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**Save the Date – International JISRA Conference  
November 4th, 2025 | Brussels, Belgium**

The Hague, 23 September 2025

Dear,

We are excited to invite you to the international conference with the working title **Securing FoRB through an Inclusive Peacebuilding Approach of the Joint Initiative for Strategic Religious Action (JISRA)**, taking place on **4 November 2025 in Brussels, Belgium**.

Over the past five years, more than 50 civil society organisations across Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya, Mali, Uganda, and Nigeria have been working together through JISRA to foster peaceful and just societies where everyone can enjoy Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB). This work has not only advanced Sustainable Development Goal 16 (Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies), but it has also contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls), which are firmly rooted in Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

JISRA is implemented in partnership with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and coordinated by four international consortium partners: Mensen met een Missie (lead organisation), Faith to Action Network, Search for Common Ground, and Tearfund UK & Tearfund Netherlands, with support from the Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers. At country level, 49 diverse partner organisations have implemented the programme, creating real and lasting change in communities: from supporting inter-religious dialogue and mediation, working on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE), advancing the rights of religious minorities to strengthening women's and youth's leadership in faith spaces, and leading advocacy on FoRB from the grassroots to the UN level.

As JISRA reaches its conclusion, this full-day conference will bring together participants from JISRA countries, policymakers, practitioners, academics, and funding organisations to celebrate achievements and reflect on lessons learned. It will highlight the importance of engaging religious actors in peacebuilding and demonstrate how FoRB for all is essential to building lasting peace and identify concrete policy recommendations for future programming on FoRB.

**Conference objectives:**

- **Shape the future:** Identify evidence-based policy recommendations and scenarios for FoRB and peacebuilding with governments, multilateral institutions, and donors.
- **Share what works:** Showcase JISRA's most effective practices and methodologies on FoRB and peacebuilding with practitioners.
- **Connect the dots:** Provide a vibrant space for networking between practitioners, academics, policymakers, and the donor community.





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Based on the speakers already confirmed, the conference will feature contributions from, among others, representatives from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Furthermore, Ms. Nageeba Hassan Tegulwa, former co-chair of the African Women of Faith, Irfan Amaali co-founder and director PeaceGeneration Indonesia, and Dr Rhoda Udaymi from Nigeria. Prof. Dr. Erin Wilson, Associate Professor of Politics and Religion at the Faculty of Religion, Culture and Society at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands, will join as a speaker. Her work explores the intersections of religion, security, and social transformation.

There are limited spots available at the conference, so we kindly encourage you to secure your place by pre-registering here: <https://forms.office.com/e/0NxE3DTapg>

You are most welcome to pass this invitation on to anyone in your organisation or network who might be interested.

A formal invitation with the full agenda, confirmed speakers, and practical details will follow shortly to help you prepare your visit. With the exception of your own travel to Brussels, participation in the conference is free of charge.

We are looking forward to meeting you during the conference!

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chr. Maasdam". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

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