

INVITATION

Pilot Meeting: Community of Practice on Freedom of Religion or Belief in Development

Copenhagen, 27.-28.9.2023

Important achievements have been made in the promotion of Freedom of Religion and Belief (FoRB) as a universal, indivisible human right, but there has been a growing recognition of the interrelatedness of this right to so many other aspects of social change. In the efforts to ensure the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals, the alleviation of the discrimination and inequalities suffered on the basis of religion or belief, is imperative. This is why there is a growing eagerness to learn more about how FoRB can be effectively incorporated and integrated into more traditional development work.

Members of the NORFORB network have identified a need for faith-based development organisations to come together with donors and academics in a **Community of Practice on Freedom of Religion and Belief in Development**

CKU together with the NORFORB network would like to invite to a two-day workshop in Copenhagen as a **pilot event** for this CoP on FoRB in Development. The goals of the meeting would be:

- To test the interest and needs of possible target groups for a CoP on FoRB in Development
- To stimulate concrete experience sharing regarding FoRB in Development
- To take first steps in learning together through the development of useful tools for the integration of FoRB in Development - with point of departure in community-level FoRB indicators
- To define next steps for the CoP, like creation of specific learning groups or other chosen pathways for continuous work after the meeting

Who: Members of CKU, SMC and DIGNI with a keen interest in FoRB promotion, as well as members of the CKU FoRB Reference Group

When: September 27-28, 2023

Where: Copenhagen, Denmark - at Diakonissestiftelsen, Peter Bangsvej 5B, 2000 Frederiksberg

How: 2-day workshop with extensive group work as well as input and response to the work done together from FoRB practitioners, academics and global policy leaders.

What: We will discuss questions like: How have we tried to integrate FoRB in development projects so far? Which barriers do we experience? How can we measure progress and change at the community level?

Cost: The event venue, food & drink, as well as sponsorship of the travel and accommodation of invited speakers will be covered by the CKU Global FoRB Initiative, while participating organizations are asked to plan and cover their own travel to Copenhagen as well as accommodation while here.

If booking at Hotel Hebron (<https://hebron.dk/>) close to the Central Station, you can get a discount when referring to CKU, Center for Kirkeligt Udviklings samarbejde.

RSVP before September 15th 2023 to Oskar Heming Jenssen at ohj@cku.dk

A FABO site has been created for the event. You will be invited to join after registration.

Programme

27th of September 2023

8:45-9:00 Arrival and coffee

INTRODUCTION

9:00-10:00 Welcome and presentation of participants and FoRB projects they work on

10:00-10:20 Community of Practice: Presentation of concept and plans

PANEL DISCUSSION

10:30-12:30 Panel discussion and responses on FoRB in Development: Background, achievements, challenges, possible solutions, indicators of results. Including Q&A with other participants.

Nazila Ghanea, United Nations Special Rapporteur on FoRB

Julie Elisabeth Pruzan, Ambassador, Special Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark

Marie Juul Petersen, Senior Researcher, Institute for Human Rights, Denmark

Mike Gabriel, Head of the Religious Liberty Commission, NCEASL, Sri Lanka

Indira Aslanova, Assistant Professor and Learning specialist, Search for Common Ground, Kyrgyzstan

Fred Nyabera, Director, Arigatou International - End Child Poverty, Kenya

Basem Maher, Peace Building and Development Consultant, Egypt

12:30-13:30 Lunch

WORKSHOP PART 1

13:30-14:30 Introduction to examples of indicators - FoRB human rights indicators + development indicators. What is useful? What is missing?

14:30-15:00 Open space session: what did we hear, what are the aspects of FoRB integrated development work that we would like to work on? Formation of groups for workshop.

15:00-16:00 Group work

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WORKSHOP PART 2

9:00-9:30 Introduction about the difference between indicators for an outcome mapping approach and an LFA approach.

9:30-12:00 Group work continued

12:00-12:30 Lunch

CLOSING SESSION

12:30-14:30 Recap of the learning done, presentation from groups, conclusions on next steps for the CoP FoRB in Development.