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Building a **SAFE, SECURE, and SUSTAINABLE**
World with Children



About the GNRC Sixth Forum

Arigatou International will convene the GNRC Sixth Forum from 19 to 21 November 2024 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. As the GNRC approaches a quarter-century of interfaith collaboration, action, and dialogue in the service of children around the world, the Sixth Forum is a pivotal moment for members to reflect on and celebrate the successes and positive transformations achieved since the Network was inaugurated in 2000 at its first Forum.

Hosted by the **Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities** (IAFSC), the upcoming Forum will bring together leaders of diverse faith and spiritual traditions, representatives from various governmental, intergovernmental, and non-governmental organizations, and children (who will have met in advance for a three-day forum to prepare for their participation at the main Forum). The Sixth Forum will be a hybrid event. In addition to the 400-600 in-person attendees, another 600 participants are expected to attend virtually. The participants will share ideas and formulate concrete strategies and plans for a hopeful world for, and with, children.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of the Forum is to bring together GNRC members, diverse religious leaders, children, youth, policymakers, academics, representatives from child-focused NGOs, and members of faith communities to deliberate, collaborate, exchange best practices, and forge new action commitments to address global issues concerning children.

Specifically, the Forum aims to:

- 1 Provide Space for Collaboration**
Provide a space for authentic and effective collaboration between and among children and adults from diverse regions and religions.
- 2 Spotlight the Critical Situation of the World's Children**
Put a spotlight on the critical situation of the world's children and reaffirm our commitment to addressing these present-day realities in the spirit of the GNRC.
- 3 Demonstrate Contributions by Religious Communities**
Demonstrate the unique contributions, as well as clear and tangible actions, that religious communities and their ethical values can make to address the challenges children face.
- 4 Formulate New Action Plans**
Build upon the transformative agenda, initiatives, actions, and expertise of Forum participants to shape new collaborative action for, and with, children.
- 5 Strengthen and Celebrate the GNRC**
Strengthen the GNRC and celebrate nearly 25 years of interfaith cooperation.
- 6 Build New Synergies and Partnerships**
Formulate and commit to concrete strategies and actions, build synergies, and develop new strategic partnerships that will support the scaling up of key programs for children.
- 7 Launch the Strategic Plan**
Launch the GNRC Strategic Plan for 2025 – 2030.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Enhanced Mutual Understanding, Shared Values, and Collaboration
- Enhanced Adaptive Capacity to Advocate for the Rights and Well-Being of Children
- Increased Commitment to the Implementation of the SDGs
- New Strategic Partnerships
- Appreciation of Nearly 25 Years of Grassroots Interfaith Cooperation
- Enhanced Outreach and Visibility of Arigatou International Work
- Launch of the GNRC Strategic Plan for 2025 – 2030
- Adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration/ Call to Action: Answering the Call of the Child

The child is calling! We have a moral and ethical imperative to answer to this call. Now is the time to unite our efforts, intensify our actions, and put the voice of the child at the center as we come together to build a safe, secure, sustainable, and hopeful world for all.



Arigatou International is “All for Children” and works with people from diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to build a better world for children. Believing that every girl and boy is a precious treasure of humanity, Arigatou International draws on universal principles of common good found in religious and spiritual traditions and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



The Interfaith Alliance for Safer Communities is a network of advocates from civil society and faith communities. Its goal is to empower faith leaders to work for the safety and security of our communities, tackling issues such as child sexual abuse, hate crimes, child dignity in the digital world, extremism and radicalization, and human trafficking.



The Global Network of Religions for Children is a global-scale interfaith network of organizations and individuals specifically dedicated to securing the rights and well-being of children everywhere.



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