



CIFA Participates in Delegation on Interfaith Cooperation

CIFA was represented in a U.S. delegation of 20 faith leaders and faith-based organizations at a consultation in Jakarta, Indonesia on “Indonesia-U.S. Interfaith Cooperation, Building Collaborative Communities: Enhancing Cooperation among People of Different Faiths.”

Following President Obama’s call for closer collaboration among Muslims and Christians in his Cairo speech, the U.S. State Department-sponsored the event facilitated by [Religions for Peace](#). U.S. and Indonesian participants from Muslim, Christian and other faith communities, as well as representatives from several key Southeast Asian countries (see list of participants below) explored common concerns, with a view to framing common interfaith action. The consultation yielded a declaration, the text of which is available below. This event launched a series of State Department initiatives to foster multi-religious cooperation and action.

"President Obama has spoken frequently about the importance of listening to one another, even to those groups with different perspectives, as well as building bridges between people and leading partnership and action," said Pradeep Ramamurthy, head of the U.S. delegation. The event ended with participants committing to eight goals, focusing on ending poverty, protecting the environment, promoting education on religious diversity and advancing good governance.

[Shared Concerns and Commitments: Indonesia-US Interfaith Cooperation Forum Declaration](#)

[“Indonesia-US Interfaith Cooperation, Building Collaborative Communities: Enhancing Cooperation among People of Different Faiths” participant list](#)

[Jakarta Post: “RI, US religious groups team up to tackle poverty”](#)

[Jakarta Globe: “Interfaith Group Promotes the Common Good”](#)

[Religions for Peace: “Building Collaborative Communities: Enhancing Cooperation among People of Different Faiths”](#)