



FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER
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IT IS TIME FOR BIODIVERSITY

Dear Friends,

The Secretariat of the [Convention on Biological Diversity](#) is uniting world leaders and civil society at the Open-ended Working Group-4 (OEWG-4) of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework being held from 21 to 26 June 2022 in Nairobi, Kenya. [Read more about the process.](#)

The OEWG meetings exhibit a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework during the second phase of the UN Biodiversity Conference to be held later this year in Kunming, China.

This process reflects an ambitious plan to implement broad-based action to bring about a transformation in society's relationship with biodiversity, ensuring that by [2050 the shared vision of 'living in harmony with nature'](#) is fulfilled. [Here are key milestones and targets?.](#)

This week at [OEWG-4](#), follow the [Multifaith Action Group on Biodiversity](#) and the [Laudato Si' Movement](#) as prominent faith voices, alongside local community representatives and indigenous groups, advocating for a new harmonious development paradigm between #People and #Planet #Biodiversity.

[Watch online](#) | [Read the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.](#)



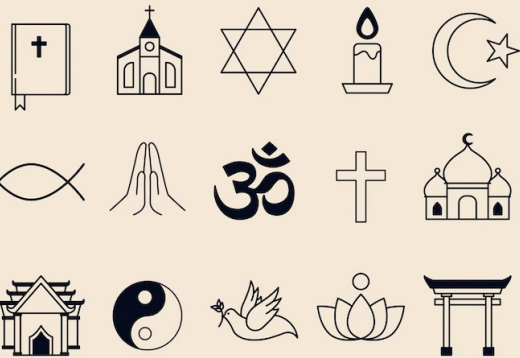
Are you a Faith-based Organisation/IPLC?

Are you in Nairobi, Kenya for the OEWG-4?

Meet us on Wednesday,
22 June 2022,

Venue: Main Cafeteria,
UN Compound

[RSVP](#)



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"Stewarding all living things as gifts from god/divine, or deeming rights of other creatures as equal to those of humanity, or even revering some species as sacred, all religions and beliefs discourse to live in harmony with nature."

Want to learn more about religious perspectives on Biodiversity? [Click here](#).

From June to August 2020 a diverse group of religious bodies and faith based organizations convened ahead of the UN Summit on Biodiversity.

The [Call to Action](#) urged FBOs and Faith Leaders to commit to:



- Developing and implementing long term, values-based and scientifically-informed plans to regenerate, protect, and nurture the Earth's ecosystems for the next decade and beyond.
- Working cooperatively, and collectively, helping each other along the journey to achieve a carbon neutral, nature-positive future.
- Working with humility, understanding that many solutions are to be found in nature
- Integrating humanity's collective wisdom into our efforts, particularly that of indigenous communities and the perspectives of those most vulnerable to the impacts of environmental degradation.
- Engaging in a process of periodic tracking, re-assessment, and re-alignment in light of changing realities and opportunities.

See also the [Evangelical Call to Action on Biodiversity](#).

FAITH & BIODIVERSITY UN COORDINATION GROUP: OEWG-4 PRIORITIES

After a year and a half of coordinating with faith-based organisations, technical partners, grassroots organizations, indigenous groups and local communities, the Multi-faith Coordination Group has **shared these recommendations** with the CBD Secretariat, Government representatives and key stakeholders in response to the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. [Contact the Team](#).

Upcoming Events

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH POSITION AT COP15

21 June 2022

4pm EAT / 3pm CEST | Conference Room 14 | [Register](#)

During this hybrid meeting on the margin of the OEWG-4 in Nairobi, Kenya the [Laudato Si' Movement](#) will convene distinguished faith voices alongside local community representatives and indigenous groups.

[Join the meeting](#) for the anticipated launch of the SECAM calls for urgent action to deliver an ambitious Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and read the [statement](#) of the Catholic Church on No More Biodiversity Collapse.



Speakers:

- Fr Rigobert- Ecclesial Network of the Congo Basin Forest (REBAC)
- Fr Pedro Walpole - River Above Asia Oceania Ecclesial Network. (RAOEN)
- Ikal Angelei - Friends of Lake Turkana
- Fr Steve Makagutu - Laudato Si Movement
- Prince Papa - Laudato Si Movement
- Alphonse Muia - Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)
- Sr Mary Wangare- Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation Franciscans Africa



THE SPIRITUAL AND CULTURAL URGENCY FOR A NATURE POSITIVE WORLD

24 June | 1.30pm - 2pm EAT | Conference Room 14

Speakers:

- Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International (Confirmed)
- Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, UNEP Faith for Earth Initiative
- Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (TBC)
- Indigenous People's Caucus (TBC)
- Mrinalini Rai, Women4Biodiversity (TBC)
- Global Youth Biodiversity Network (TBC)
- Alexandra Masako Goossens-Ishii, Soka Gakkai International
- Gopal Patel, Bhumi Global; UN Multi-faith Advisory Council

Learn more about this event [here](#)