



28TH IFCU GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES ^{A S} CHOREOGRAPHERS ^{O F} KNOWLEDGE



JULY 28TH - AUGUST 1ST, 2025

GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MÉXICO

HOST UNIVERSITY



UNIVERSIDAD DEL VALLE DE ATEMAJAC
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC UNIVERSITIES

PROGRAM

10.00 **REGISTRATIONS**
UNIVA - SUM Lobby

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15.00 **OPENING CEREMONY**
Dr. Isabel CAPELOA GIL, IFCU President, Rector of the Universidade Católica Portuguesa
Fr. Francisco RAMIREZ YANEZ, Rector of the UNIVA System

Message from His Holiness Pope Francis

S. E. Cardinal José Francisco ROBLES ORTEGA, Archbishop of Guadalajara
S. E. Cardinal José Tolentino DE MENDONCA, Prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education - Holy See

16.30 **INAUGURAL CONFERENCE - THE ACADEMIC DIPLOMACY**
Keynote speakers:
H. Exc. José RAMOS HORTA, Nobel Laureate and Former President of East Timor - TBC

Commentators:
H. Exc. Msgr. Paul Richard GALLAGHER, Secretary for Relations with States - Holy See - TBC
Dr. Miriam CORONEL FERRER, former Chief Negotiator in the Philippine peace process and member of the United Nations Senior Mediation Advisors Standby Team - Philippines
H. E. Christophe PIERRE, Apostolic Nuncio to United States

17.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
UNIVA - SUM Lobby

18.00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**
UNIVA Chapel

19.00 **COCKTAIL DINNER OFFERED BY THE UNIVA**
Explanada SUM

DAY 1
MONDAY
28
JULY

DAY 2
TUESDAY
29
JULY

09.00 **LEARNING VISIT - SECRETARIAT OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JALISCO**

11.00 **NETWORKING**
Ed. 4 Planta Baja

12.00 **LUNCH**
Explanada SUM

UNIVA - SUM

13.30 **CONFERENCE - THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AS A DRIVER OF SOCIAL IMPACT**

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jeffrey SACHS, Economist, Columbia University - USA

Respondents

Dr. Margarida MANO, Vice-Rector for Quality, Innovation, and Development, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Prof. Miki SUGIMURA, President, Sophia University - Japan

Dr. Anne KIBOI, Dean, School of Business and Economics, Catholic University of East Africa - Kenya

Facilitator: Member of the IFCU Administrative Board

17.00 **MEETINGS OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

15.00 **COFFEE BREAK**
SUM Lobby

15.30 **NETWORKING**
Ed. 4 Planta Baja

19.00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**
UNIVA Chapel

19.30 **MEXICAN DINNER**
Explanada SUM

DAY 3
WEDNESDAY
30
JULY

8.30 EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

UNIVA - SUM

9.30 **ROUND TABLE - THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND THE EXPERIENCE OF FAITH AND CULTURE.**

Br. Hernan SANTOS, FSC, President, Bethlehem University - Palestine

P. Yasmany PEREZ, Director, Institute of Ecclesiastical Studies Fr. Félix Varela - Cuba

P. Gilbert B. SALES, CICM, President, St. Louis University, Baguio - Philippines

Moderator: Member of the IFCU Administrative Board

10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

SUM Lobby

11.00 **ROUND TABLE - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR EDUCATION**

Fr. Luis Fernando MUNERA CONGOTE, SJ, Rector, Universidad Javeriana - Colombia - *Technology and integral ecology* - TBC

Msgr. Alfonso AMARANTE, Rector, Pontifical Lateran University - Italy - *Peace and Citizenship* - TBC

Fr. Richard ANG, President, University of Santo Tomas Manila - Philippines - *Cultures and Religions* - TBC

12.00 **CULTURAL EXCURSION WITH LUNCH IN TEQUILA**

This excursion includes a visit to the oldest distillery in Latin America, La Rojeña, with a tour of the "Reserva de la Familia" cellar, a tasting of 3 Linea Dobel or 1800 glasses, a taquiza buffet lunch, access to the bar and a Mariachi performance.

18.00 **FREE EVENING**

DAY 4
THURSDAY
31
JULY

UNIVA - SUM

- 9.00 **IFCU ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**
- 10.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
Lobby del SUM
- 11.00 **IFCU ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**
- 12.00 **LUNCH**
Explanada SUM
- 13.30 **PANEL - AMAZONIA AND LAUDATO SI**
- Panelists:**
H. E. Michael F. CZERNY, SJ, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Service of Integral Human Development - TBC
H. E. Pedro Ricardo BARRETO JIMENO, President, Pan-Amazon Ecclesial Network, TBC
Dr. Juan DEL VALLE, Rector, PUC Peru - TBC
- Facilitator: Member of the IFCU Administrative Board
- 15.00 **COFFEE BREAK**
SUM Lobby
- 15.30 **ELECTIONS AND PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE**
- 17.00 **TRANSFER TO THE TEMPLO EXPIATORIO**
- 18.00 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**
Templo Expiatorio
- 19.00 **GALA DINNER HOSTED BY THE IFCU PRESIDENT**
- Award Ceremony*
Ex Corde Ecclesiae Medal
Sciat Vt Serviat Prize
Centenary Prize
- Mansión Magnolia

DAY 5
FRIDAY
1st
AUGUST

9.15 **TRANSFER UNIVA - INTEL**

10.00 **LEARNING VISIT - INTEL**

12.00 **TRANSFER INTEL - UNIVA**

13.00 **LUNCH**

Explanada SUM

UNIVA - SUM

14.30 **ROUND TABLE - CHOREOGRAPHERS OF RESEARCH ETHICS**

Participants:

Prof. Josep M. GARRELL, President of the European University Association (EUA)

Dr. Aaron DOMINGUEZ, Provost, Catholic University of America - USA

Prof. Rocío SALINAS, Researcher UNIVA - Mexico

Moderator: Prof. Pierre VERCAUTEREN, Professor Emeritus, Catholic University of Louvain and member of IFCU Board of Administration

15.30 **COFFEE BREAK**

Lobby del SUM

16.00 **WORKSHOP - CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY: A PLACE OF CREATIVITY AND KNOWLEDGE**

Participants:

Dr. Álvaro BARBOSA, Vice-Rector for Internationalisation and Academic Affairs, University of Saint Joseph - Macao SAR

Father Antonio SPADARO, SJ, Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Culture and Education - TBC

17.30 **SESSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CONFESSIONAL UNIVERSITY NETWORKS/ASSOCIATIONS**

18.15 **CLOSING**

18.30 **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION**

UNIVA Chapel