemes that should be prioritized and practical issues that deserve consideration as ways the broad G20 themes can be effectively advanced over coming months. Moderators in each session should take a maximum of five minutes to propose questions, suggest topics deserving attention, further research, and practical recommendations.	
18 Feb	13:00-14:30	Lunch	
18 Feb	14:30-15:30	Reporting back from concurrent sessions. Ranking of top three issues in each of the thematic areas.	Auditorium
18 Feb	15:30-16:00	Break	
18 Feb	16:00-17:00	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p>Each group will consider the proposals, ranking priorities and focusing on action towards formulation of specific proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listing and ranking of priority sub-themes • Suggesting task force members who can work on particular issues • Discussion of ideas for carrying work forward on priority issues. • Initiatives needed to advance various priorities • Ideas for implementation, including involvement of grass roots initiatives. 	
	17:00-17:30	Break	
	17:30-18:30	Recap: Summarizing priority sub-themes, and recommendations from concurrent sessions	
	18:30-20:00	Dinner	
WEDNESDAY			
		<p>Meetings on February 19 will be held at Freedom Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buses will leave from Future Africa Complex for Freedom Park at <u>8:00</u>. • Those traveling from home should meet at Freedom Park by <u>8:40</u>. 	
19 Feb	9:00-9:15	<p>Plenary Session: Building Core Competencies to Advance Work of G20 Interfaith Forum</p> <p>Introduction to the four concurrent sessions, held in Freedom Park Conference Rooms. Participants should identify which of the four areas where they may be able to make greatest contributions as we move forward in G20 Interfaith process in coming months.</p>	
	9:15-10:30	Group A - Networking: with government officials, religious leaders, academics, civil society groups	
	9:15-10:30	Group B - Policy-making: policy research, research teams, translating religious concerns into viable policy recommendations	

	9:15-10:30	Group C - Programme: Identifying magnet speakers for G20 Interfaith Forum; suggesting interim programming (webinars, preparatory conferences); identifying Forum actors	
	9:15-10:30	Group D - Communication: Work with traditional media, social media. Identification of issues needing coverage and key communication opportunities.	
	10:30-11:00	Break	
	11:00-13:00	<i>Genesis of Freedom Park as a National Spiritual Monument</i> <i>Acknowledgement of Kings and Queens</i>	
	13:00-14:30	Lunch	
	14:30-16:00	<i>Overview of G20 Interfaith Forum, its Mission, Impact and Next Steps, with a Focus on the South African G20 Presidency</i> <i>Comments by Visiting Dignitaries</i> <i>Announcement of G20 Interfaith Local Organizing Committee</i> <i>Vote of Thanks:</i>	
	16:00-17:00	Press Conference	
	17:00	Return to Future Africa	
	18:30	Closing Dinner	