



FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER
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STRENGTHENING OUR ENVIRONMENTAL ETHIC

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Compassion towards people and the planet is an ethical virtue, while complacency doing nothing to protect our life support system could be considered as a sin. Business as usual is not an option in the wake of the complexity of the environmental issues we are facing today. We have a moral and spiritual obligation toward future generations to inherit a livable planet and not calamities we caused.

It is indeed critical that we adopt religious and environmental ethics to change our consumptive behaviors for us to live in harmony with nature and for the next generations to enjoy a healthy planet. It is with this background, Faith for Earth with the partners in Iceland have held "Our Sacred Commitment" strategic discussions.

OUR SACRED COMMITMENT STRATEGIC MEETING - SKÁLHOLT III

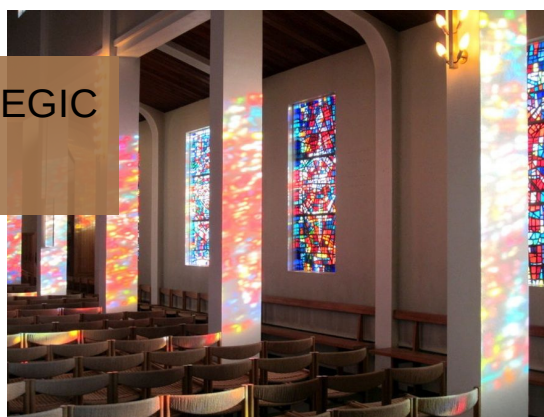
On 12 and 13 October 2021, the Office of the Bishop of Iceland in partnership with Faith for Earth and other global and Icelandic partners, hosted a [strategic online meeting](#), to discuss the role of ethics and spirituality in advancing

environmental governance at UNEA 5.2 by recognising the critical role that faith actors already play in driving action for the environment.

The Meeting included 100 faith-based organisations that are accredited to UNEA and who have submitted formal letters of interest to join the Faith for Earth Coalition.

A culmination of consultative and drafting efforts resulted in [Skálholt III Recommendations](#)

[Day 1](#) Recording | Passcode: p?zR6ANK



Engage:



A DATABASE FOR FAITH ACTION ON THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Tapping into more than a century of collective experience of the [Parliament of World Religions](#), [Bhumi Global](#), [United Religions Initiative](#) the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#) (Yale FORE), and UNEP, the abundance of faith action to achieve sustainability is demonstrated by a powerful interactive tool.

The [database](#) brings together all **faith-based environment-related projects & campaigns** facilitating knowledge and information sharing between faith actors, to decision-makers, and the public.

Faith actors have two important powers. The first is the power of outreach across nations and regions with a unified message on the sacredness of protecting our shared and our only planet. The second power, is the economic power faith institutions have.

UNEP, being the only UN agency with a dedicated programme on engaging with faith-based organizations, “Faith for Earth”, focusing on environmental sustainability, builds on the transformative value that faith actors bring to the implementation of the SDGs.

Faith for Earth focuses on engaging faith actors on policymaking through the United Nations Environment Assembly, promoting green investments of faith assets and bridging the science-religion nexus for informed societies.

[Click to submit a project/campaign.](#)

See [Progress & Outlook Report: Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.](#)



Wednesday-Thursday, 20-21 October 2021

Join world-renowned scientists, economists, lawyers, activists, and diplomats and learn more about possible legal and governance solutions to the environmental crisis at the [Stockholm+49 Summit](#).

In 2022, world leaders will adopt a high-level declaration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the world's first major environmental summit: **the Stockholm Conference** that marked a turning point for the environment. It laid down the basis of environmental law and led to the creation of the United Nations Environment Programme. Read the [Draft "Declaration on Our Common Future"](#).

50 years later, Stockholm +50 needs to open a new window of hope for a constructive approach to the climate and biodiversity emergencies and lay down a plan to restore a well-functioning Earth System.

[Register here](#) for Stockholm 49+

PARD WE CARE SURVEY FOR FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

The [Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities \(JLI\)](#), on behalf of [PaRD](#) is working on a wider mapping exercise commissioned by the [PaRD Water, Environment and Climate Action \(WE CARE\) work-stream](#) aiming to map and raise awareness of the work of faith-based, religious and civil society organisations working on the environment



Projects will be featured on an online database which will increase the visibility of your organisation and raise awareness of faith-based environmental projects. We hope that this project will also lead to opportunities for mutual learning and networking between organisations. [Take the survey](#) by **22 October 2021**.

For support, contact research@jliflc.com

Past Events:

INDONESIA ISTIQLAL NATIONAL MOSQUE: A BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, 23 September 2021 | Bahasa Indonesia

The Indonesia Istiqlal National Mosque hosted a discussion of the *Last Generation: Actualization of Islamic teachings and the roles of Muslims to contribute solutions to the impacts of global climate change* written by [Dr. Fachruddin Mangunjaya](#). The book aims to raise awareness about climate change targeting the 1.8 billion Muslims living around the globe. The discussion covered facts towards, and impacts of, climate change on Muslims and faith-based communities in Indonesia drawing from Islamic teachings.

Keynote speakers:

- Prof. Dr. KH. Nasarudin Umar, MA, Grand Imam of the Istiqlal Mosque
- Dr. El Amry Bermawi Putera, M.A, Rector of Universitas Nasional (UNAS)
- Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Director Faith for Earth United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) - [Watch his speech here](#).

Panel:

- Ir. Lakshmi Dwanthi, MA, Director General of Climate Change at the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (KLHK)
- Dr. Nur Arfiyah Febriyani, MA., MUI/University of Al-Qur'an Sciences)
- Father Benny Susetyo, Pr. (Catholic perspective)
- Dr. Fachruddin Mangunjaya, MSi. (Author)

Environmental Awareness Raising Program

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FAITH FOR EARTH

Zayed International Foundation for the Environment

FAITH, HERITAGE & WISDOM FOR A TRULY SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Join this distinguished panel in a discussion about the role that faith and spirituality plays- and can strengthen- action towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

[Watch now](#)

— PANELISTS —

- Dr. Iyad Abumoghli**
Founder and Director of the Faith for Earth Initiative, UNEP
- Prof. Charles Savage**
Researcher in Sustainability & Wisdom Munich Technical Univ.
- Prof. Mohammad A. Bin Fahad**
Chairman, Zayed Int'l Foundation for the Environment
- Mr. Jumaa Bin Thaleth**
Researcher in Arabian Gulf Heritage
- Eng. Hamdan K. Alshaer**
Higher Committee Member, Zayed Int'l Foundation for the Environment

— MODERATOR —

- Dr. Eisa M. Abdellatif**
Chief Technical Advisor Zayed Int'l Foundation for the Environment



Heritage

MANY BUSINESSES, ONE PLANET

20TH CAPA CONFERENCE | 42ND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

From 6-8 October, the [Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka](#) (CA Sri Lanka) hosted the 20th Conference of the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) and 42nd National Conference of Chartered Accountants with the Director of Faith for Earth as the key note speaker.

The theme for this year's conferences was HERITAGE - Many Businesses, One Planet, seeking to deliberate on varied aspects of how businesses can promulgate sustainable development for the sake of our planet and its people. [Read more](#)

FROM THE JORDAN TO THE GANGA: THE POWER OF FAITH TO PROTECT OUR RIVERS

6 CLEAN WATER
AND SANITATION



Friday, 18 October 2021

Faith leaders working on the protection of water sources and the promotion of clean and safe water will discuss mobilising action towards cleaning the sacred rivers in the world, including both the Jordan and the Ganga, sharing learnings, experiences, best practices and how to catalyze a global movement for [water](#).

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli in his address highlights two main challenges related to water as:

- The lack of access to clean and safe water and sanitation; and
- An increase in water-related disasters such as floods and droughts

Affecting the poor and marginalised disproportionately, he recalls that a slum dweller in Nairobi can pay up to 5 times more for water than an average North American.

Water, managed effectively, and in a fair and inclusive manner, can act as a conflict driver.

At the same time, water is also a resource for collaboration. Faith for Earth calls upon religious and cultural leaders to address these challenges by promoting a positive behaviour change.

'Jesus answered her; "if you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and he would have given you living water".' John 4:10

'He made from water every living thing'. Quran 21:30

'Waters, you are the one who bring us the life force. Help us to find nourishment so that we may look upon great joy'. Hindu veda



RECOVERING BETTER THROUGH A COMPASSIONATE LENS

Monday, 18 October 2021 | 5pm EAT / 10am EDT

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented itself as a challenge at many levels our our societies.

The recovery process presents us with a unique opportunity of rebuilding better, that must avoid the pitfalls of the past, to restore the balance between humanity and Mother Earth.

One of the greatest challenges ahead is how the recovery process will address the looming climate threat that, like the pandemic, poses an existential threat to future generations.

This panel will bring together an inter-generational set of speakers to present a multidimensional perspective on rebuilding better through a compassionate lens.

Click [here](#) for more about the event.

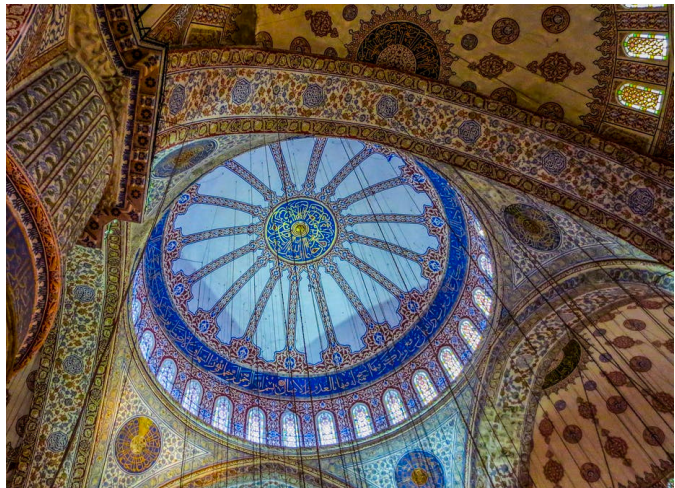
AL-MIZAN: A COVENANT FOR THE EARTH

AT THE 2021 PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLY

Monday, 18 October 2021

The Core Team of Al-Mizan were pleased to engage in a webinar at the

[2021 Parliament of the World's Religions Assembly](#), that explored the basis for the Covenant where the speakers called for urgent and fervent action by people of faith in support of our planet earth, presenting Al-Mizan and a means to inspire and motivate faith-based institutions to call for ambitious action for the protection of the natural world.



MUSLIMS IN UK & IRELAND UNITE IN CALL FOR COP26 CLIMATE ACTION

He is the One Who has made you the inheritors of the earth and raised some of you in ranks over others so that He may test you in what He has given you.
Qur'an, The Cattle (Al-An'am) 6:165



Muslims across the UK and Ireland have issued a [united rallying call](#) for world leaders to act decisively on the climate crisis joint statement on climate and the environment – underwriting the unity of growing calls from faith organisations for climate justice.

[Read the Joint Statement](#) listing key and urgent actions for stakeholders

Upcoming Events:



31 October 2021 | 10am GMT | [Register](#)

[Go Dharmic](#) is an international charity organization bringing people together to spread love and compassion through social action campaigns.

Non-violence is a virtue of great significance to many traditions and communities.

This webinar seeks to:

1. Introduce and amplify the importance of ahimsa, non-violence, in current climate change forums as a Universal Idea to alleviate harm and make peace with nature.
2. Develop and strengthen partnerships with policy makers, civil society leaders, faith-based organisations and the private sector.
3. Promote and share experiences, lessons and solutions of existing non-violent approaches to caring for the environment