



United Nations Environment Programme

Faith for Earth Initiative

Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2

Faith for Stockholm+50

Details

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Date: Friday, 4 March 2022; 4pm - 5.30pm East African Time (GMT+03:00)

Background

Four interconnected crises – climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, the global pandemic – are jeopardizing global economic and social well-being while also seriously undermining the progress made in terms of poverty and world hunger reduction, gender equality, quality of life, among other elements. COVID-19 has especially limited the effectiveness of the SDGs with efforts to curb climate change and other global issues experiencing stalling and even backwards development. Indeed, humanity is facing the worst human and economic crisis of its lifetime!

However, it is essential to acknowledge the limited effectiveness and success rates that the SDGs have had, even without the occurrence of the global pandemic. The SDGs are failing to bring the transformative change that they were supposed and expected to bring in order to fulfill the ambitious 2030 Agenda goals. Scientists have concluded, that *“The current worldwide sustainable development model is threatening to reverse years of progress, if strategies do not drastically change,”* especially in regard to the lack of coordination across the 17 separate goals.

Without decisive action, humanity is gambling away its last chance to turn the tide and create a viable and resilient future or all. This is why 2022 must and will be a pivotal year for social justice and societal progress in the context of the 2030 Agenda. As put by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres, this upcoming year is *“the make it or break it year.”*

The international Stockholm+50 high-level meeting serves as an urgent, all-out effort to turn things around, thus playing a crucial role in making 2022 a year defined by successful global action. Thus, the core aim of Stockholm+50 is to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, overcome the setbacks induced by the global pandemic through long-term recovery plans,



and redefine humanity's relationship with nature to foster prosperity within the planetary bounds. Five elements are center stage at Stockholm+50: Regeneration, Recovery, Rebalance, Renewal, and Reimagination.

Stockholm+50 will be held in Stockholm on the 2nd and 3rd of June 2022, which marks the 50th anniversary of the UN's Summit on the Human Environment, which was the UN's first major conference on international environmental concerns held in Stockholm in 1972. At Stockholm+50 *"Fifty years of environmental history will meet the future [...], with eight years left to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda,"* thus marking a once in a lifetime opportunity to consider the current global challenges, prospects, and needs to secure a sustainable future for future generations where no one is left behind!

Purpose of session

This dialogue session will provide a space to discuss the success and challenges FBOs have met while implementing the 2030 Agenda and global SDGs, while also commemorating and reflecting on the progress that has been achieved on a global scale (i.e., restoring ecosystems, protecting human rights, promoting world peace, establishing equal rights and climate justice, limiting world hunger, etc.) and envisaging the ideal future that is to be achieved in order to benefit humanity as a whole.

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Participants Agenda

Time	Programme	Speakers
5 min	Welcome and purpose of the session	Johanna Lissinger Peitz , Ambassador for Stockholm+50, Swedish Government Offices Haruko Okusu , Programme Officer and Regional Biodiversity MEA Coordinator, UNEP
10 min	Introduction to Stockholm+50	Johanna Lissinger Peitz , Ambassador for Stockholm+50, Swedish Government Offices Haruko Okusu , Programme Officer and Regional Biodiversity MEA Coordinator, UNEP
15 min	Keynote 1 – Ethics, values & religions: living in harmony with nature and one another and reflecting on the values of Stockholm 1972	Karena Gore , Founder and executive director, Center for Earth Ethics at Union Theological Seminary
30 min	Keynote 2 – Mobilizing the faith community & their constituents towards the creation of a sustainable world	Fazlun Khaled , Founder, Islamic Foundation on Ecology and Environmental Studies IFEES Rev. Dr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam , Coordinator of Ecology and Creation, Vatican Dicastery

		<p>Archbishop Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Archbishop, Anglican Church of Canada</p> <p>Bishop Andreas Holmberg Church of Sweden (Stockholm Diocese)</p> <p>Gopal Patel, Director, Bhumi Global</p>
30 min	Q&A and discussion	<p>Karena Gore, Founder and executive director, Center for Earth Ethics</p>