



**UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT ASSEMBLY  
FAITH FOR EARTH SIDE EVENTS  
11-15 MARCH 2019  
FAITH FOR EARTH TENT**

**MONDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Organizer</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
<b>08:00 - 09:00 A.M.</b>	Morning Prayers		Open to all religions
<b>09:00 - 10:30 A. M.</b>	Registration		
<b>10:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.</b>	Eco-just Churches and Communities: Models for Living with Justice and Sustainability	The World Council of Churches, All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Dr. Agnes Abuom</b>, World Council of Churches, and Executive Director, TAABCO; <b>Theme:</b> Welcome and opening: The role of Christian Churches in addressing ecological challenges</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Prof. Dr. Jesse Mugambi</b>, Professor, University of Nairobi; <b>Theme:</b> Empowered to a transformative faith</li> <li><b>Rev. Norman Tendis</b>, Consultant for Economy of Life, WCC, and Pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Austria; <b>Theme:</b> Roadmap for an Economy of Life and Ecological Justice: a tool for engagement</li> <li><b>Bishop Arnold Temple, Dr. Bright Mawudor, Ms. Afiwa Allahare</b> from All Africa Conference of Churches; <b>Theme:</b> Stories of commitment and hope from Africa</li> <li><b>Prof. Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad</b>, Director, Church of South India Department of Ecological Concerns; <b>Theme:</b> Stories of commitment and hope from Asia (India)</li> <li><b>(In groups)</b></li> <li><b>(In plenary)</b></li> </ol>
<b>12:00 - 13:30 P.M.</b>	Advancing climate justice with faith-based renewable energy projects	World Evangelical Alliance (WEA)	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Dr. Chris Elisara</b>, Director of the World Evangelical Alliance Creation Care Task Force</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Matthias K. Boehning</b>, Director, World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center, Bonn; <b>Theme:</b> Towards a common mission to advance climate justice</li> </ol>



2. **Rabbi Yonatan Neril**, Founder & Executive Director, The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development, Jerusalem; **Theme:** How Can Faith Groups Promote the Use of Renewable Energy?
3. **Philipine Kidulah**, Director, Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika, Kenya; **Theme:** How self-help and small business approaches empower vulnerable women and girls for the impact of climate change
4. **Bishop Julius Wanyoike**, The Anglican Church of Kenya; **Theme:** The Role of the Church in Climate Change in Kenya.

13.30 - 18:00 P.M.

SDGs

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH 2019**

08:00-09:00 A.M.

Morning Prayers

Open to all religions

09:00-09:30 A. M.

Registration

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 Organization, Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)

This session is moderated by **David Munene**, Programs Manager of CYNESA  
**Joyce Msuya**, UN Environment Acting Executive Director and **Inger Anderson**, UN Environment Executive Director Designee will have a **brief visit** at 09:30

1. **Allen Ottaro**, Founder – Executive Director, Catholic Youth Network for Environment Sustainability for Africa; **Theme:** Youth as protagonists of environmental sustainability: A faith perspective
2. **Golo Pilz**, head of solar power thermal plant India-One, Energy Adviser Brahma Kumaris; **Theme:** Changing mindset for innovative technology and lifestyle change
3. **Rev Dr Canon Rachel Mash**, Environment Coordinator, Green Anglicans, Anglican Church of Southern Africa. **Theme:** The role of faith communities in mitigation and adaptation
4. **Yusuf Ahmed**, Regional Director-East Africa, Islamic Relief WorldWide; **Theme:** Role of faith leaders in promoting environmental awareness among the communities – the case of Kenya and Somalia



			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <b>Sonja Ohlsson</b> – BK Environment Initiative; <b>Theme:</b> Making lifestyle changes that last based on values and ethics</li> <li>6. <b>Iyad Abumoghli</b>, Ph.D., Principal Advisor, Strategic Engagement with Faith-based Organizations, UN Environment; <b>Theme:</b> Brief on Publication UN Environments take on Sustainable Living and Faith</li> </ol>
<b>11:00-11:30 A.M.</b>	Networking Break		
<b>11:30 A.M -13:00 P.M.</b>	Bilateral/Interfaith meetings		
<b>13:00-13:30 P.M.</b>	Lunch		
<b>13.30 – 18:00 P.M.</b>	SDGs		
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH 2019</b>			
<b>08:00-09:00 A.M.</b>	Morning prayers		Open to all religions
<b>09:00-09:30 A. M.</b>	Registration		
<b>09:30-11:00 A.M.</b>	Inter-faith partnership for sustainable environment and development in Nigeria	Strength in Diversity Development Center (SDDC) – Nigeria	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Imam Shefiu Abdulkareem Majemu</b>, Founder, SDDC/FASI</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Imam Shefiu Abdulkareem Majemu</b>, Founder, SDDC/FASI; <b>Theme:</b> Violent- Extremism and Corruption: Impact on the Environment</li> <li>2. <b>Abdulsalam Kassim Buhari</b>, Farmers Advocacy and Support Initiative in Nigeria FASI/OpenFarmNigeria; <b>Theme:</b> Effect of Climate Change on Food Production and Security in Sub-Saharan Africa</li> <li>3. <b>Maryam Belgore</b>, Founder, Maryam Onikijipa Belgore M.O.B Foundation; <b>Theme:</b> Curtailing Environmental Crisis through Quality Health Care Support and Service Delivery in Africa</li> <li>4. <b>Akeem Olabanji Olanikanmi</b>, Executive Director, FASI, Nigeria and Research Fellow at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria; <b>Theme:</b> Climate Change and the Environment: Imperatives of Renewable Energy Support for Urban/Rural Dwellers in Sub-Saharan Africa</li> </ol>
<b>11:00-11:30 A.M.</b>	Networking		
<b>11:30 A.M. -13:00 P.M.</b>	Success stories on the environmental faith innovation	Faith for Earth Initiative	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Dr. Iyad Abumoghli</b>, the Head of Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Gauranga Das</b>, Eco Village; <b>Theme:</b> Govardhan Ecovillage - An innovative interfaith-based</li> </ol>



		<p>community harmonizing environment, emotions, and economy</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Dr. Helmut Fluhrer</b>, Founder and CEO of Weathertec, Winner of the Laudato Si Challenge Award, Vatican 2018; <b>Theme:</b> WeatherTec: next generation rainfall enhancement for water and food security for a billion people</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. Peter Nitschke</b>, Specialist at Plastic Bank; <b>Theme:</b> The Social Plastic Interfaith Stewardship Movement: Engaging communities of faith toward a solution for ocean plastic</li> <li>4. <b>Kiran Bali</b>, United Religions Initiative (URI); <b>Theme:</b> The environment revolution</li> <li>5. <b>Gautam Vazirani</b>, Leader on Sustainable fashion in India; <b>Theme:</b> Mission for sustainable fashion development in india (the winner of the Circular Design Challenge – an initiative that has been created in partnership with the UN Environment in India, Mr. Stefano Funari, will be presenting the slides work)</li> <li>6. <b>Punit Mehta</b>, member of The Sathya Sai International Organization (SSIO); <b>Theme:</b> Spiritual Solutions to the Environmental Crisis</li> </ol>
<p>13:00-14:00 P.M. 15.00 - 16.30 P.M.</p>	<p>Lunch Panel Session VII: Faith for Earth: Faith-Based Initiatives for Addressing Environmental Challenges</p> <p>Faith for Earth Initiative, UNEP</p>	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Dr. Iyad Abu Moghli</b>, by the Head of Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Opening remark by Mr. Satya Tripathi</b>, Assistant Secretary General and Director of UN Environment Office in New York.</li> <li>2. <b>Fr. Fletcher Harper</b>, Executive Director of GreenFaith/Living the Change Initiative; <b>Theme:</b> Living the Change: Faith-consistent lifestyles</li> <li>3. <b>Rabbi Yonatan Neril</b>, Founder &amp; Executive Director, The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development; <b>Theme:</b> What Does God Have to With Clean Energy? How Religious Institutions are Embracing Renewable Energy</li> </ol>



4. **Fazlun Khalid**, Director, and Founder of Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences; **Theme**: Recovering the Balance
5. **Dr. Chris Elisara**, Director Creation Care Taskforce, World Evangelical Alliance; **Theme**: Sustainable Cities, the New Frontier of Faith-Based Environmental Action
6. **Rudolf Makhanu**, Director of Eden's Stewards; **Theme**: Faith for Earth has inspired the Nairobi Chapel to establish an environment ministry and their efforts in Kenya
7. **Sonja Ohlsson**, International Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative; **Theme**: Reflection on mindset for sustainable living and innovation (5 min)
8. **Aksel Jakobsen**, State Secretary (Christian Democrats) and Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway; **Theme**: Tropical Rainforests

**This event will be held in the Expo Tent near the Fountain area**

14:00-18:00 P.M.  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> 2019

SDGs

08:00-09:00 A.M.

Morning Prayers

Open to all religions

09:00-09:30 A. M.

Registration

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  
 Educational, Scientific  
 and Cultural  
 Organization (IYESCO)

- This session is moderated by **Dr. Iyad Abumoghli**, the Head of Faith for Earth Initiative, UN Environment
1. **Opening remark, Gary Lewis**, Director of Policy and Programme Division. UN Environment
  2. **Prof. Ibrahim Ozdemir**, Professor of Philosophy and the Founding President of Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep Turkey; **Theme**: How the Islamic declaration on Climate Change supports sustainable consumption and production?
  3. **Fazlun Khalid**, IFEES; **Theme**: An Islamic approach to the climate crisis
  4. **Dr. Fachruddin Mangunjaya**, Expert at the National Commission for Protected Areas in KSA; **Theme**: Natural resources conservation, Obligations of Muslim Consumers and producers



			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <b>Abdelmajid TRIBAK</b>, ISESCO; <b>Theme:</b> Environmental education in Islam towards innovation and sustainable consumption</li> <li>6. <b>Prof. Samira Idlilalene</b>, Professor of Law at the University Cadi Ayyad in Morocco; <b>Theme:</b> Islamic environmental law tools: Waqf and Agdals for the SDGs.</li> <li>7. <b>Dr. Chris Elisara</b>, Director Creation Care Taskforce, World Evangelical Alliance Faith Invest; <b>Theme:</b> FaithInvest, an Interfaith initiative on faith-consistent investment towards sustainable development</li> <li>8. <b>(Open for ministers); Theme:</b> Ministerial Perspectives on the Role of Faith for Earth</li> </ol>
<b>11:00-11:30 A.M.</b>	Networking		
<b>11:30 A.M.-13:00 P.M.</b>	Turning Trashes into Treasure	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Debra Boudreaux</b>, Executive Vice President, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Marshall Q Siao</b>, Director of R&amp;D Jing Si Technology; <b>Theme:</b> Love and the circular economy</li> <li>2. <b>Denise (Tai Lin) Tsai</b>, Executive Officer of Buddhist Tzu Chi Charity Foundation in Mozambique; <b>Theme:</b> Engaging vulnerable single parent and youth to support climate change – a successful story from Mozambique</li> <li>3. <b>Emmanuel Karangwa</b>, Chief of Operation, The Green Fighter; <b>Theme:</b> Youth Engagement, Community Education</li> <li>4. <b>Jennifer (Mei-Chuan) Chen</b>, Vice CEO Tzu Chi Foundation Southern Africa; <b>Theme:</b> Turning Trashes into Treasure</li> <li>5. <b>Alan Bigalow</b>, Science Director, Solar Cookers International; <b>Theme:</b> Solar Cooking, Community - Building to gain Support From Solar Cooking</li> </ol>
<b>13:00-13:30 P.M.</b>	Lunch		
<b>13:30-18:00 P.M.</b>	SDGs		
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> 2019</b>			
<b>08:00-09:00 A.M.</b>	Morning prayers		Open to all religions
<b>09:00-09:30 A. M.</b>	Registration		



09:30-11:00 A.M.

The Interfaith Rainforest Initiative: An Historic Convergence of Religious Leaders and Indigenous Peoples to Protect the Planet's Tropical Forests

UN Environment's office in New York on behalf of the 'Interfaith Rainforest Initiative' partnership

This session is moderated by **Dr. Charles Ian McNeill**, Senior Advisor, Forests & Climate, UN Environment

1. **Fr. Fletcher Harper**, Executive Director of GreenFaith; **Theme**: Overview of, and status report on, IRI's work at the global and national level.
2. **Prof. Kusumita Pedersen**, Professor Emerita of Religious Studies, St. Francis College; Trustee, Parliament of the World's Religions; Co-Chair, Interfaith Center of New York; Vice President, Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN; **Theme**: Reflections on the value of an interfaith approach to protecting tropical forests.
3. **Rev. Henrik Grape**, Coordinator of World Council of Churches Working Group on Climate change; **Theme**: IRI's theory of change: how interfaith action on forests and indigenous peoples can turn the tide on biodiversity loss and climate change.
4. **Fazlun Khalid**, Director and Founder of Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences; **Theme**: Global equity and sustainability
5. **Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim**, Chair, International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change; Coordinator, Association of Peul Women and Autochthonous Peoples of Chad (AFPAT).
6. **Dr. Hayu Prabowo**, Director, Siaga Bumi; Chair, Council of Ulama's environment and natural resources body; Center for Dialogue and Cooperation Among Civilizations; representative of Religions for Peace; **Theme**: Report on the recent launch of an interfaith movement to protect Indonesia's rainforests.
7. **Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam**, Coordinator of the Sector on "Ecology and Creation", Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; **Theme**: Pope Francis' and the Vatican's Synod on the Pan-Amazonian region and collaboration with IRI.
8. **HE Ola Elvestuen**, Minister of Climate & Environment, Government of Norway; **Theme**:



11:00-11:30 A.M	Networking break		Potential transformative role of religious leaders in protecting tropical forests and indigenous people's rights.
11:30 A.M-13:00 P.M.	Faith, Global Ethics and Climate Commitments	Parliament of World's Religions	<p>This session is moderated by <b>Dr. Kusumita P. Pedersen</b>, Trustee of the Parliament of the World's Religions and a founding member of its Climate Action Task Force (CATF)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Kiran Bali</b>, Global Council Chairperson and an At-Large Trustee of the United Religions Initiative (URI); <b>Theme:</b> Faith, Global Ethics and Climate Commitments.</li> <li>2. <b>Debra Boudreaux</b>, Executive Vice President, Tzu Chi Foundation; <b>Theme:</b> The Commitment of Compassion for All Beings</li> <li>3. <b>Dr. Charles Mcneill</b>, UN Environment Senior Advisor on Forests &amp; Climate; <b>Theme:</b> Global Ethics for the Environment: An Emerging Understanding</li> <li>4. <b>Rev Dr Canon Rachel Mash</b>, Environmental Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa; <b>Theme:</b> A Faith-Based Response to Climate Change: The Green Anglican Movement</li> <li>5. <b>Joshua Basofin</b>, Director of Climate Action at Parliament of the World's Religions; <b>Theme:</b> The Climate Commitments Project: Explore, Collaborate, Assess, Celebrate</li> <li>6. <b>Rev. Dr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam</b>, Coordinator of the Sector of "Ecology and Creation" at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development; <b>Theme:</b> Laudato Si': A Physical-Ethical-Spiritual Perspective</li> </ol>