

## SPECIAL INVITATION

### Interfaith Dialogue in Line with the High-Level Meeting on the New Urban Agenda Multi-Religious and Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration for the Advancement of New Urban Agenda: How Far Have We Come? Where to Next?

20 April 2022,

Dear Dr. Aditi,

*Religions for Peace* and The World Evangelical Alliance, in partnership with UN-Habitat, cordially invite you to speak at a panel discussion on “*Multi-Religious and Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration for the Advancement of New Urban Agenda: How Far Have We Come? Where to Next?*” on **Wednesday April 26 at 9:00 am EDT**. To find your time zone, please click [here](#).

Urbanisation is a major force in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The increasing impact of cities has been reflected in frameworks for sustainable development. Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, that took place in 2016 resulted in the New Urban Agenda, an action-oriented document which sets global standards of achieving the urban Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 11), and rethinks the way we build, manage, and live-in cities.

SDG 11 aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. This requires a high level of participation from all groups in our urban areas. Faith actors have played an increasing role in the urban dialogues. With many faith-based communities holding values that align with the aspirations of the New Urban Agenda, there is much potential for continuing collaborations in urban development.

In this side event during the *High-Level Meeting on the New Urban Agenda*, we aim at addressing the contributions of faith leaders, religious institutions and faith-based organisations to the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda, reflecting on the past and recent developments and to sharing ideas for effective partnership between organisations such as the UN-Habitat and faith actors.

Please find attached the concept note for the event for your consideration.

Please kindly inform us of your availability by emailing Ms. Jill Huinder at [jihuinder@rfp.org](mailto:jihuinder@rfp.org) by **22 April 2022** following which you will receive the link to join the Webinar. For those in New York, we would be delighted to welcome you in person at 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017 on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor.

We very much look forward to your participation in this important dialogue.

With respect and appreciation, we remain,



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