

# Program

## *Ecumenical Church Day in Germany meets international religious representatives*

**May 14 to 15, 2021**

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On the occasion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ecumenical Church Day in Germany the Konrad Adenauer Foundation organizes a series of events for German and international religious representatives for the exchange on current relevant topics related to the practices of religion, responsibility for freedom, security and well-being of societies. We are looking forward to discuss important questions in this context in eight panels with participants from Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

**Friday**

**May 14, 2021**

**09:00 to 10:00 a.m. CEST -- Panel 1: *What unites the Christian churches in ecumenism?***

**Bishop Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm**

Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria,  
Chairman of the Council of the Evangelical Church in  
Germany

**Dr. Peter Cardinal Turkson**

Curia Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church

**Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay**

Dean of Theology and Religion at the Pretoria  
University in South Africa, former President of the  
“World Communion of Reformed Churches”

Moderation:

**Dr. Friederike Replik**

Advisor for Dealing with the Past and Reconciliation at  
Agiamondo

**11:00 to 12:00 a.m. CEST -- Panel 2: *The influence of women in church***

**Archbishop Dr. Antje Jackelén**

Archbishop of Uppsala, Primate of the Church of Sweden

**Dr. Claudia Lücking-Michel**

Vice President of the Central Committee of German Catholics, Managing Director of Agiamondo Consultant, Former Director of the Center for Information, Science and Technology Studies at the University Cheikh Anta Diop of Dakar, Senegal

**Dr. Eugénie Rokhaya Aw**

Moderation:

**Dr. Aurica Jax**

Head of the Women's Pastoral Care Office of the German Bishops' Conference

**02:00 to 03:00 p.m. CEST -- Panel 3: *Dialogue between churches, society and politics***

**Hermann Gröhe**

Member of the Synod of the EKD, Member of the German Parliament

**Prelate Dr. Karl Jüsten**

Head of the Commissariat of the German Bishops - Catholic Office in Berlin

**Dr. Pavlo Smytsnyuk**

Director of the Ecumenical Institute UCU in Ukraine

**Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Spasenovski**

Professor at the Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" and former Member of Parliament in North Macedonia

Moderation:

**Patricia Ehret**

Advisor for Churches and Religious Communities at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

**04:00 to 05:00 p.m. CEST – Panel 4: *Impacts of climate change with regard to poverty and migration – climate justice***

**Dr. Kira Vinke**

Project Lead EPICC (East Africa Peru India Climate Capacities) at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Member of the Ecology Working Group of the Vatican Covid-19 Commission

**Marlehn Thieme**

Member of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, President of Welthungerhilfe

**Epiphane Mbengue**

Priest, Director of Caritas Thiès in Senegal

Moderation:

**Honey Deihimi**

Head of the Department Social Integration at the  
Federal Chancellery

**Saturday**

**May 15, 2021**

**09:00 to 10:00 a.m. CEST -- Panel 5: Challenges of interfaith dialogue**

**Prof. Dr. Serdar Kurnaz**

Professor of Islamic Law in History and Presence at the  
Humboldt University of Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Felix Körner SJ**

Professor for Catholic dogmatics and theology of  
religions at the Pontifical Gregorian University in  
Rome, Member of the Pontifical Commission for  
Religious Relations with Muslims

**His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa  
Bishop Dr. Sithembele Sipuka**

Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem

President of the Southern African Catholic  
Bishops' Conference (SACBC), South Africa

Moderation:

**Dr. Jacqueline Boysen**

Journalist, Moderator & Author

**11:00 to 12:00 a.m. CEST -- Panel 6: Significance of religions in conflicts – peacemaking  
power of religions?**

**Dr. Silke Lechner**

Deputy Head of division "Religion and Foreign Policy"  
at the German Foreign Office

**Prof. Dr. Heinz-Gerhard Justenhoven**

Director of the Institute for Theology and Peace,  
Chairman of the Catholic Peace Foundation

**Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar**

Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan  
and the Holy Land

**Abbé Ambroise Tine**

Priest of the Diocese Thiès in Senegal

Moderation:

**Dr. Friederike Repnik**

Advisor for Dealing with the Past and Reconciliation at  
Agiamondo

**02:00 to 03:00 p.m. CEST -- Panel 7: Human Right to Religious Freedom – religiously persecuted groups**

**Prof. Dr. Heribert Hirte**

Member of the German Parliament, Chairman of the Stephanuskreis of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group

**Father Dr. Nikodemus Schnabel OSB  
Mohammad Serkal**

Benedictine and Eastern Church expert  
Global Advocacy and U.N. Representative at JSSOR  
Youth Organization in Iraq

**Ayman Abdel Nour**

President of the NGO Syrian Christians for Peace

Moderation:

**Dr. Friederike Replik**

Advisor for Dealing with the Past and Reconciliation at Agiamondo

**04:00 to 05:00 p.m. CEST – Panel 8: Economic and Social Challenges from an Ethical perspective – What can economy and the world of employment look like after the Corona pandemic?'**

**Prof. Dr. Reinhard Cardinal Marx**

Archbishop of Munich and Freising (Bavaria),  
Coordinator of the Vatican Economic Council,  
professor for Christian Sociology

**Prof. Dr. Andreas Barner**

Member of the Shareholders' Committee of  
Boehringer Ingelheim, President of the Donors'  
Association for the Promotion of Sciences and  
Humanities in Germany, former President of the  
Protestant Church Day (2015)

**Bishop André Gueye**

Bishop of Thiès in Senegal

**Father Charles Kitima**

Secretary General of the Tanzania Episcopal  
Conference (TEC), Lecturer at the St. Augustine  
University Tanzania (SAUT)

Moderation:

**Prof. Dr. Ursula Nothelle-Wildfeuer**

Catholic theologian and professor of practical theology  
with a focus on Christian social teaching at the Albert  
Ludwig University of Freiburg