PROVISIONAL AGENDA

9:00am - 11:45am  TROPICAL RAINFOREST: THE KEY ISSUES

A succinct introductory workshop and briefing, led by international experts, outlining the unique importance of tropical rainforests and addressing the most pressing issues regarding rainforest protection.

12:00pm - 1:00pm  LAUNCH OF THE INTERFAITH RAINFOREST INITIATIVE

A program of high-level speakers to launch the initiative that will be presided over by His Majesty King Harald V of Norway and include remarks from senior Norwegian government officials, prominent spiritual and interfaith leaders, forest peoples, and initiative partners on why the initiative is needed and what it will aim to achieve.

1:00pm - 4:00pm  HIGH-LEVEL PANEL DISCUSSIONS

RAINFORESTS, RELIGION AND FAITH: THE ETHICAL AND SPIRITUAL CASE FOR CONSERVATION

A facilitated discussion between religious and spiritual leaders, forest peoples representatives and policy experts on the shared ethical and spiritual imperative of protecting tropical rainforests, and current examples of faith-forest action in priority tropical rainforest countries.

BUILDING ON SUCCESS AND MOBILIZING AN INTERFAITH ALLIANCE TO PROTECT RAINFORESTS

A second facilitated discussion on the steps needed to create an interfaith alliance to protect rainforests and the opportunities, barriers and commitments that spiritual leaders should be considering as they prepare to convene over the next two days on how to build a shared action agenda.

7:00pm - 9:00pm  LAUNCH DINNER

A high-level dinner, to be held at the renowned and historic Café Engebret in Oslo, which will serve to launch the initiative more widely and feature a program of distinguished speakers.