

European Council of Religious Leaders



International Council Meeting 2026 23rd – 25th June, Mauritius

Religions for Peace International held the 2026 International Council Meeting from 23rd – 25th June in Mauritius. The meeting was supported by the Council of Religions Mauritius, the Government of Mauritius, and the Fetzer Institute. The President of Mauritius attended the opening ceremony, as well as local and International Religious Leaders.

In attendance on behalf of ECRL was President Bishop Kari, Vice President Rabbi Dayan, Metropolitan Emmanuel, Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh, and Secretary General Mark Owen. From RfP Europe President Genti Kruja, Secretary General Maria Leppäkari, Prof Elizabeth Naurath (Germany), Dr Luigi De Salvia (Italy), and Prof Joan Serret (Spain) attended. Emina Frijlak (B&Hi) represented the European Interfaith Youth Network. All attendees were invited directly by RfP International and ECRL was not consulted in participant selection.



The theme of the meeting was, 'Forging Pathways to Shared Sacred Flourishing'. The Shared Sacred Flourishing (SSF) concept is intended to underpin all of RfP's work for the coming years. In short, SSF is an attempt to articulate and leverage the 'sacred' added dimensions that the work of religious leaders and communities brings to addressing the biggest challenges we face in the world today. RfP International has produced a variety of documents explaining SSF, how they see it adding to RfP's work, and why it distinguishes us from non-religious organisations and actors. They have also produced a 'toolkit' and training manual, and the intention is to offer training on the application of SSF to all RfP entities across the world, including ECRL.



The meeting heard reports from RfP regional bodies, national bodies, and youth and women, as well as holding dialogue sessions on three RfP strategic areas: Artificial Intelligence in Conflict Settings; Climate, Conflict, and Debt; and Reimagining Multilateralism. On behalf of Religions for Peace, Francis Kuria and Metropolitan Emmanuel also signed an agreement with the Abu Dhabi Peace Forum to hold the next RfP World Assembly in Abu Dhabi in 2027.

In summary, key points for ECRL members:

- The Shared Sacred Flourishing concept is proposed to underpin all RfP's work for the coming years, so please familiarise yourself with the attached document.
- RfP International expects all RfP bodies to hold a training for members on the concept and application of Shared Sacred Flourishing. Funding is available for training, but the timeframe is extremely short - we hope to do this at the end of August and will be in touch with more information.
- The 11th Religions for Peace World Assembly will be held in Abu Dhabi. Whilst the dates are yet to be confirmed it will likely be in the second half of 2027. We do not as yet know how many ECRL members will be invited, or how they will be selected.
- The meeting emphasised Climate, Conflict, AI, and debt relief for developing countries, as key strategic areas leading up to the World Assembly in 2027.