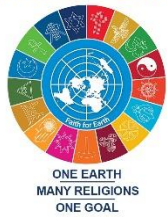


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**Faith for Earth Updates**  
**May 13, 2019**



Dear Sisters and Brothers;

### **Synthesis Report:**

I am delighted to write to you and share the promised **Faith for Earth** Dialogue Synthesis Report ([Download Here](#)). The report highlights the key messages of the presentations that were made at the Dialogue sessions and also rearrange them according to the most strategic priority areas that we discussed during the dialogue. I hope you will find the report useful. Please feel free to share it with your networks.

### **Mailing List:**

You will have noticed that I am using a mailing list" [unenvironment-faith4earth@lists.un.org](mailto:unenvironment-faith4earth@lists.un.org)". This is a better way of sending emails to our 700+ network members without being backlisted by internet providers and will allow you the option to unsubscribe should you wish to do so. Kindly note that I am the sole person who can use this email address and none other will be able to send mass emails using it.

### **International Partnership on Religions and Sustainable Development (PaRD):**

PaRD General Assembly was held between the period 1-3 May 2019 in Copenhagen where more than 105 Faith-based organizations attended along with member governments and some intergovernmental organizations. While the general assembly was a great success discussing issues of health, peace and gender, the highlight to me was the creation of a working group on Environment, Water and Climate Action. Around 40 FBOs, who were in Copenhagen, have requested to be members of this working group. If you are interested to join this working group, you need to apply for a membership in PaRD. If you already are a PaRD member, but you want to be a member in the working group, please send me a note and I will communicate with the co-chairs. Please visit PaRD website for more information on memberships. <http://www.partner-religion-development.org/>

## World Environment Day:

As you know, each year on 5 June the world celebrates the World Environment Day which is also the birthdate of UN Environment Programme. This year the host country of the main celebrations is China and the theme is #BeatAirPollution.

We need to mobilize faith leaders and our faith communities to make a difference this year in the level of participation of faith-based organizations. Kindly view the World Environment Day Website, where you can find plenty of resources, take the Mask Challenge, download the branding kit and register your activity. <https://www.worldenvironmentday.global/?xv=1&c=1>

If you have tips of what specifically Faith-based organizations can do to #BeatAirPollution, please share with me and we'll make sure to put them on the website. I will communicate further and specifically on the World Environment Day.

## Kofi Annan Faith Briefings at the High Level Political Forum

On the margins of the High Level Political Forum HLPF that will be held in New York during the period 7-17 July 2019, the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development (comprised of 20 UN agencies) and the UN Multi-Faith Advisory Council (AC) (comprised of 34 CEOs of FBOs) will be holding the "**ANNUAL KOFI ANNAN FAITH BRIEFINGS**" - **Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality**: The Role of UN and Multi Faith Collaboration on July 15 2019 in New York.

The briefings will address Partnerships, Gender, Children and Climate Action. The **Faith for Earth Initiative** will be organizing the part on Climate Change and has already invited distinguished members of our network, who are also council members of the Advisory Council, to be speakers at the briefing. Sessions of the Kofi Annan Briefings will focus on sharing best practices and success stories on interfaith and interagency programme and initiatives highlighting that "*Faith works when we work together*".

If you are in New York, or planning to be for the HLPF, kindly let me know to ensure that you will get an invitation to attend and participate in the briefing.

## Climate Change Webinar

The Joint Learning Initiative JLI is organizing a series of online webinars addressing Climate Action. The next webinar will be on May 21, 2019 9:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada). I am delighted that I will be a speaker talking about the **Faith for Earth** Dialogue and interfaith Climate Action Efforts. Other speakers include Father Fletcher Harper, Green Faith and Leo Dee, Interfaith Sustain. If you are interested to participate in this webinar, please register at <https://jliflc.com/events/inter-faith-climate-programs/>

Warm and Blessed Wishes  
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