

ETHICS IN ACTION **IX**



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## Ethics in Action for Sustainable and Integral Development

Sustainable development seeks a holistic approach to well-being based on poverty reduction, social inclusion, and care for the earth, while integral development adds the concern for full human flourishing across all dimensions of life. The *Ethics in Action* initiative starts from the position that the challenges related to sustainable and integral development are profoundly moral, requiring not only technical solutions but the actualization of universal ethical principles such as human dignity, social justice, the common good, and shared well-being.

Such challenges include forms of violence and coercion (war, violent religious and ethnic extremism, gender violence, modern slavery, drug trafficking), environmental threats (climate change, species and habitat destruction), and social exclusion (poverty, inequality, deprivation, gender discrimination, and the marginalization of indigenous peoples and minorities). Individuals and communities on all levels have genuine capacities to respond to these challenges and thus, have related moral obligations to do so.

*Ethics in Action* seeks to advance the moral efforts essential to grappling with the challenges to sustainable and integral development. The moral dimension focuses on the human capacity to achieve sustainable

and integral development and the corresponding moral obligations to actuate that capacity. Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, offers the foundational text for this effort. The encyclical, as Pope Francis wrote, addresses "every person living on this planet. ... In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home." *Ethics in Action* will also be guided in a significant fashion by the Sustainable Development Goals, which offer a compelling global framework for action and cooperation on behalf of our common home and its people.

Accordingly, *Ethics in Action* will bring together a select group of religious leaders, theologians, academics, business and labor leaders, development practitioners, and activists to identify the values and ethics needed to advance concrete actions in response to these challenges. It will not aim for technical or policy solutions, but will instead seek to draw out the underling ethical values and principles needed to inform a shared moral vision of human flourishing—including the development of a multi-religious moral consensus that can be communicated widely across diverse religious communities and other stakeholders to equip them with the moral agency essential to overcoming these challenges.

## Ética en Acción para el Desarrollo Sostenible e Integral

El desarrollo sostenible busca un enfoque holístico del bienestar basado en la reducción de la pobreza, la inclusión social y el cuidado de la tierra, mientras que el desarrollo integral agrega la preocupación por el pleno florecimiento humano en todas las dimensiones de la vida. La iniciativa *Ética en Acción* parte de la posición de que los desafíos relacionados con el desarrollo sostenible e integral son profundamente morales, requiriendo no sólo soluciones técnicas sino la actualización de principios éticos universales como la dignidad humana, la justicia social, el bien común y el bienestar colectivo.

Estos desafíos incluyen formas de violencia y coerción (guerra, extremismo religioso y étnico violento, violencia de género, esclavitud moderna, tráfico de drogas); amenazas ambientales (cambio climático, destrucción de especies y hábitat) y exclusión social (pobreza, desigualdad, privación, discriminación de género, y marginación de los pueblos indígenas y las minorías). Los individuos y las comunidades en todos los niveles tienen verdaderas capacidades para responder a estos desafíos y, por lo tanto, tienen las obligaciones morales de hacerlo.

*Ética en Acción* busca avanzar en los esfuerzos morales esenciales para afrontar los desafíos del desarrollo sostenible e integral. La dimensión moral se centra en la capacidad humana para alcanzar

un desarrollo sostenible e integral y las obligaciones morales correspondientes para efectuar esa capacidad. La encíclica del Papa Francisco, *Laudato Si'*, ofrece el texto fundacional de este esfuerzo. La encíclica, como escribió el Papa Francisco, se dirige a “todas las personas que viven en este planeta. ... En esta Encíclica me gustaría entablar un diálogo con todas las personas sobre nuestro hogar común”. *Ética en Acción* también será guiada de manera significativa por los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible, que ofrecen un marco global convincente para la acción y la cooperación en nombre de nuestro hogar común y de su gente.

De acuerdo con esto, *Ética en Acción* reunirá a un selecto grupo de líderes religiosos, teólogos, académicos, líderes empresariales y laborales, profesionales del desarrollo, y activistas para identificar la ética y los valores necesarios para avanzar acciones concretas en respuesta a estos desafíos. No buscará soluciones técnicas o de políticas públicas, sino que tratará de extraer los valores y principios éticos necesarios para fundamentar una visión moral compartida del florecimiento humano, incluyendo el desarrollo de un consenso moral multirreligioso que pueda ser comunicado ampliamente a través de diversas comunidades religiosas y otras partes interesadas para dotarlos de la agencia moral esencial para superar estos desafíos.

# Programme

## Day 1 | Monday, August 20

- 9:00 **Introduction and welcome**  
Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, and Jeffrey Sachs
- 9:05 **Follow-up from previous meetings**  
Jeffrey Sachs
- 9:15 **Corruption and the common good—an overview**  
Jeffrey Sachs (25 minutes)  
Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga (20 minutes)  
Jermyn Brooks, Transparency International (20 minutes)
- 10:20 Open discussion
- 10:50 Break
- 11:20 **Tax havens and illicit financial flows**  
Alex Cobham (15 minutes)  
Nicholas Shaxson (15 minutes)  
James Henry (15 minutes)  
Aniket Shah (10 minutes)
- 12:15 Open discussion
- 12:45 Lunch at Böglerhof
- 14:00 **Regional dimensions of corruption**  
*Nigeria:* Cardinal John Onaiyekan (15 minutes)  
*Brazil:* Virgilio Viana (15 minutes)  
*Argentina:* Tamara Rosenberg (15 minutes)  
*Middle East:* Mohammad Sammak (15 minutes)  
*United States:* Jeffrey Sachs (15 minutes)
- 15:15 Open discussion
- 15:45 Break
- 16:15 **Practical responses to corruption**  
*Role of the IMF:* Sean Hagan (20 minutes)  
*Role of European Union:* Jan Tombinksi/ Thomas Mayr-Harting (15 minutes)  
*Role of civil society:* Ingrid Hamm (10 minutes)
- 17:00 Open discussion
- 17:30 End of meeting
- 18:30 Dinner at Roßmoos
- 20:00 Holy Mass concelebrated by Cardinal Onaiyekan, Cardinal Rodríguez, Bishop Sánchez Sorondo, Fr. Groody, and Fr. Markl

## Day 2 | Tuesday, August 21

### 9:00 **Corruption—ethical and religious dimensions**

Cardinal Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga (*15 minutes*)

Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo (*15 minutes*)

Cardinal John Onaiyekan (*15 minutes*)

Metropolitan Zizioulas (*15 minutes*)

Metropolitan Emmanuel (*15 minutes*)

Dr. Dan Groody (*10 minutes*)

Fr. Dominik Markl (*10 minutes*)

10:35 Open discussion

11:05 Break

### 11:35 **Corruption—ethical and religious dimensions, cont'd**

Rabbi David Rosen (*15 minutes*)

Rev. Kosho Niwano (*15 minutes*)

Anantanand Rambachan (*15 minutes*)

Josef Mitterer (*10 minutes*)

12:30 Open discussion

13:00 Lunch at Böglerhof

### 14:30 **Corruption—ethical and religious dimensions, cont'd**

Claus Dierksmeier (*15 minutes*)

Bob Boisture (*15 minutes*)

Gustavo Vera (*15 minutes*)

Scott Appleby (*15 minutes*)

Djaffar Salchi (*15 minutes*)

15:45 Open discussion

16:15 Break

16:45 Discussion of final statement

18:00 End of meeting

### 20:00 **European Forum Alpbach plenary session: (Elisabeth-Herz-Kremenak-Saal, Congress Centre Alpbach)**

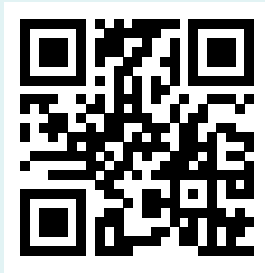
- Moderator: Emilio Galli-Zugarro
- Panelists: Jeffrey Sachs, Cardinal John Onaiyekan, Sean Hagan, Jermyn Brooks

## List of Participants

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Dr. Anthony Annett | *IMF, UN SDSN and Religions for Peace*  
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Mr. Alex Cobham | *Chief Executive, Tax Justice Network*  
Prof. Dr. Claus Dierksmeier | *Director, Global Ethic Institute Academic Director, The Humanistic Management Center*  
Fr. Daniel Groody | *Professor, University of Notre Dame*  
Mr. Sean Hagan | *General Counsel, IMF*  
Dr. Ingrid Hamm | *EFA nominee*  
Shaykh Hamza Yusuf Hanson | *President, Zaytuna College, Berkeley, Vice-President, Global Forum for Promoting Peace*  
Mr. James Henry | *Economist, lawyer, and investigative journalist*  
Ms. Gabriella Marino | *Pontifical Academy of Sciences*  
Prof. Dominik Markl | *Pontifical Biblical Institute*  
H.E. Amb. Thomas Mayr-Harting | *EFA*  
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Card. John Onaiyekan | *Archdiocese of Abuja, Nigeria*  
Ms. Sharon Paculor | *Earth Institute, Columbia University*  
Dr. Anantanand Rambachan | *Professor, Religion Department, Saint Olaf College*  
Card. Oscar Rodríguez Maradiaga | *Archbishop of Tegucigalpa*  
Rabbi David Rosen | *American Jewish Committee*  
Tamara Rosenberg | *Founder, Mundo Almeda, Buenos Aires, Argentina*  
Prof. Jeffrey Sachs | *Professor, Special Advisor to UN Secretary General*  
Dr. Sonia Sachs | *Health Director, Center for Sustainable Development*  
Dr. Mohammad Sammak | *Secretary General Islamic Christian National Dialogue Committee Lebanon*  
H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo | *Pontifical Academy of Sciences*  
Dr. Aniket Shah | *Head of Sustainable Investing, Oppenheimer Funds*  
Mr. Djaffar Shalchi | *Founder / CEO / Chair of the Board, Human Act, Copenhagen, Denmark*  
Mr. Nicholas Shaxson | *Author, journalist and investigator*  
Dr. Ted Smith | *Co-Chair, Institute for Healthy Air, Water and Soil*  
H.E. Amb. Jan Tombinski | *EU Ambassador to the Holy See*  
Hon. Gustavo Vera | *Former MP of the City of Buenos Aires and schoolteacher*  
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