



FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER
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YOUTH-LED ADVOCACY: PROMOTING INTERGENERATIONAL ACTION FOR NATURE



UNEP Faith for Earth launched the **Faith for Earth Youth Council** that engages young change agents for an effective engagement of young people at the global, regional and local levels.

The International Day for the Youth 2022 focused on the theme "Intergenerational Solidarity" to leverage the full potential of all generations ensuring that no one is left behind.

Find out how the first Faith for Earth Youth Council, a coalition of highly engaged young people, are tackling global crises through their exemplary initiatives. [Find out who they are.](#)

THE RIGHT TO ACCESS A CLEAN, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

On 28 July 2022, with 161 votes in favour, and 8 abstentions, the UN General Assembly adopted a historic resolution **declaring access to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment a universal human right**. [More information.](#)

This milestone calls for urgent actions from Member States, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society to [scale up efforts to ensure a healthy environment for all.](#)

Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme, Inger Andersen stated that this [resolution](#) "demonstrates that countries are in solidarity with billions of people suffering under the weight of the triple planetary crisis of climate change, nature and biodiversity loss, and pollution and waste. It will help people stand up for their right to a safe climate, their right to breathe clean air and their rights to access clean and safe water, adequate food, healthy ecosystems and nontoxic environments". [Read the full statement.](#)

Upcoming Events



PLASTIC TIDE TURNERS PROGRAMME: SYNERGIES WITH FBOS IN THE PACIFIC

25 August 2022 | 12pm EAT

Join **Mr. Dave Chung**, Youth and Communications Officer and ISLANDS Coordinator, Plastic Tide Turners Programme, UNEP in an introductory session of [The Tide Turners Programme](#), a youth-centered awareness campaign that aims

to change the mindsets and behaviours of the youth towards plastics by laying down a foundation of knowledge and awareness of the threats and dangers of plastic pollution to our marine ecosystems and by encouraging and enhancing opportunities for advocacy.

To join this session, [click here](#).



UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION
2021-2030



NATURE POSITIVE UNIVERSITIES

The Nature Positive Universities Alliance is a growing network of people from 400 higher education institutions, including students, researchers, academics, staff and management, working towards making their institutions' overall impacts ["Nature Positive"](#).



[Nature Positive Pledge](#): Set up and commit to carrying out baseline studies of impacts on nature, and set ambitious targets to reduce negative impacts whilst enhancing the positive impacts.

[Case Studies](#) | [Actions](#) | [For Students](#)

Publications

ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE UPDATE: APRIL - JUNE 2022

Click [here to read](#) the EG Update noting how UNEP Faith for Earth is contributing to policy, rules, and regulations that govern human behaviour to comprehensively address environmental challenges, through responsible decision-making and faith-based multilateral action.



CALL OF PAPERS ON FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT IN AFRICA

Kabarak University Press in partnership with UNEP Faith for Earth is pleased to share a call for papers the role of **beliefs and faith-based action in environmental governance and conservation** for the first volume of the African Faith and Environment Yearbook (2023), to explore and study African

traditional beliefs and practices for environmental conservation and protection of nature.

The call for papers was launched during the "[Faith & Environmental Protection roundtable](#)" co-organised by UNEP Faith for Earth. For more information about submission guidelines and deadlines, please contact editor.kup@kabarak.ac.ke.



STATE OF THE WORLD'S FORESTS REPORT 2022

REPORT

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The State of the World's Forests 2022 examines the benefits and costs of the pathways and ways of integrating them into existing and emerging policies, assesses the potential for additional finance for the pathways, and explores how best to enable and scale up adoption by decision-makers at the national level and on the ground focusing on three pathways: halting deforestation and maintaining forests; restoring degraded land and expanding agroforestry; and sustainably using forests to build green value chains.

Stay tuned for a publication on Faith and Tree Growing in collaboration with WWF.

OPEN COURSE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

We are pleased to announce a global capacity building course on Ecosystem Restoration, following the launch of the online course on [Faith and Ecosystems](#).

What to expect in this MOOC:

Part 1: Introduction to ecosystem restoration (19 September — 9 October 2022)

- Week 1: Introduction to ecosystem restoration
- Week 2: Assessment of opportunities and priorities for restoration
- Week 3: Legal, policy and governance aspects

Part 2: Applying ecosystem restoration interventions (17 October — 20 November 2022)

- Week 1: Strategic planning processes
- Week 2: Cost-benefit analysis, accounting processes and resource mobilization
- Week 3: Selection and implementation of restoration interventions
- Week 4: Monitoring and evaluation
- Week 5: Capacity building and development

Share the Promo kit:

[English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

Given the high interest in the topic, drawing 4.600 registrants in 2021, this year a FREE facilitated Massive Open Online Course on Ecosystem Restoration in English, French, and Spanish. So far, the MOOC has attracted over 8,000 registrants.

[Learn more and register here](#).

Past Events

THE ROLE OF FAITH ACTORS: ADDRESSING CLIMATE-RELATED CHALLENGES AND THREATS IN INDONESIA



Considering that faith and spirituality shape human behaviour, FBOs and faith actors have been essential in inspiring governments and local communities, activists, and youth to take catalytic actions to raise environmental awareness and mitigate the effects of climate change.

UNEP Faith for Earth and Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator for Climate Action at UNEPs Asia & the Pacific Office shared good practices by faith-based organisations in Indonesia on 13 August to address the triple planetary crises, calling for more partnership and engagement promoting interfaith action.