

FAITH FOR
EARTH
INITIATIVE



ONE EARTH
MANY RELIGIONS
ONE GOAL

Faith for Earth Events at UNEA

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH 2019

TIME	THEME	ORGANIZER
10:30 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.	Eco-just Churches and Communities: Models for Living with Justice and Sustainability	The World Council of Churches, All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)
12:00 - 13:30 P.M.	Advancing climate justice by faith-based renewable energy projects	World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH 2019

09:30-11:00 A.M.	Lifestyle Changes based on Values and Ethics – The Role of Faith in promoting Sustainable Consumption and Innovative Technology	Brahma Kumaris, Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)
11:00 A.M.- 13:00 P.M.	Reserved for bilateral meetings	

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH 2019

09:30-11:00 A.M.	Inter-faith partnership for sustainable environment and development in Nigeria	Strength in Diversity Development Center (SDDC) – Nigeria
11:30 A.M.- 13:00 P.M.	Success stories on environmental faith innovation	Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment (UNEP)
15.00 - 16.30 P.M.	Faith for Earth: Faith-Based Initiatives for Addressing Environmental Challenges	Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment (UNEP)














THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH 2019

09:30-11:00 A.M.	From theory to practice: The Islamic Perspective of Environmental Protection and Promoting Interfaith Actions	Joint activity UN Environment and Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)
11:30 A.M.- 13:00 P.M.	From Trash to Treasures: Community-Driven Approaches to Sustainable Consumption	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation




FRIDAY, MARCH 15TH 2019













09:30-11:00 A.M.	Interfaith Rainforest Initiative	UN Environment Interfaith Rainforest Initiative
11:30 A.M.- 13:00 P.M.	Faith, Global Ethics and Climate Commitments:	Parliament of World's Religions

FACTS AND FIGURES

What Faith organizations own?					
8%		of the habitable land surface	5%		of all commercial forests (22% Sweden-28% Austria)
50%		of schools worldwide	64%		of schools in sub-Saharan Africa
10%		of world's total financial institutions	14%		Of community development corporations (CDCs)
50%		of all sponsors of housing for the elderly developed by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	3500%		growth in America's market for religious investment products, from 500 million to \$17 billion
44%		contributions to health services in Africa	37 million		Christian churches in the world
3.6 million		mosques in the world	20,000		synagogues
Countless		temples			

How can Faith-based organizations contribute to sustainable consumption?

	Engage in food banks		Organize Food Waste Feasts
	Educate community through trainings and workshops		Remove trays in cafeterias or in your mass feeding events. Removing trays reduces food waste up to 32%.
	Replace meals in cafeterias and canteens with low-impact ones.		Encourage gardening in your churches, mosques, shrines and temples backyard.

	Natural ventilation in buildings can save energy up to 25-50%.		Use daylighting as a type of lighting, it can decrease energy costs up to 75%
	Install Energy and water saving devices and use solar energy systems.		Plant trees and grow organic produce in the gardens and open spaces.
	Prefer a permeable surface for your parking lots and outdoor walkways.		Mobilize community action through campaigns and contests that encourage the sustainable use of resources.
	Organize events and workshops to connect interested stakeholders to support sustainable construction practices for your worship house.		Provide shuttle buses or trams powered by green energy.
	Provide pilgrims with a map indicating public transportation options and highlighting green hotels and restaurants in the site.		Encourage community to cycle between different destinations in the holy site and provide bicycle parking racks.
	Incentivize pilgrims to not litter and engage them in cleaning up the existing waste.		Partner with local NGOs to fight against litter and waste problems.
	Partner with restaurants on green energy use and avoidance of food waste in holy sites.		Compensate for your footprint by planting trees or donating to local communities for greening efforts.
	Prepare guidelines for your community on how to have green celebrations.		Try to substitute the essential materials used in your celebrations with sustainable alternatives
	Instead of burning incense sticks, promote locally grown flowers. It will reduce air pollution.		Encourage recycled materials for gift wrapping for religious celebrations
	Conduct monthly/weekly challenges like No-Plastic Use or No-Meat Consumption		Organize a green "Show and Tell" event in your worship house where people can share their sustainable lifestyles examples and experiences.