## **Ecumenical School on**

## Governance, Economics and Management for an Economy of Life (GEM School) Kuala Lumpur, 21 August-01 September 2023

## **Provisional Programme**

Monday,	Aim: to link faith with economic justice and to begin to lay out the
21 August	theological grounds for churches' engagement in, mission and witness for
	economic justice
15h30-16h45	Opening ceremony: Welcome remarks, brief introductions and orientation
16h45-17h00	Break
17h00-19h00	Opening panel presentation and discussion: Putting economic justice at the
	heart of faith
Tuesday,	Aim: to get acquainted with and to learn from the socio-economic context of
22 August	the hosting country and the work of hosting churches for economic justice
08h30-10h00	Lecture and discussion: Socio-economic context of the hosting country
10h00-17h00	Exposure visit
Wednesday,	Aim: to introduce and learn from participants' regional contexts, individual
23 August	backgrounds and socio-economic concerns; and to present basic elements of
	the New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) process
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and
	transformative expectations of participants
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and
	transformative expectations of participants
12h00-13h30	Lunch break
13h30-15h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Introduction to the NIFEA process, GEM
	School and project expectations
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: Impact of NIFEA in participants' contexts
Thursday,	Aim: to develop the relationship between theology and economics and to
24 August	provide a basic understanding of economics, markets and international trade
	and finance
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Bible study: Biblical understandings of economics
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Lecture and discussion: (A critical) introduction to economics, markets,
	international trade and finance
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Lecture and discussion: International finance and debt
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Interfaith perspectives on economic
	justice











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Friday,	Aim: to build a basic understanding of the workings and impacts of global
25 August	capitalism, neo-liberalism, and economic globalization
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Bible study: Labor, land and capital
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Lecture and discussion: Inequality – causes and consequences
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group discussion or exercise: Inequality – causes and consequences
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h30	Role play: Communication between theology and economics
Saturday,	Aim: to deepen theological reflection on Economy of Life and to present the
26 August	NIFEA process
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Bible study: Economy of Life: Jubilee and Tax Justice
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Economy of Life for All Now: An
	Ecumenical Action Plan for a NIFEA
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Jubilee and ZacTax campaigns
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group discussion and exercise: Identifying possible project themes
Sunday,	Rest day
27 August	
Monday,	Aim: to explore alternative economics
28 August	
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Bible study: Eco-feminist economics
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Lecture and discussion: Ecological economics
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Lecture and discussion: Feminist economics
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group discussion or exercise: Summary of normative, pluralistic and
	intersectional approaches to economics
Tuesday,	Aim: to identify cornerstones of financial and economic transformation and
29 August	entry points for advocacy
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Bible study: Financial and economic transformation
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Lecture and discussion: Controlling financial markets
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Lecture and discussion: Global economic governance for justice and
	sustainability
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group exercise: Advocacy tools for economic justice
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