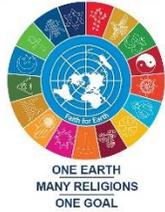


FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth Updates
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Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Inger Andersen Executive Director of UN Environment Programme

Today is the first day Ms. [Inger Andersen](#) sits at the helm of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP). We are very excited as Inger brings with her extensive experience in the field, the UN, the World Bank and IUCN. Inger is not only an environmentalist, she is a development strategist, a great organizational leader and she believes in incorporating indigenous peoples and communities as well as [faith-based values](#) into the conversation about climate change. Please read Inger's latest [blog](#) on joining UNEP. Some of you have met Inger during our Faith for Earth Dialogue in March when [she addressed us](#).

International Conference on Laudato Si 15 and 16 July 2019 at UNEP

The preparations are well underway for the 2nd International [Conference on Laudato Si](#) marking the 4th Anniversary of Laudato Si and 5th Anniversary of [CYNESA](#). If you have been following the news, Pope Francis has declared on Friday a "Climate Emergency" at a [meeting with energy business leaders](#). This will contribute to enriching our discussions in the Laudato Si conference in July. Furthermore, Father Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, Coordinator of Ecology and Creation Sector at the Vatican, will be talking about the [10 commandments of Laudato Si](#), tomorrow Tuesday 18 June in a webinar organized by the [Parliament of World's Religions](#). To tune in, please [register here](#) for free. These also would add value to our discussions at the conference in July. If you have not registered or expressed interest in attending, please [Register here](#). Invitations will only be sent to you after your registration.

Bringing Agenda 2030 to Life

[Faith for Earth](#) had the pleasure on Wednesday 12 June 2019 to present its work on aligning the SDGs to the work of Faith-Based Organizations with [CAFOD](#), the Catholic Development Agency for England and Wales (Caritas England and Wales) in partnership with [Caritas Africa](#) and [University College London](#). The workshop on SDGs and the Pope's encyclical Laudato Si' involved around 15 national Caritas agencies from across Africa and a few external, including Vatican-based Caritas Internationals, discussing how SDG-driven policies provide synergies with Laudato Si' and the role that the Catholic Church will have in advancing them.

Abrahamic Traditions & Environmental Change Workshop 23-26 June, Rhodes - Greece

Faith for Earth will be participating in the Abrahamic Traditions and Environmental Change [Workshop](#) to be held 23-26 June in Rhodes – Greece. The workshop is being organized by the [University of Connecticut](#), [AlAkhawayn University](#) and [The Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale](#). Current environmental challenges in the Middle East/North Africa (MENA) Region and beyond suggest an urgent need for cross disciplinary debate and understanding of the causes and consequences of environmental change as a prelude to successful mitigation and adaptation. Thus, one of the main tasks of this workshop is to explore how the [Abrahamic traditions](#) impact the ways in which humans perceive and interact with nature and the potential to translate those perceptions and interactions into positive social and ecological action. Faith for Earth will be speaking in the Environmental Policy and Development Session on the engagement with faith-based organizations. A good number of our brothers and sisters of our network will be participating.

Interns Supporting Faith for Earth

I am delighted to introduce to you Maria Roses (maria.rosesgiralt@un.org) and Nathan Majwa (nathan.mjawa@un.org). Maria, comes from Spain, has a degree in Political Science and a Master's in Diplomacy. She has worked in the Spanish Embassy in Nairobi, several newspapers, and a small family business which produces cava – the Catalan champagne. Nathan, comes from Kenya, holds a BSc Degree from the University of Nairobi and a Master's degree in water science (with focus on Water and Sanitation – WASH) from the University of Tlemcen. Nathan has previously worked with Oxfam WASH as an intern in Juba South Sudan.

Wishes of peace and prosperity.

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