

9<sup>th</sup> January, 2019

**INVITATION TO THE INTERFAITH ALLIANCE SIDE-EVENT AT WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM 2019**

In November 2018, the UAE Government hosted the first forum of the 'Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities' in Abu Dhabi. The theme of the event was 'Child Dignity in the Digital World', aimed at combatting the online sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

The event, the first of its kind on this topic, was attended by 450+ senior faith leaders and senior representatives from government agencies, the technology industry, NGOs and international organizations.

Intended to be a biennial event, future forums will look at other challenges impacting the safety and security of our communities, such as transnational crime, drugs, human trafficking, radicalization and extremism, etc.

The event succeeded in initiating dialogue amongst faith leaders across the world. To ensure that this dialogue continues, the Interfaith Alliance Secretariat is organizing a side-event at the World Economic Forum in Davos this January. The event will consist of a panel discussion and a reception, with the objective of increasing awareness of role that faith leaders can play to ensure the safety and security of their communities in an increasingly globalized world.

The panel, titled 'Mobilizing faith in safeguarding communities and globalization', will be chaired by Bani Dugal, the Principal Representative of the Bahá'í International Community to the United Nations. Panel members include:

- / Metropolitan Emmanuel (Metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of France)
- / Professor Ernesto Caffo (Child Psychiatrist and Founder, Il Telefono Azzurro)
- / Rabbi Diana Gerson (Associate Executive Vice President, New York Board of Rabbis)
- / Sheikh Ibrahim Lethome (Secretary General, Centre for Sustainable Conflict Resolution)

The date and location of the event are provided below:

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**

**Location: InterContinental Hotel Davos (Seehorn Ballroom)**

**Time: To be confirmed**

You can contact us via email ([info@iafsc.org](mailto:info@iafsc.org)) in case you are interested in attending the event or if you have any queries.

With Regards,

**Interfaith Alliance Secretariat**