



Forum of the Countries  
of Latin America and  
the Caribbean on  
**SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT**  
Virtual meeting  
15–18 March **2021**

**Side Event at the Fourth Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of  
Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development  
RESILIENT AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL  
DIAKONIA<sup>1</sup>, TZEDAKAH<sup>2</sup>, ZAKAT<sup>3</sup> AND AYNI<sup>4</sup>  
FOR THE COVID-19 POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY  
AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 2030 AGENDA**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021 5:00 pm-6:00 pm San Jose time**

Register at [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_zob0HFI4SCuCb\\_jZyLAH9Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zob0HFI4SCuCb_jZyLAH9Q)

The side event will bring together representatives of faith-based organizations and UN officials to reflect on the accompaniment of religious and ancestral communities to vulnerable populations in overcoming hopelessness of the pandemic and supporting personal and community restoration to leave no one behind.

**Moderator:** Ms. Cecilia Maurente, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

**Introduction:** Mr. Elias Szczytnicki, Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean

**Panelists:**

Most Rev. Jorge Lozano, Latin American Catholic Episcopal Council (CELAM)

Rev. Harold Segura, World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean

Mr. Daniel Pomerantz, Jewish Community of Buenos Aires (AMIA)

Sheikh Suleiman Bulbulia, Barbados Muslim Association (BMA)

Mr. Luis Maldonado, Intercultural Indigenous Chair (CII)

A virtual panel discussion followed by an open dialogue around the questions of:

- How inter-religious cooperation can support overcoming setbacks in reducing extreme poverty and inequality?
- What is the role of religious leaders in rebooting Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the post-pandemic?

*Spanish/English simultaneous interpretation will be available.*



<sup>1</sup> The Christian diakonia encompasses the call to help poor and needy people.

<sup>2</sup> The Jewish tzedakah is the religious obligation to donate to help people in need.

<sup>3</sup> The Muslim zakat is the personal tax to help poor and needy people.

<sup>4</sup> The Indigenous ayni is the mutual aid based on reciprocity to people in need.