

Karlsruhe 2022 Events im Swiss hub UPDATE 28.08.2022

Date	Time	Title	Speakers	Moderation	Content
1.9	13.45-14.45	Carbon Conversations: Moving from talk to action	Elke Fassbender, Co-head, Department Campaigning, Ecumenism, Church, HEKS/Swiss Church Aid Sandro Schmidlin, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning Officer, HEKS/Swiss Church Aid	Simon Weber, HEKS – Swiss Church Aid	Since 2017 HEKS/ Bread for All, offers Carbon Conversations to people who are concerned about climate change and are looking for like-minded people, people who want to put their lives on a climate path and motivate others to do the same and people who want to act now. We present these Carbone Conversations: origin, method and procedure of the participatory workshops. We share our experiences and have an interactive taster workshop
1.9	15.30-16.30	The role of churches to support IDPs and refugees from Ukraine: Experiences from Transcarpathia and Hungary	Bishop Sándor Zán Fábián, bishop of the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia, Ukraine (tbc) Rev. Balázs Ódor, Ecumenical Officer, Reformed Church in Hungary (IN GERMAN – AUF DEUTSCH)	Marina Dölker, HEKS Swiss Church Aid	Since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the reality of people's lives in the country has changed dramatically. How have churches responded to the crisis since the beginning of the war? What is their role in providing support to IDPs within Ukraine and refugees in the neighboring countries?
1.9	19.15-20.15	Women Power in the Church – beyond ordination	Rev. Mary Katagile, (Theological Faculty, Mbeya, Tansania), Rev. Dr. J. Dorcas Gordon, Principal Emerita Knox College Canada, President of IAWM (International Association of Women Ministers)	Magdalena Zimmermann, mission 21	In many churches around the world women are ordained, which can be seen as a positive development on the way to gender equality. Even so, many women still face numerous difficulties. In various societies, cultural, patriarchal role models are still characteristic, which tend to locate the tasks of women in the diaconal and educational area less in leadership positions. These ideas also have the effect that ordained women often get jobs that are in the diaconal field, frequently in remote places, perhaps to make them less visible.

1.9	21.15-22.00	Daily Debriefing		Rev Christoph Knoch, PCS	Swiss participants share their impressions of the day with other guests
2.9	12.00-13.00	The Importance of the Work of the Reference Group on Human Sexuality for the church globally	Judith Kotzé (South Africa) or Michael Schuenemeyer (UCC, USA); Small Luk (HongKong); Amadeo Udampoh (Indonesia), NN, Guatemala	Irene Schwyn, PCS	In a series of short talks, we hear from a member of the Reference Group as well as men and women, queer and straight, from different parts of the world: Why is talking about an ongoing conversation about human sexuality in its many and diverse expressions in the church important to them? How do they hope their faith communities would address the topic?
2.9	13.30-14.30	„Being Protestant in Europe today, contributing to Reconciliation and unity	Annette Kurschus, Chair of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD), Emmanuelle Seyboldt, President of the United Protestant Church in France (EPUdF), Rita Famos, President of the Protestant Church in Switzerland PCS (AUF DEUTSCH-IN GERMAN)	Serge Fornerod, PCS, Frank-Dieter Fischbach EKD, Ulrich Wienhold EPUdF	Die Geschichte evangelischer Kirche in Europa ist in den einzelnen Ländern sehr unterschiedlich, ihre Verankerung in der Gesellschaft historisch sehr verschieden. Die EKD, die EKS und die EPUdF eint die Suche nach ihrer Zukunft in einer Gesellschaft, in der sie in die Minderheit geraten. Dies gilt schon für den französischen Protestantismus, und jetzt aber auch für Deutschland und die Schweiz. Die Kirchen fragen nach ihrer Mission und ihrem Selbstverständnis in ihren Ländern und in Europa, und den Beitrag, den sie für ein versöhntes Europa leisten sollen. Sie sind aber auch gefordert, zu beantworten, wie sie heute in der Diaspora frohgemut Kirche sind.
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5.9	12.00 – 13.00	For hope and a future in Lebanon: The role of the church amidst crisis	Rev. Joseph Kassab, General Secretary of the National Evangelical Synod in Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), Rev. Raffi Messerlian (Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East UAECNE)	Marina Dölker HEKS –Swiss Church Aid /Church Cooperation	For more than two years, Lebanon has been in free fall: economic crisis, hyperinflation and political instability pose major challenges for society and individual lives and families. How can churches provide spiritual support and tangible perspectives for a better future in a context marked by uncertainty and hopelessness? We talk about the current challenges in

					the country, but also about how churches work towards hope and a future
5.9	13.15-14.30	Bossey Alumni meeting	Ioan Sauca, Interim GS of WCC, Claudia Haslebach, Council member of the Protestant Church in Switzerland PCS, Rita Famos, President PCS, Merlyn Hyde Riley, Alumni, Jamaica	Simone Sinn, WCC/Bossey, S. Fornerod, PCS	The first meeting of the Alumni students of Bossey!
5.9	15.45-16.30	Intercultural realities in the context of Churches in Geneva	Rev Espoir Adadzi, Togo, CEVAA envoyee in Geneva	Rev Nicolas Monnier, Director DM,	Due to the acceleration of the migratory phenomenon and globalization, the intercultural reality of both our society and Christian communities is today a basic data. Between 2017 and end of November 2023, the Protestant Church of Geneva is conducting an experience by welcoming Togolese pastor Espoir Adadzi. His mission: challenging and questioning, from his external point of view, the way our established Churches celebrate their faith, with or without the migration churches.
5.9	18.45-19.45	Interreligious Peace Building in Nigeria	Dr. Yakubu Joseph, Coordinator of Mission 21 Nigeria	Magdalena Zimmermann, mission 21	Peace work in Nigeria is needed more urgently than ever. The violence of the terrorist militia Boko Haram in the northeast and violent conflicts between different religious groups in central Nigeria have brought suffering to millions of people and permanently disrupted the relationship between Christians and Muslims throughout the country. The poor economic situation and political power struggles in the country contribute to a very tense situation.
6.9	12.00-13.00	The Ministry: Gift for the Church – past and present	Rev Hansjakob Schibler, Vice-President Swiss Pastors' Society, Verena Salvisberg, Swiss Pastors' Society, Orthodox priest (tbc),	Martin Hauser PCS	Questioning and discussing the self understanding of pastors/priests about their role and its evolution in different contexts and confessional patterns

			Protestant Pastor from a third country (tbc)		
6.9	13.30-14.30	Discipleship and social witness of Churches in minority Situation	Rev Claire Sixt-Gateuille, United Protestant Church in France (EPUdF), Rev. Michel Charbonnier, Waldensian Church Italy, Emmanuel Jeger, Evangelical Reformed Church in Vaud (CH)	Pierre-Yves Emery, PCS	The three Churches have on this issue an own context and experience, but they do not differ fundamentally the one from the other in the broader european horizont. 1-2 concrete examples of the Churches engagements in social projects will show the chances and limits of each form of social initiatives. A discussion will follow on the theological and ecclesiological questions at stake, as well as on the different spiritual criterias used as discernment tools by the Churches. What does « the radical inclusivity » of Christ mean in this context ?
6.9	15.30-16.30	Participation and peace through interreligious cooperation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karin Mykytjuk, house of religions, Berne, - Angela Büchel Sladkovic, Roman Catholic Church, Berne - Bhante Anuruddha, Buddhist monk, Berne - Sasikumar Tharmalingam, Hindu priest, Berne - Heinz Bichsel, Reformed Church Berne-Jura-Solothurn - Fernando RVEVR Warnakulasuriya Emmanuel Pivs Kennedy, Catholic priest (tbc) - Venkatraman Sundararaman Kurukkal, Hindu priest (tbc) - Haduwala Dewage Chanukanishani Karunarathne, (tbc) - Mahmoodu Al im Abdulla, Imam (tbc) - Buddiyagama Chandraratna Thero, Buddhist monk (tbc) 	Karin Mykytjuk, Angela Büchel and Heinz Bichsel, Bern	Talk and encounter with representatives of the houses of religions in Berne and Puttalam: After giving a short space for the situation in Sri Lanka we exchange about the experiences of the houses of religions in Puttalam, Sri Lanka, and in Berne, Switzerland. A special focus of the talk is put on the specific challenges for the cooperation of religions in very different contexts. Polarizing secular ideologies and religious convictions are a threat for peace; how can interreligious encounters, dialogue and cooperation contribute to consolidate dialogue as a basis of life for society and international relations?

6.9	19.30-20.45	Debriefing with the Swiss Delegation before the last decision session of the Assembly	Rev Heinz Fäh, PCS, Emma van Dorp, PCS, Suzanne Schild PCS, Rev Christoph Schuler Old Catholic Church Switzerland, Sarah Bach, Evangelical methodist Church Switzerland	Christoph Knoch PCS	How did the Swiss delegation manage the whole Assembly? What was challenging, what was impressive? What was the most difficult moment and which one the highlight so far? What kind of decisions do they have still to take tomorrow?
7.9	13.30-14.45	Moral discernment: listening to each other's mindset	Dr Julija Naett Vidovic (Institut of orthodox de théology Saint-Serge, Paris) ; Dr Marc Boss (Protestant Institut of théologie, Paris)	Caire Sixt-Gateuille, EPUdF	Moral issues draw new dividing lines between and within churches. They even tend to become more dividing than theological issues. Faith and Order's commission of WCC has developed a new methodology to adress these issues. This process, though difficult, proved to be fruitful. Two theologians, reformed and orthodox share their point of view on this study, from the 2013 initial document to the 2021 one presenting the methodology.
7.9	15.30-16.30	Blue Community – an Initiative for Water as Human Right and Public Good. Chances and limits in the international context based on lessons learnt by Swiss Blue Communities	Lisa Krebs, Coordinator of the Swiss Blue Communities, Reformed Churches Bern-Jura-Solothurn (CH) Karl Heuberger, Thematic Advisor Right to Access to Water, HEKS/Swiss Church Aid	Lisa Krebs, Reformed Churches Bern-Jura-Solothurn (CH); Karl Heuberger, HEKS/Swiss Church Aid	Using the example of water resp. the Blue Community initiative, the workshop shows how churches can become active for peace, justice and the preservation of creation. At the center of the workshops is the promotion of public-public-partnerships to advocate the right to water at the international level. We will take a closer look on the experiences made in Brazil by HEKS – Swiss Church Aid and will discuss this concrete case of international partnership for access to water with church representatives and guests from Brazil.
7.9	19.30-20.45	Daily Debriefing with a visitors group of swiss pastors	Bernd Berger, PCS (pwb), Susanne Schneeberger (Refbejuso)	Rev Christoph Knoch, PCS	A group of swiss pastors took part to the Assembly in the frame of a programme for permanent education. They will address the question what and how to transfer what they learned and discovered in Kalrsruhe in their congregational work