

**The Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to The Holy See and
The Embassy of Malaysia to The Holy See
in collaboration with
The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development**

have the pleasure to host international conference on

**ERADICATING POVERTY THROUGH
THE AGRICULTURE AND PLANTATION INDUSTRY
TO EMPOWER PEACE AND HUMANITY**

15 May 2018 | 08:00 AM- 02:00 PM | Pontifical Urban University

SYNOPSIS

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with the theme “Transforming Our World” was adopted on 25 September 2015 at the United Nations General Assembly by 193 countries. A total of 17 goals has been outlined aimed at guiding decision of the United Nations Government members over the next 15 years to address new challenges, placing sustainable development at the centre of humanity.

Recently on 17 January 2018, the European Parliament voted to phase out only one type of vegetable oil, namely palm oil which is grown in developing countries, its renewable energy policy by 2021. The European Parliament’s proposal to phase out or ban palm oil as source biofuels will impact the livelihood of smallholders of palm plantation in many developing countries, such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Columbia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Nigeria. The palm oil plantation and its downstream industry has become main source of livelihood that also played a critical role in poverty reduction of millions of farmers in those countries.

The Seminar on **“Eradicating Poverty Through the Agriculture and Plantation Industry to Empower Peace and Humanity”** will discuss the wisdom of the EU Parliament’s decision as well as the impact of discriminate phasing out or banning a particular crop that has so far managed the livelihood of the farmers in these countries. The EU Parliament’s decision, if taken by the EU as it is, will affect the overall objective of the 2030 SDGs particularly in eradicating poverty and to promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

It also may affect possible migration of smallholders of palm oil to the EU.

In accordance with the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si’* of the Holy Father Francis: On Care for Our Common Home addressed to "every person living on this planet", His Holiness stresses the need of an inclusive dialogue about how the human kind is shaping the future of the planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to the common future with candour and humility with one of the priorities to eliminate extreme poverty and to promote the social development of all people.

The Seminar will gather various stakeholders comprising of Members of the Diplomatic corps, Prelates of the Holy See, policy makers, think thanks, academia, and non-governmental organization.

The Seminar will also provide a platform for sharing of best practices and exchange of information between the various stakeholders with the view to attain practical policy

recommendations, solutions and way forward to achieving the Agenda 2030 SDGs for the greater good of humanity.

Organized by:



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PROGRAMME

Hours	Activity
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Coffee
High-Level Segment: Our Efforts To Reduce Poverty, Empower Peace and Humanity Moderator: H.E. Havas Oegroseno, Indonesian Ambassador to Germany Location: Auditorium	
09:00 – 09:05	Opening by <i>Rev. Prof. P. Leonardo Sileo</i> <i>Rector of the Pontifical Urban University</i>
09:05 – 09:30	<i>His Eminence Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson</i> <i>Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development</i>
09:30 – 09:35	Short Video
09:35 – 09:50	<i>H.E. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan</i> <i>Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia</i>
09:50 – 10:05	<i>H.E. Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok</i> <i>Ambassador of Malaysia to the Holy See</i>
Session I : 10:05 – 11:45 Facts and Myths of Oil Palm Tree Moderator: TBC Location: Auditorium	
James Fry LMC International - Oxford	
Frank Claassen - European Palm Oil Alliance	
Ryan B. Edwards - Dartmouth College	
Prof. Pietro Paganini – John Cabot University	
Paul Polman - Unilever	
Thomas Mielke - Oil World	

Hours	Activity
	Open Discussion
	Session II : 11:45 – 12:50 Palm Oil Role in Poverty Eradication and Peace Process Moderator: H.E. Peter F. Gontha, Indonesian Ambassador to Poland Location: Auditorium
	Southeast Asian Experience Mr. Mahendra - CPOPC Executive Director
	African Experience Godwin Obaseki - Governor of Edo State, Nigeria
	Deputy Minister for Agriculture of Colombia (TBC)
	Open Discussion
12:50 – 13:00	Conclusion Delivered by the Indonesian Ambassador to the Holy See
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Location: VIP – Aula XVI Participants – Foyer of the Ancient Building
14:00 -	Press Conference Location: Aula XVI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ His Eminence Cardinal Peter K. A. Turkson Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development ○ H.E. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia ○ H.E. Tan Sri Bernard Giluk Dompok Malaysian Ambassador to the Holy See