

## SAVE THE DATE

We have the pleasure to announce to you the following international conference of the German Caritas Association and may ask you with the utmost politeness to reserve the date.

### **Solidarity and Borders - Limitation of Solidarity? Access to International Protection in the European Union**

**International Conference  
within the framework of the Caritas Annual Campaign 2014**

**7<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 3:30pm - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, 4:00pm**

**Jerusalemkirche  
Lindenstraße 85  
10969 Berlin, Germany**

Every year numerous people try to find protection in the European Union. The world public usually only perceives them when large numbers come to death as happened off the coast of Lampedusa in October 2013. This one and other catastrophes at the external border of the European Union make clear how desperate these people are since they are even willing to put their lives at stake in order to reach the European Union. At the same time such scenarios are expressions of the current refugee policy of the European Union. All member states of the European Union now have the responsibility to find solutions in order to prevent such humanitarian tragedies in future.

#### **Objective of the Conference**

What kind of ethical legitimation should form the basis of the refugee policy of the European Union in future? How can further deaths be prevented at the external border of the European Union? What kind of possibilities the European Union can grant protection seekers so that they actually are able to submit their applications for international protection? How is it possible to realize EU-wide high protection standards? In the face of regularly reoccurring humanitarian crises at the external border of the European Union such and similar questions we would like to discuss with you.

The international Caritas conference offers a cross border opportunity to exchange possible solutions for an im-

#### **Why attend**

- Discuss questions
- Exchange possible solutions
- Develop perspectives
- Give impetus

proved access to international protection. The experience of the international Caritas network will contribute to develop perspectives and to give impetus for the Europe-wide political discourse in a manner that is suitable in practice.

Precondition for a successful outcome such as a common European refugee protection is that the states of the European Union show their solidarity among themselves and simultaneously declare their solidarity with the protection seekers. While doing so it is significant that at the same time outer borders are also manifestations of the inner limitations of a society. The conference therefore puts the outer borders of states as well as the inner limitations of societies and individuals who constitute states into the focus of interest.

### **Who should attend**

Representatives of the expert public in:

- Science
- Politics
- Law
- Non-governmental Organisations
- International Organisations
- Charitable Organisations
- Churches etc.

### **Caritas Annual Campaign 2014**

This year's annual campaign of the German Caritas Association, with the heading „Far away is closer than you think“, turns the attention on a world community in solidarity and its world-wide interconnections. From an international solidarity point of view, the contribution to a human globalization develops its significance especially in the context of international refugee movements.

We hope that we have aroused your interest in participating in the conference and ask you to pass on this announcement to further potentially interested persons. Thank you very much for your support!

Further details as well as the conference programme together with the official invitation we are going to send you soon. Additionally, then you will also find all the information about the conference and the application modalities on our website under the following link [www.caritas.de/Access-EU](http://www.caritas.de/Access-EU).

Are you interested in the conference? Please send us your contact details in advance:

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