

## FAITH FOR EARTH



Dear Brothers and Sisters;

September has been very exciting full of activities around the world not only from Faith for Earth side, but also from the faith and interfaith community. While this month is very important for the UN with the UNGA and UN75 celebrations, it is also the month of the Season of Creation. Faith for Earth has been co-organizing and participating in many important events and we are head over heels in our preparations for the Faith for Nature: Multi-Faith Action Global Conference. Below are some of our engagements.



### [Faith for Nature: Multi-Faith Action Global Conference 5-8 October 2020](#)

Almost only two weeks remaining for our historic global conference. High level political and faith leaders have confirmed their participation, hundreds of participants have already registered, the agenda has already been published on the website and we are in the final details of moderation and facilitation. The Government of Iceland and our partners including; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, United Nations Association of Iceland, Soil conservation Service of Iceland, Religions for Peace, and the National Religious Partnership for the Environment are very engaged and preparing for an unforgettable event. For more information, please visit [the website](#).



### [Join Us for the Official Release of the Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Progress and Outlook Report](#)

On **Monday, September 21, 2020** at 10:00 AM and 19:00 PM CDT, join [Bhumi Global](#), the [Parliament of the World's Religions](#), [UNEP Faith for Earth](#), and [United Religions Initiative \(URI\)](#) for the launch of our report, *Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals: Progress and Outlook*. This report details progress made by the Faith community toward the Sustainable Development Goals, and makes

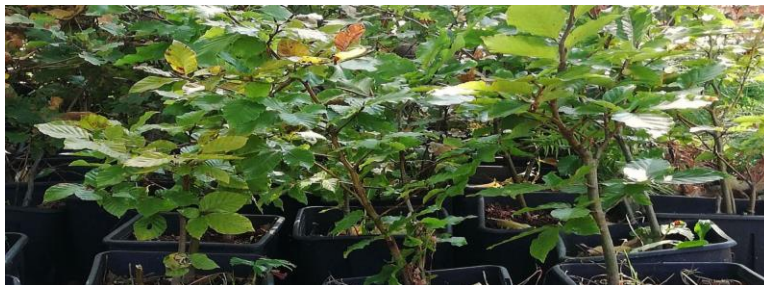
recommendations for achieving even greater impact. Published in observance of the 5th anniversary of the Sustainable Development Goals. [Join on this Zoom link](#) or visit the [event page](#)



### [COVID-19 Child Sensitive, Inclusive and Greener Recovery to Build Back Better](#)

COVID-19 has added a layer of vulnerability of children and families left behind and we are out of time to help families build back better and quicker. COVID-19 presents an opportunity to implement climate sensitive, child sensitive, inclusive and greener recovery strategies to build back better. Multi-stakeholders do have a role to play to explore adapted interventions. Join us on 24 September 2020 at 08:00-09:30 EST. the event is being organized with the International Partnership for sustainable Development (PaRD), World Vision, Child Rights Connect, Global One, Republic of Slovenia Permanent Mission to the UN, and UN Human Rights Special Procedures.

Register for the event at <http://bit.ly/greenerbbb>



### [How to plant a Laudato Si' Garden? Living Chapel - Newsletter N°10](#)

It's important to act and respond with **concrete actions** to the appeal launched by Pope Francis and in support of the **One Trillion Tree Campaign** and the United Nations **Faith for Earth** movement. But how? We gather people of goodwill, schools, associations, institutions and parishes and together we will plant a green space to **leave something concrete for future generations**.

A Laudato Si' Garden is created through a small project dedicated to an area of our city where you can **plant together trees** and shrubs to integrate with the surrounding flora and host animals such as birds, butterflies and other insects. If you want to know more on how to establish a garden, you can read the **Laudato Si Guidelines** for planting available [here](#). Living in a better world that is respectful of the nature that surrounds us is a dream that can come true thanks to small gestures like planting a tree. To read the entire newsletter, please [click here](#).



## [The Inclusive Edge, Tapping into the Faith Dimension to Accelerate Nature based Actions for a Sustainable Future](#)

With the rapid advancement in the global environmental crisis at an unprecedented rate, **URI** along with **UNEP**, recently undertook an initiative with Faith-Based Organizations and interfaith platforms to spread mass awareness on environmental emergencies that our human race is confronted with. **On September 10 2020**, we revisited the faith dimension to accelerate nature-based actions for a sustainable future, over a dialogue with eminent faith leaders titled “**The Inclusive Edge, Tapping into the Faith Dimension to Accelerate Nature Actions for a Sustainable Future.**” The event was moderated by **Dia Mirza** (Actor, Producer and UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador), the event was addressed by **Joyce Msuya** (Deputy Executive Director UNEP) and esteemed faith leaders from India. The event was overwhelmingly received with over **12000+ viewers** from all over the world through various social media platforms. The encouragement and support of thousands of people through media engagement on channels has reinforced and reiterated the hope that together we can all create a stronger culture of peace, justice and healing for all specially our Mother Earth.

A summary short video clip can be [accessed here](#).



## [New Advisory Group, Blogs, and Podcasts at Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#)

Our knowledge partners, The [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#) is launching a new [Advisory Group](#) to ensure continuity of its interreligious, international, and intergenerational commitments. The need for interreligious understanding and cooperation is greater than ever, and the Yale Forum hopes to build on dialogue between and among religions that has been expanding over the last several decades. This new

Advisory Group will incorporate teamwork in which senior scholars will act as mentors to junior-level scholars in a mutually enhancing learning process.

The Yale Forum is also launching weekly blogs and podcasts! These will help people keep up with what is happening in the field of religion and ecology by featuring the work of scholars, religious leaders, and activists. Environmental justice issues will be a major focus. Visit the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#) website to learn more and to explore the extensive work of the Yale Forum over the past two decades.



### [Accreditation to UN Environment Assembly](#)

You can apply too for accreditation using the [New Online Accreditation System](#) and gain a consultative status within the [rules of procedure](#) of the [UN Environment Assembly](#), please refer to the criteria for accreditation as derived from Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure and submit your request accordingly. [Guidelines here.](#)

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Warm wishes.

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