



# FAITH FOR EARTH NEWSLETTER

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## Religions Igniting World Environment Day

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we gear up towards World Environment Day this week, we would like to salute the dozens of faith-based organizations and partners who have been working and planning on organizing events around the world.

Some of these events that Faith for Earth is engaged with are included in this update, but much more by FBOs have been organized or planned and can be found on the [Global Calendar of Events](#).

We are grateful that you are starting with us the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration with such enthusiasm and energy. Together we can make a difference.

Let's get you connected:

- The [Official Event Schedule](#)
- [Official Broadcast](#): From 4-5 June 2021, the virtual launch gala and a programme from the host country, Pakistan, will be broadcasted. Expect inspirational messages from an all-star, high-profile line-up.

Saturday, 5 June 2021

Hosted by Pakistan, the theme for this year's World Environment Day is Ecosystem Restoration. This year, UNEP, FAO and other implementing partners welcome the [UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration](#) (2021-2030), a strategic global campaign focused on reversing the degradation of ecosystems around the world.

Thousands are already acting for restoration.

[Join the Movement](#) by sharing #GenerationRestoration and #WorldEnvironmentDay.

[Here's what you need to know about](#) #WorldEnvironmentDay



## Upcoming Events:



### RESTORING THE PLANET: FAITH DRIVES URGENT ACTION

Thursday, 3 June 2021 | 3 pm CEST

Faith and indigenous communities advocate for restorative action and promotion of sustainable land management, deserving to be heard and heeded. [Join](#) Joyce Msuya, UNEP Deputy Executive Director; Vandana Shiva, Rabbi Ellen Bernstein, Lucy Mulenkei; and Dr Musonda Mumba for more about strengthening faith-based partnerships, advocacy, and action.

This webinar is co-hosted by Faith for Earth & [KAICIID](#). Register [here](#).



### UNLEASHING THE UNDERGROUND FOREST

A CATALYST TO ACHIEVING  
SDGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF  
CHILDREN NOW AND IN THE  
FUTURE

Saturday, 4 June 2021 | 7 am EST / 1 pm CET / 9 pm AEST / 2 pm EAT

Hosted by [World Vision](#), UNEP, and FAO, this webinar will give special attention to SDGs 1 (no poverty), 2 (zero hunger), 5 (gender equality) & 13 (climate action) in a discussion about key drivers and consequences of deforestation and landscape degradation, as well as nature-based solutions (NBS).

The event will stress the unique potential of the momentum that children, youth, and faith-based organisations offer, particularly relating to this year's theme - Ecosystem Restoration- on World Environment Day. [Register](#).



## FAITH FOR EARTH NATIONAL COORDINATION HUB

Thursday, 3 June 2021 | 10:30 am IST // 8am EAT

The Faith for Earth National Coordination Hub in India will host an [Online Recognition and Pledge Ceremony](#) and launch a series of Action Plans developed by the participating FBOs in the areas of Ecosystem Restoration, Climate Action, Efficient Resource Management, and Biodiversity. across India.

This is a diverse program built by FBOs, aims at reflecting the religious and spiritual diversity in India. [Read this story.](#)

Read more about the [Faith for Earth National Coordination Hub](#) and about the launch of [Faith for Earth in India](#) in 2020.

[Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 897 0001 8584 | Passcode: 777649



Friday, 4 June 2021 |

9am Bogota / 5pm EAT

This webinar hosted by IRI-Colombia will bring together environmental experts and indigenous leaders, aiming to address restoration of the Amazon Forest.

[Meeting Link](#) | Meeting ID: 937 2579 4041 | Passcode: 087508

Wednesday, 9 June |

9am Bogota / 5pm EAT.

Stay tuned for - La fe al servicio de la restauración de la selva amazónica

This event will focus the role of Faith communities in protecting and restoring Amazon forests, as well as what is already being done.

**INICIATIVA INTERRELIGIOSA PARA LOS BOSQUES TROPICALES**  
**IRI-COLOMBIA**

**DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE 2021**  
**DECENIO DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS SOBRE LA RESTAURACIÓN DE LOS ECOSISTEMAS**

**2021: Amazonia diez años antes y diez años después**  
Acompáñenos a este conversatorio virtual el próximo viernes 4 de junio a las 9:00 a.m., hora de Colombia.

<p>Invitado especial y moderador: <b>Juan Bello</b> Jefe de la Oficina de ONU Medio Ambiente en Colombia.</p>	<p><b>Padre Alfredo Ferro S. J.</b> Secretario ejecutivo de la Conferencia Eclesial de la Amazonia</p>
<p>Invitado especial: <b>Jorge Reinel Pulecio</b> Director Fundación Amazonia y vida.</p>	<p><b>María Alejandra Chaux</b> Especialista Senior Recursos Naturales y Gobernanza, de la Organización de las Naciones Unidas para la Alimentación y la Agricultura, FAO.</p>
<p>Invitado especial: <b>TIM CHRISTOPHERSEN</b> Jefe de la Subdivisión de Naturaleza para el Clima, Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Medio Ambiente (PNUMA) y coordinador del Decenio de las Naciones Unidas sobre la restauración de los Ecosistemas.</p>	<p><b>Martin Von Hildebrand</b> Fundador y director emérito de Gaia Amazonas, y miembro de la Junta Consultiva del Decenio de las Naciones Unidas sobre la Restauración de los Ecosistemas.</p>

**REIMAGINA RECREA RESTAURA** | **DÍA MUNDIAL DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE** | **ONU@50** programa para el medio ambiente 1973-2023 | **PAKISTÁN 2021**

**zoom**  
<https://zoom.us/j/93725794041>  
Dirección reunión: 937 2579 4041  
Contraseña: 087508



## HOPE CATHEDRAL INAUGURATION



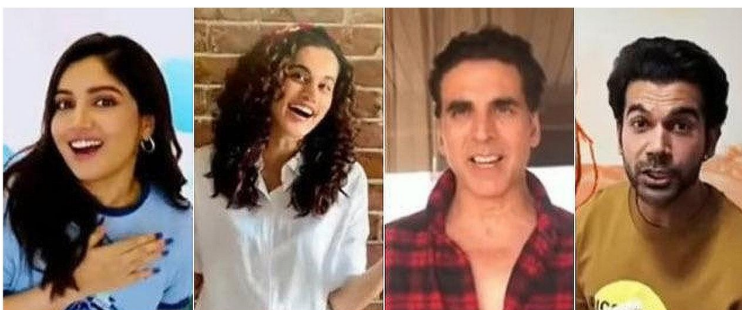
Saturday, 5 June 2021 | 2 pm CEST / 3 pm EAT

The [Hope Cathedral](#), inspired by the boundless ocean and care for our planet, will open its doors to the world as a source of inspiration and a place to come together via a [Live Inauguration Ceremony](#). The ocean is life-giving and is our collective heritage, and to symbolise this, Hope Cathedral Ambassador Helene Bøksle, composed "Vega".

Watch this video about [Hope Cathedral](#), the result of cooperation across national identities, ages, and faiths, both to clean up the shores and to build peace and strong communities.

[Watch Live](#) & Follow their Journey in [videos](#), and [read](#) about it.

## DHARTI KA DIL BY THE BHAMLA FOUNDATION



**#DhartiKaDil**   
**#GenerationRestoration**  
Championed by Asif Bhamla

Saturday, 5 June 2021

The [Bhamla Foundation](#) and the Ministry of Environment in India are commemorating World Environment Day in a unique way - here is a snippet of [#DhartiKaDil](#) featuring calls to action by celebrity influencers.

What's your contribution to #GenerationRestoration? [Get inspired](#). Listen to the full song [Dharti Ka Dil](#).



# ROLE OF RELIGIONS IN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

**AMSET**  
www.amsetweb.net

**Webinar**  
June 5<sup>th</sup> 2021  
1:00 pm US Eastern

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

UN environment programme

FAITH FOR EARTH

## Role of Religions in Ecosystem Restoration

By **Iyad Abumoghli Ph.D. Eng., UN Environment Program**

**Discussion Focus**

- Objectives of Ecosystem Restoration
- Role of Faith-Based organizations
- Ten Actions of the Decade
- Examples from different religions

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli is the Director, Faith for Earth (Strategic Engagement with Faith-Based Organizations) at the UN Environment Program. His expertise encompasses strategic planning, sustainable development, natural resources management, and knowledge and innovation.  
#Faith4Earth

Register with AMSET at <http://evite.me/vktmqjU1V> and Join at <https://tinyurl.com/amsetYT>

Saturday, 5 June 2021 | 6pm EAT

**AMSET**'s next monthly webinar will feature Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, presenting practical examples of how FBOs are undertaking ecosystem protection and restoration. Dr. Iyad is also going to address the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration and its objectives.

Register [here](#), and join us on the 5th, via [this link](#).

## RESTORING THE ECOSYSTEM

Wednesday, 9 June 2021 | 6pm Kuwait

With the goal of bringing together bright minds of both environment decision-making and experts to talk about this year's theme Ecosystem Restoration, join an interesting panel consisting of representatives from The Arab League, [Kuwait Water Association](#), UNEP Faith for Earth, IUCN, GreenWave, and others.

Register [here](#). Note that this webinar will be offered in Arabic.

Under the Patronage of His Excellency Sheikh Abdullaah Al-Hamoud Al-Sabah & The Arab League:

Workshop on: **World Environment Day** Speakers

 H.E. Sheikh Abdullah Al-Sabah Chairman of the Board & Director General Emirates Water Authority (EWA) STATE OF KUWAIT	 H.E. Mohammed bin Khalid Al-Fozan President of the Board Water Association KUWAIT	 H.E. Dr. Jaber Al-Mubarak President of the Board Water Association KUWAIT	 H.E. Dr. Saïd Othman Al-Nadkhal General Director of Soil Planning KUWAIT	 H.E. Eng. Abdullah Al-Fozan Former Director of Environment General and Minister of Resources KUWAIT	 H.E. Dr. The Prince Khalid bin Fahd Al-Sabah Former Deputy Minister of Resources EMIRATE	 H.E. Dr. Shikha Al-Dabbas Secretary General Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi UAE
 Ms. Yara Al-Fozan Coordinator	 Ms. Agha Al-Fozan Kuwait Water Association	 Ms. Shereen Al-Fozan Vice President of KWAA	 H.E. Dr. Ahmad Al-Nadkhal Consultant and National Center for Vegetation Cover and Land Use Kuwait	 H.E. Dr. Raed Al-Nadkhal Founder and Director of Faith for Earth UAE	 H.E. Dr. Raed Al-Nadkhal Regional Director for North East IUCN	

On Wednesday 9 June 2021 (18:00-21:00 PM) Kuwait Time  
Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3oxGmMS>

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# REGIONAL YOUTH WEBINAR



Wednesday, 9 June 2021 | 2pm EAT

Our world's ecosystems are in danger, but they can be restored, and it will be the collective steps we take that ensure they are given the space to thrive. With the campaign "*Reimagine. Recreate. Restore*", UNEP's Africa Office is calling for people and organizations to look beyond World Environment Day.

This webinar will touch upon the five pillars to boost youth engagement within the next decade.

[Register.](#)

## Past Events:



### WORKING TOWARDS #GENERATIONRESTORATION

Thursday, 27 May 2021

Building on his statement on January 10th, Dr. Iyad Abumoghli was live on Cimpatico Studios to address the achievements of UNEP's Faith for Earth in connecting with Faith-based Organizations and Faith Leaders.

You can learn about its relevance, scope and outreach regarding UN Environmental Agenda. Watch it [here](#).

### UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT 2021 REGENERATING THE EARTH

Thursday, 20 May 2021

This important dialogue featuring leading Faith-based Organizations analysed the intersection between food production, biodiversity, and ecosystem health. Did you miss the dialogue on the 20th? Watch it [here](#).

Learn more about the Food Systems Summit [here](#).

