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Live Stream of the Formal Meetings of the Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom

Open to the General Public
Time: 9:00 am – 5:15 pm

Organization(s): International Religious Freedom Roundtable

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Betts Theater, 800 21st St NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: The events of the Formal Ministerial hosted at the State Department will be live streamed here for the general public.

Religious Freedom - Missing Voices from Sub Saharan Africa: Beyond the MENA (Middle East & North Africa) a Look at Growing Extremism in E/W Africa

Open to the General Public
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Organization(s): Africa United for Peace & African Christian Fellowship, Washington, DC Chapter

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Islamist extremist groups such as ISWAP, Boko Haram and others operating in countries in Sub-Saharan African countries have left a gory trail of blood and pains along their heinous paths. This program aims to call attention to the dangers posed to the world if this is not urgently addressed.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Participants: Dr. Emmanuel Emenyonu, Chair, Africa United for Peace; Attorney Emmanuel Ogebe, President, US Nigeria Law Group; Attorney Solomon Asemota, Chair, Nigerian Christian Elders Forum; Solomon Mengesha, MPA Harvard and M.Div, Yale University.
Update and Develop Religious Freedom and Civil Society for Viet Nam

Open to General Public
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Organization(s): The Council of the Ethnic Peoples and Religions of Vietnam (CPRVN) & Vietnamese People’s Evangelical Fellowship (VPEF)

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Project to upgrade and develop religious freedom and civil society for Vietnam and some Asian countries. Missionary training center in USA, Thailand and Vietnam. Prisoners of conscience, Human trafficking, Children's rights and Women.

Discussion Rule: On the Record


Displacement and Data: Responding to & Documenting the Boko Haram Insurgency in Northeast Nigeria

Open to the General Public
Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Organization(s): Church of the Brethren,

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Data gathered in northeast Nigeria demonstrates that the number of widows and dependents and total deaths and abductions is likely much higher than typically reported. Leaders from the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria will describe the plight of widows and survivors located in the heart of the crisis.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Speakers: Dr. Rebecca Dali of the Center for Caring, Empowerment, and Peacebuilding Initiatives, Rev. Dr. Samuel Dali Former President of the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria, Rev. Dr. Nathan Hosler Church of the Brethren, Office of Peacebuilding and Policy
Home Education: A Right of Conscience

Open to Public, RSVP required
Time: 12:00 – 2:30 pm

Organization(s): Homeschool Legal Defense Association

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: If 2 million children are homeschooled in the United States, why does Germany, Sweden and Norway persecute homeschooling parents? If human rights acknowledges a prior right of parents to direct their children’s education in accordance with their convictions, why is home education controversial?

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Speakers: Senator Michael Braun*, USCIRF Commissioner (appearing in personal capacity) Kristina Arriaga, HSLDA President J. Michael Smith & Senior Counsel Michael Donnelly, Global Liberty Alliance President Jason Poblete, Persecution Victims Uwe & Hanne Romeike, and a proxy for jailed Cuban homeschooling parents Ramon, Adya Rigal, Golkis Almaguer.* (*invited)


Building A Strategic Partnership to Advance FoRB in Kazakhstan

Open to General Public
Time: 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Organization(s): LYN Community

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: This panel discussion will engage key FoBR influencers and leaders in what is expected to be a dynamic and timely conversation. Participants can expect to hear about new collaborations and events forthcoming in the region and well as policy next steps.

Discussion Rule: Off the Record

Participants: Ministry of Information and Social Development, Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, IRF Roundtable, IGE, LYNC
The Mass Destruction and Desecration of Uyghur Mosques by China

Open to Public, RSVP Required
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 pm

Organization(s): Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) & Uyghur Human Rights Project

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University Room 309, 800 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Thousands of mosques in the Uyghur homeland have been bulldozed since 2016. Satellite photos and witness testimony paint a devastating picture of the Chinese government's systematic campaign to wipe out Uyghur religious devotion, teaching and education, community life and Uyghur identity itself.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Speakers: Bahram Sintash (Founder, Uyghurism.com), Omer Kanat (Director, UHRP), Louisa Greve (Director of External Affairs, UHRP), Fernando Burges (U.S Representative, UNPO), Benedict Rogers (East Asia Team Leader CSW), Commissioner Tenzin Dorjee

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Towards an inclusive Sudan: challenges and opportunities for FoRB and human rights in post-Bashir Sudan?

Open to the General Public
Time: 9:00 – 10:00 am

Organizations: CSW

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Nationwide protests that rocked Sudan since December 2018 have significantly altered the political landscape. As a new agreement is finalized between the Transitional Military Council and the Forces for Freedom and Change, this side event brings together activists and Sudan Experts to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the promotion of fundamental rights including freedom of religion or belief in Sudan

Discussion Rule: Chatham House Rules

Participants: Dr Khataza Gondwe (CSW)

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Pakistan as a Country of Particular Concern (CPC) under the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA): What Now?

Open to the General Public
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Organization(s): Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: This event will bring together policymakers, advocates and representatives of religious minorities to discuss how the international community can encourage tolerance and respect for religious freedom in Pakistan in light of its recent designation as a Country of Particular Concern. It will compliment events held this year related to the review of Pakistan’s compliance with the human rights requirements in the EU’s GSP+ preferential trade access regime.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Participants: Fernando Burgés (UNPO), Michael Kugelman (Wilson Center), Eiga Kenny (Centre for Legal Aid Assistance and Settlement), Ismail Royer (RFI), Munawar Laghari (World Sindhi Institute)

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Compromised Space: How the UN is Becoming an Ever More Dangerous Place for Representatives of Religious and Other Minorities

Open to the General Public
   Time: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Organization(s): Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO)

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Unrepresented peoples face enormous challenges when advocating at international forums. Particularly concerning is how restrictive the UN has become for representatives of religious minorities, who often face harassment and intimidation from some UN Member-states.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Participants: Fernando Burgés (UNPO), Dokun Isa (World Uyghur Congress), Dr Fiona McConnell (University of Oxford), Abdirahman Mahdi (ONLF), Representative of Crimean Tatars (TBC),

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**Documentary Screening: "Harvested Alive - 10 Years of Investigation"**

Open to the General Public  
Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Organization(s): Falun Dafa Association at Washington DC & World Organization to Investigate the Persecution of Falun Gong (WOIPFG)

Location: **Second Stage**, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Presenting Evidence on Chinese State Sanctioned Organ Harvesting. A former Chinese military doctor exposed a secret transplant business. A crime that has never happened before on this planet. A regime in peacetime is harvesting living people's organs on a massive scale. Dr. Zhiyuan Wang spent 30 years studying how to save lives. He never imagined that he would spend another 10 years investigating how Chinese doctors take innocent lives. His research reveals an inconceivable truth - China's hospitals, judiciary, and military worked together to mercilessly slaughter a large number of Falun Gong practitioners through the harvesting of their organs.

Discussion Rule: On the Record


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Open to Public, RSVP Required  
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Organization(s): Christianity Today & Institute for Global Engagement

Location: **Second Stage**, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: A presentation and analysis of the latest Pew data on governmental and societal restrictions on religion worldwide (new 2019 rankings, plus first-ever 10-year trend analysis), followed by responses from a panel of experts. (RSVP by 10 a.m. Wed preferred, but we will accommodate last-minute arrivals.)

Discussion Rule: On the Record


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Evangelical Engagement on International Religious Freedom: Innovative Case Studies

Open to Public, RSVP Required
Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Organization(s): Christianity Today & Institute for Global Engagement

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Discussion of proven strategies regarding Uzbekistan, Vietnam, India, Cuba, gender-based persecution, multi-faith clergy retreats, citizen journalism, and more. (RSVP by 10 a.m. Wed preferred, but we will accommodate last-minute arrivals.)

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Participants: James Chen - Institute for Global Engagement, Bob Roberts - Glocal.net, Helene Fisher - Open Doors, Mario Lleonart - CSW Cuba, and others.

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Kashmir: Past, Present, and Future

Open to the General Public
Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm

Organization(s): Hindu American Foundation (HAF) & Indo-American Kashmir Forum (IAKF)

Location: Second Stage, Marvin Center, George Washington University, Continental Ballroom (3rd Floor), 800 21st St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Preview: Three decades ago, the Hindu Kashmiri Pandit community was ethnically cleansed from their ancestral home in the Valley of Kashmir. If you listen to the mainstream media tell the story though, you’ll get none of that. HAF and IAKF invite you to find out why and how to resolve this problem.

Discussion Rule: On the Record

Participants: Raj Koul: Director (Midwest Region) - Indo American Kashmir Forum, Suhag Shukla: Executive Director - Hindu American Foundation, Jay Kansara: Director of Government Relations - Hindu American Foundation

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Organization(s): U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

Location: US Holocaust Memorial Museum, 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place SW

Preview: Museum staff will provide a briefing and orientation to introduce you to the Museum’s Permanent Exhibition: The Holocaust as well as a new special exhibition Americans and the Holocaust and an exhibition about ongoing atrocities in Syria entitled, Syria: Please Don’t Forget Us.

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