

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

**Provisional Programme**

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

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

Wednesday, 30 August	Aim: to develop strategic projects for an Economy of Life
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Group exercise: <b>Project development</b>
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Group exercise: <b>Project development</b>
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group exercise: <b>Project development (including 2-3 year strategy plan and budget)</b>
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group exercise: <b>Project development (including 2-3 year strategy plan and budget)</b>
Thursday, 31 August	Aim: to present projects for an Economy of Life
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Group exercise: <b>Project finalization</b>
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Plenary presentation and reaction from a panel of reviewers: <b>GEM School 2023 projects for a NIFEA</b>
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Plenary presentation and reaction from a panel of reviewers: <b>GEM School 2023 projects for a NIFEA</b>
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: <b>Summary of GEM School 2023</b>
17h00-18h00	Break
18h00-21h00	“Graduation” dinner
Friday, 01 September	Aim: to evaluate the GEM School and draw up recommendations for further improvement and follow-up
09h45-10h00	Morning devotion
10h00-12h00	Plenary discussion: <b>Conclusions to draw from GEM School 2023 and follow up</b>
12h00-13h30	Lunch and departures
13h30-15h00	Steering committee meeting