



# **Beyond War and Towards Reconciliation: Multi-Religious Peace Roundtables**

## **The Second Tokyo Peace Roundtable**

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**PROGRAMME**

**TOKYO, JAPAN**

**18 - 21 FEBRUARY 2024**

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Sunday, 18 February 2024

## ARRIVAL

09:00 – 17:00

Registration

19:00 – 21:00

*Welcome Dinner (Closed)*  
*Excellence Banquet Room, 27th Floor*

19:00 – 21:00

### Welcome Dinner

**Master of Ceremony: Rev. Michiomi Rikihisa**, Head Minister, Zenrinkyo in Japan;  
Activity Member, *Religions for Peace* Japan

#### Speakers:

- **Most Rev. Mitsuo Miyake**, Chief Senior Minister, Konko Church of Izu; Councilor, *Religions for Peace* Japan
- **Dr. Francis Kuria**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

**Toast to be given by: Prof. Dr. Kathy Matsui**, Professor at the Department of Global Citizenship Studies, Seisen University;  
Member, *Religions for Peace* Japan Women's Committee

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**WELCOME AND OPENING DISCUSSIONS**

**Momoyama Banquet Room, Floor B1F**

09:00 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:15	<p>Prayer and Introduction (Closed)</p> <p><b>Master of Ceremony: Ms. Yasuko Yasue Miyoshi</b>, Director of General Coordination Department, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Japan</p> <p><b>Prayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ven. Eigen Onishi</b>, Kiyomizu-dera Temple; Board Member, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Japan</li> <li>• <b>Msgr. Hector Fabio Henao</b>, Permanent Accompanier of the Catholic Episcopal Conference of Colombia (CEC) to the Peace Dialogue Table between the National Government and National Liberation Army (ELN)</li> </ul> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Francis Kuria</b>, Secretary General, <i>Religions for Peace</i></li> </ul>

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10:15 – 11:45

### *Key Learnings from and Post the First Tokyo Peace Roundtable (Closed)*

**Moderator:** Rev. Dr. Nobuhiro Masahiro Nemoto, Special Advisor, *Religions for Peace Asia*

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Vakhtang Kipshidze**, Deputy Chairman, Russian Orthodox Church's Synodal Department for Relations between Church, Society and Media
- **H.E. Mufti Tagir Hazrat Bikchantayev**, Mufti of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Russia; Representative of the Spiritual Assembly of Muslims of Russia
- **Rev. Dr. Ihor Shaban**, Head of the Commission for Interreligious Dialogue and Ecumenical Affairs, Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
- **H.E. Metropolitan of Bila Tserkva Yevstratiy**, Deputy Head, External Church Relations, Orthodox Church of Ukraine
- **H.E. Cardinal Charles Bo**, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
- **Rev. Kosho Niwano**, President-designate, Rissho Kosei-kai; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **Hon. Ichiro Aisawa**, Member of the House of Representatives; Director General, *Religions for Peace* Parliamentary Support Group

Q&A

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

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### *Opening Ceremony (Open to Media and Online)*

13:00 – 13:10

Prayer /Meditation

- **Rev. Munemichi Kurozumi**, Chief Patriarch, Kurozumikyo Shinto; Board Member, *Religions for Peace* Japan
- **H.E. Cardinal Charles Bo**, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*

13:10 – 14:30

### *Opening Session*

**Moderator:** Rev. Yoshiharu Tomatsu, Chair, *Religions for Peace* Japan

**Welcome Remarks by Ven. Gijun Sugitani**, Chief Priest, Myoho-In Temple; Former Chair, *Religions for Peace* Japan

#### Speakers

- **H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis**, Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **Dr. Kezevino Aram**, President, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. Shaykh Dr. Abdallah Bin Bayyah**, President, Forum for Promoting Peace in Muslim Societies, Abu Dhabi; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- **Bishop Dr. Munib Younan**, Bishop Emeritus of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; Honorary President, *Religions for Peace*
- **H.E. Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos**, United Nations Under-Secretary-General and High Representative, United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC)
- **Hon. Katsuya Okada**, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Co-President of *Religions for Peace* Parliamentary Support Group

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14:30 – 14:45

Break

14:45 – 16:15

### *Session I: Reflections on Ongoing Conflicts and the Role of Religious Leaders in Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Closed)*

**Moderator: Dr. Joan Hernandez Serret**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace Europe*

- Presentation from **Africa**:
  - **H.E. Sheikh Thierno Hady Thiam**, Vice President, Muslim High Council of Mali; Member, Council of Presidents, Interreligious Council of Mali (Virtual)
  - Q&A
- Presentation from **Asia**:
  - **H.E. Cardinal Charles Bo**, Archbishop of Yangon, Myanmar; Co-President, *Religions for Peace*
  - Q&A
- Presentations from **Europe**:
  - **H.E. Chief Rabbi Yaakov Dov Bleich**, Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine, Founder and President, Union of Jewish Religious Organisations of Ukraine
  - **Rabbi Aharon Gurevich**, Head, Department of Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia
  - Q&A
- Presentations from **Latin America and the Caribbean**:
  - **Msrgr. Hector Fabio Henao**, Permanent Accompanier of the Catholic Episcopal Conference of Colombia (CEC) to the Peace Dialogue Table between the National Government and the National Liberation Army (ELN)
  - **Rev. Pierre Rigaud Julien**, First Counselor, Executive Committee, Protestant Federation of Haiti; Representative, *Religion for Peace Haiti*
  - Q&A

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Presentations from the **Middle East:**

- **Mr. Salah Zuhaika**, Former Deputy Minister of Islamic Endowment; Member, The Council of Religious Institutions in the Holy Land (CRIHL)
- **Mr. Avi Dabush**, Chief Executive Officer, Rabbis for Human Rights
- Q&A

16:15 – 16:30

Break

16:30 – 18:00

***Session II: Multi-Religious and Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Open to Media and Online)***

**Moderator:** Ms. Deepika Singh, Deputy Secretary General and Director of Programmes, *Religions for Peace*

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Francis Kuria**, Secretary General, African Council of Religious Leaders – *Religions for Peace*
- **Rev. Dr. Yoshinori Shinohara**, Secretary General, Asian Conference of *Religions for Peace*; Secretary General, *Religions for Peace Japan*
- **Dr. Joan Hernandez Serret**, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace Europe*
- **Mr. Elias Szczytnicki**, Secretary General and Regional Director, *Religions for Peace Latin America and the Caribbean*

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Wednesday, 21 February

DISCUSSION AND CLOSING CEREMONY

Momoyama Banquet Room, Floor B1F

<p>09:00 – 09:10</p>	<p>Opening Prayers / Meditation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ven. Sojo Kobayashi</b>, Director, General Affairs Department of Tendai Buddhism in Japan</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Kezevino Aram</b>, President, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, <i>Religions for Peace</i></li> </ul>
<p>09:10 – 10:20</p>	<p><b>Introduction: Rev. Dr. Yoshinori Shinohara</b>, Secretary General, Asian Conference of <i>Religions for Peace</i>; Secretary General, <i>Religions for Peace</i> Japan</p> <p><b>Breakout Group Discussions: <i>Leveraging the Unique Strengths of Multi-Religious and Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Closed)</i></b></p>
<p>10:20 – 11:00</p>	<p>Plenary Session on the Presentations from the Breakout Group Discussions (Closed)</p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms. Deepika Singh</b>, Deputy Secretary General and Director of Programmes, <i>Religions for Peace</i></p>



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## **DISCUSSION AND CLOSING CEREMONY**

11:00 – 12:30

*Forging Ahead: Catalysing Multi-Religious and Multi-Stakeholder Cooperation and Action for Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Closed)*

**Moderator:** H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis, Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

**Speakers:** All Participants of the *Second Tokyo Peace Roundtable*

This will be a moderated interactive discussion where all participants will have the opportunity to contribute.

12:30 – 13:00

*Discussion on the Official Statement and Commitments from the Second Tokyo Peace Roundtable (Closed)*

*Review and Endorsement of the Official Statement (Closed)*

**Moderator:** Dr. Kezevino Aram, President, Shanti Ashram; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch

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## Wednesday, 21 February DISCUSSION AND CLOSING CEREMONY

14:30 – 16:00

*Closing Ceremony (Open to Media and Online)*

### Prayer:

- Ms. Naoko Kawada, Vice Chair, *Religions for Peace* Japan Women's Committee
- Rev. Pierre Rigaud Julien, First Counselor, Executive Committee, Protestant Federation of Haiti; Representative, *Religion for Peace* Haiti

### Moderator:

- Dr. Francis Kuria, Secretary General, *Religions for Peace*

### Official Presentation of the Statement

### Speakers:

- H.E. Metropolitan Emmanuel Adamakis, Elder Metropolitan of Chalcedon; Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*
- Hon. Hirofumi Nakasone, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; Chairman, Initiatives of Change (IC) Parliamentary Support Group
- Hon. Yukihiisa Fujita, Former Vice Minister of Finance; Secretary General, *Religions for Peace* Parliamentary Support Group
- Rev. Kosho Niwano, President-designate, Rissho Kosei-kai, Co-Moderator, *Religions for Peace*

16:30 – 17:30

*Press Conference (Open to Media)*  
*Asuka Room, Floor BF1*

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