

**Ecumenical School on  
Governance, Economics and Management (GEM School)  
Mexico City, Mexico, 19 August – 31 August 2018**

**Provisional Programme**

***Competence-building in Economics and Advocacy for an Economy of Life***

Monday, 20 August	Aim: to lay out the 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
17h00-18h00	Opening lecture: Why economic justice? An emphasis of public theology
18h00-19h00	Dinner
19h00-20h30	Plenary discussion: Why economic justice?
Tuesday, 21 August	Aim: to get acquainted with the socio-economic context of Mexico and the work of Mexican churches for economic justice
08h30-17h00	Exposure visit
Wednesday, 22 August	Aim: to introduce regional contexts, individual backgrounds and socio-economic concerns of participants; and to present basic elements of the New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) process
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Plenary discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Plenary discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
12h00-13h30	Lunch break
13h30-15h00	Plenary discussion: Expectations of steering committee, introduction to the NIFEA process and models from previous GEM Schools
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: Impact of the NIFEA in participants' contexts
Thursday, 23 August	Aim: to build a basic understanding of the workings of financial markets, international financial institutions, and the international financial order; and to get political insights into macroeconomic policymaking in a developing country context
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Lecture: How do financial markets work?
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Lecture: How do financial markets work?
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Panel presentation and discussion: The role and impacts of international financial institutions in Latin America and the Caribbean
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Role play: communication between theology and economics
Friday, 24 August	Aim: to build a basic understanding of the process of economic globalization; and to begin to deconstruct the neoliberal doctrine that underpins economic globalization
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Lecture: Economic globalization and the neoliberal doctrine
10h00-10h30	Break

10h30-12h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Economic globalization in Latin America and the Caribbean
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group discussion or exercise: Economic globalization in local contexts
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: Economic globalization in local contexts
Saturday, 25 August	Aim: to develop basic competencies in contextual, ethical, pluralistic and intersectional approaches to economics
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Lecture: Contextual and ethical economics – bridging theology and economics
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Pluralistic economics, feminist economics and ecological economics
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group discussion or exercise: Normative, pluralistic and intersectional approaches to economics
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: Summary of normative, pluralistic and intersectional approaches to economics
17h00-18h00	Break
Sunday, 26 August	Rest day
Monday, 27 August	Aim: to identify cornerstones of financial and economic transformation
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Lecture: Controlling financial markets
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Group discussion or exercise: Controlling financial markets
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Lecture: Global economic governance for justice and sustainability
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group discussion or exercise: Global economic governance
Tuesday, 28 August	Aim: to identify cornerstones of financial and economic transformation as well as entry points for advocacy
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Panel presentation and discussion: “Economy of Life for All Now: An Ecumenical Action Plan for a New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA)”
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Panel presentation and discussion: Elements of an Ecumenical Action Plan for a NIFEA I Transformation of the international monetary system and its institutions II Transformation of neo-liberal economic processes: growth, poverty reduction, tax policy, employment, role of the state, etc. III Transformative approaches from feminist economics and ecological economics IV Transformative concepts of ecclesiology, education, empowerment, etc.
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group work: Identifying entry points for advocacy
15h00-15h30	Break

15h30-17h00	Group work: Project conceptualization I Transformation of the international monetary system and its institutions II Transformation of neo-liberal economic processes: growth, poverty reduction, tax policy, employment, role of the state, etc. III Transformative approaches from feminist economics and ecological economics IV Transformative concepts of ecclesiology, education, empowerment, etc.
Wednesday, 29 August	Aim: to develop strategic ecclesiological and communications projects for an Economy of Life
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Group work: Project development
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Group work: Project development
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Group work: Project development (including 2-3 year strategy plan and budget)
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Group work: Project development (including 2-3 year strategy plan and budget)
Thursday, 30 August	Aim: to present strategic ecclesiological and communications projects for an Economy of Life
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Group work: Project finalization
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Plenary presentation and reaction from a panel of reviewers: GEM School 2018 projects for a NIFEA
12h00-13h30	Lunch
13h30-15h00	Plenary presentation and reaction from a panel of reviewers: GEM School 2018 projects for a NIFEA
15h00-15h30	Break
15h30-17h00	Plenary discussion: Summary of GEM School 2018
17h00-18h30	Break
18h30-20h30	“Graduation” dinner
Friday, 31 August	Aim: to evaluate the GEM School and draw up recommendations for further improvement and follow-up
08h15-08h30	Morning devotion
08h30-10h00	Plenary discussion: Conclusions to draw from the GEM School 2018 and follow up
10h00-10h30	Break
10h30-12h00	Plenary discussion: Conclusions to draw from the GEM School 2018 and follow up
12h00-13h30	Lunch and departures
13h30-15h00	Steering committee meeting