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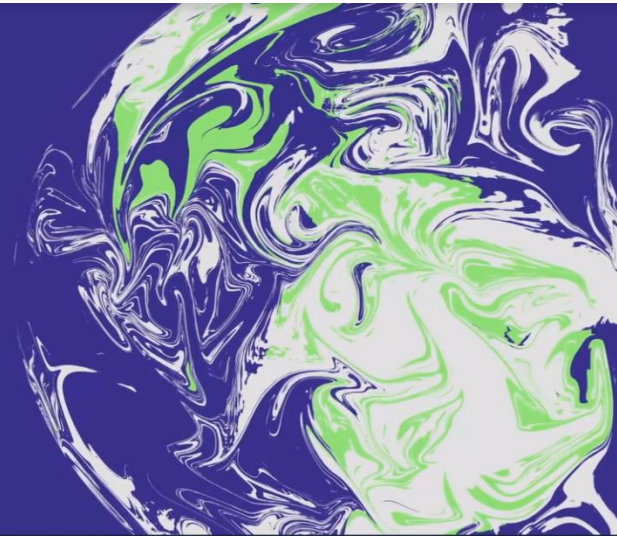
**FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS' ACTIVITIES AND  
PERSPECTIVES REGARDING CLIMATE ACTION**

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## List of Acronyms

AACC	All Africa Conference of Churches
AMECEA	Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa
IRCK	Inter-Religious Council of Kenya
CCA	Catholic Concern for Animals
COP	United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties
CSI	Church of South India
CSO	Civil Society Organization
CYNESA	Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa
FBO	Faith-Based Organization
FIMA	Federation of Islamic Medical Associations
IEF	International Environment Forum
IFEES	Islamic Foundation for Ecological and Environmental Sciences
INCR	International Network for Conservation and Religion
IMANA	Islamic Medical Association of North America
IRI	Interfaith Rainforest Initiative
MESETI	Mesa Ecoteológica Interreligiosa de Bogotá DC
NPO	Non-Profit Organization
PaRD	International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development
PF&D	Partnership for Faith & Development
RAOEN	River above Asia and Oceania Ecclesial Network
SGI	Soka Gakkai International
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNSGCAT	UN Secretary-General's Climate Action Team
URI	United Religions Initiative
WCC	World Council of Churches
WEW	Women's Empowerment Workshop
YCCN	Young Christian Climate Network

## Executive Summary

With the purpose to **accelerate climate action among different Faith-Based Organizations** (FBOs), the following analysis represents the responses of 104 organizations regarding their existing and planned initiatives and efforts towards the United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) taking place in Glasgow on 1 - 12 November, as well as their suggestions for a long-term strategy of the FBO community for climate change.

Jointly developed by the COP26 Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change, consisting of members from the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Faith for Earth Initiative, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and five members (Anglican Church Office at the UN, Bhumi Global, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, World Council of Churches, and the World Evangelical Alliance) of the Multi-faith Advisory Council (MFAC), the survey was conducted during the first quarter of 2021, and published on UNEP's newsletter, as well as partner's networks, to reach a broad network of Faith Leaders and FBOs.

Overall, the stakeholder mapping revealed that:

- the majority of FBOs have started or planned activities in the lead-up to COP26, or during the conference, while only 9 organizations have planned activities in the long term (post COP26);
- to accelerate the potential of faith-led climate action, FBOs requested support in terms of coordination, sharing of good practices, and accreditation;
- community participation, resilience-building, inclusivity and empowerment, just transition, and responsible citizenship are values and principles shared among the majority of FBOs, which can build the common ground for advanced multi-faith climate action;
- FBOs understand their role on climate action as critical and moral duty, that would entail three overarching functions: mediating dialogue, advocating and protecting, and driving behavioural change.

Serving to develop a strategic framework to accelerate FBOs' climate action, the following analysis maps the stakeholder based on their existing and ongoing activities, common grounds, and suggested ownership on climate action. Accordingly, the report is divided into four major sections, the first providing an overview of organizations, the second detailing FBOs' activities related to COP26, the third informing about the Faith and Science process led by the Holy See and the UK and Italian Governments, and the last section entailing FBOs' suggestions on their long-term climate action.

# Methodology

To provide a comprehensive overview about faith-based climate action, the methodology followed an inductive approach based upon mixed methods, whereby data was retrieved in four different ways. The majority (41 organizations, 49%) of the 104 organizations that are represented in the study directly responded to the COP 26 Survey conducted by the COP26 Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change from February until May 2021. Another 30 organizations (29%) participated in a study on FBOs COP experience that was conducted by Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University during May until July 2020. Moreover, the report entails information on 23 organizations (22%), which shared their COP26 activities due to their status as members of the wider Faith for Earth Network. Lastly, 27 (26%) organizations were included, which were identified by organizations in the COP26 survey.<sup>1</sup> Desk-based research was utilized to supplement the responses. Taking into account the different modalities of participation, the analysis pursued a multi-faceted approach to mitigate against potential biases. Table 1 details how the modality of information retrieval was transparently reflected in the subsequent analysis.

Table 1: Inclusion Criteria

Modality of Participation <sup>2</sup>	ID of Organizations	Response		Included in Table												
		Rel. Value	%	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
1+ COP26 Survey+	1-36, 45, 74, 75, 90, 103	41/104	39													
1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 74, 75, 90, 103	33/41	80	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1,2	10, 15, 16, 23	4/41	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1,3	26, 34, 45	3/41	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
1,2,3	8	1/41	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2+ COP Survey +	8, 10, 15, 16, 23, 39, 50-73	30/104	29													
2	52-73	22/30	73	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,2	10, 15, 16, 23	4/30	33	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2,3	39, 50, 51	3/30	10	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,2,3	8	1/30	3	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3+ Network+	8, 26, 34, 37-51, 88, 95, 98, 102, 104	23/104	22													
3	37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49	11/23	48	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,3	26, 34, 45	3/23	13	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
2,3	39, 50, 51	3/23	13	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1,2,3	8	1/23	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3,4	88, 95, 98, 102, 104	5/23	22	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4+ Snowballing +	76-89, 91-102, 104	27/104	26													
4	76-87; 89; 91-94; 96-97; 99-101	22/27	81	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3,4	88, 95, 98, 102, 104	5/27	16	x	x	x	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<sup>1</sup> To enhance readability, while accounting for transparency, superscript numbers are utilized to indicate the retrieval of information according to the following key: 1- Response to COP26 Survey; 2 - Participation in Survey by Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University; 3 - Communication/Network; 4 - Snowballing/Identification via COP26 Survey.

<sup>2</sup> In the following modality of participation, source, and information retrieval will be used as synonyms.

## Data Analysis

### Overview of Organizations

Considering the organizations' diverse sphere of activity and geography, the following section provides an overview of the organizations with regard to their type and thematic as well as geographic area of operation.<sup>3</sup>

### Type of Organization

As displayed in *Table 2*, a total of 104 responses were received, including inter-faith organizations (21), intra-faith organizations (66), and other organizations (17). Overall, the survey represents responses from the world's main faith groups with values based on **Abrahamic traditions, Indic traditions, and the Bahá'í Faith**. Among the different faith groups, the largest share of organizations (48) is associated with **Christianity**. Organizations that relate to **Indigenous traditions or East Asian religions remain underrepresented** in the survey, potentially due to the type of sampling (newsletter as outreach medium). Other organizations that have participated can be categorized into social enterprises (2) with a strong community focus, consultancies (2) in the field of climate finance and development, governmental organizations (3), UN-associated groups (1), civil society organizations (CSOs) (2), foundations (3), Non-profit organizations (NPOs) (2), and organizations that could not be specifically determined (2) due to the lack of data.

### Area of Operation

With regards to the **area of operation**,<sup>4</sup> about 46% of the organizations operate in a geographic area specific to a continent or country, while the rest focuses on global (49%) or online (2%) activities.<sup>5</sup> Among the former, the participating FBOs represent organizations from all continents, although not equally distributed among the different continents; most being present in North America (17), Europe (12), and Africa (10), followed a smaller representation of organizations from Asia (5) and Oceania (3). With only one organization operating in **South America**, the analysis suggests that language barriers could have influenced the low response rate of South American FBOs, and further emphasises that this area could be more targeted in the future. Similarly, faith groups that form the majority in these regions are stronger represented compared to religious minorities in these regions.

### Commonalities

Despite the FBOs' diversity in terms of faith and area of operation, *Table 2* highlights that all organizations share the understanding of **environmental stewardship** following their **agreement on the value of the natural world in itself** and the dependence of human life on the natural world. Implicit within their common grounds on moral norms and the increasing threat from climate change to human security and peace, the responses entailed a common notion of the **duty to care and protect**.

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<sup>3</sup> In the following the use of '( )' indicates the number of organizations, while the use of '[ ]' indicates the ID of an organization.

<sup>4</sup> Geographic location of activities (not HQ).

<sup>5</sup> No information was given for three organizations.



Table 2: Categorization of Organizations

Type of Organization	Region <sup>6</sup>	ID <sup>7</sup>	Name/Acronym	Core Values	Main Activities
<b>1 Inter-FBO</b>					
Interfaith	Africa	22 <sup>1</sup>	IRCK	Sustainable peace; coalition of faith communities	Peace and governance; health and social well-being; environment and climate change; education
		97 <sup>4</sup>	PACJA	People-centred, rights-based climate action	Research knowledge and development; public engagement, mobilization; policy influence; institutional and governance strengthening; holding governments accountable
		71 <sup>2</sup>	Peace Hope Pakistan	Peace, interfaith harmony and human rights	Implementation of human rights by following the 17 SDGs; Awareness raising activities and implementation of our plans with the financial help
	Europe	11 <sup>1</sup>	Faith for the Climate	Faith-based climate action; community engagement	Organizing and convening grassroots interfaith workshops and events; termly gatherings with network members; providing the informal secretariat for faith groups in the UK concentrating on COP26, called Make COP Count
		15 <sup>1,2</sup>	URI-NE	Sustainable peace; bridging religious and cultural differences	Interfaith dialogues, peace building, education, community building, health and social services, human rights, engage indigenous people, women, and youth
		16 <sup>1,2</sup>	URI-AUS	Sustainable peace; bridging religious and cultural differences	Interfaith dialogues, peace building, education, community building, health and social services, human rights, engage indigenous people, women, and youth
	Global	14 <sup>1</sup>	People's Justice Council	Justice, equity, and empowerment	Engage and equip community with the tools to build power; webinar on faith & justice to engage clergy and community leaders; pollution and poverty programs
		39 <sup>2,3</sup>	Parliament of World's Religions	Peace, justice, and sustainability of religious and spiritual communities	Webinar: Spirituality & Ecology; Projects: climate, war, indigenous people, women, next generation
		40 <sup>3</sup>	IRI	Uniting people of all faiths to end tropical deforestation	Build consensus, influence policy, facilitate learning, mobilize commitment, raise awareness, build coalition
		42 <sup>3</sup>	PaRD	Inter-religious partnership for sustainable development	Work-WECARE, health, gender equality, peace
		51 <sup>2,3</sup>	INCR	Conservation and religion partnership	Provision of information, information, and support; Paper: Prayer Animal Release; Reports: <u>Position on the Religious Practice of Releasing Captive Wildlife for Merit</u> ; <u>Religious freeing of wildlife promotes alien species invasion</u> ; <u>Buddhist Animal Release Practices</u>
		59 <sup>2</sup>	We, The World	Well-being; ecosystem restoration; environmental stewardship, culture of peace and non-violence	WE Network for connection and cooperation between people; ongoing Awareness and Action Campaign with Global Public Events every 3 months
		70 <sup>2</sup>	Temple of Understanding	Interfaith education, culture of peace, environmental justice	Working with Mining Working Group, Women's Major group, other NGOs; conference lifting up indigenous and other faith leaders' voices, local work, activism on water, food, health, finance
	92 <sup>4</sup>	FaithInvest	Human dignity and stewardship	Promotes faith-consistent, values-based investing and investment transparency; connects the faiths; builds skills and capacity; serves as a bridge to faith-aligned and value-driven	

<sup>6</sup> Differentiated by Global, Online, or Continent of Main area of Operation.

<sup>7</sup> Superscript numbers indicate the modality of information retrieval. Cf. Fn. 2 for a precise description of the utilized key.

						investments; engages the financial world about the faiths' investment needs; helps to create pipelines of potentially investable projects through faith networks
			94 <sup>4</sup>	Arigatou International	End child poverty	Draws on universal principles of common good to offer compelling new ways for people of diverse religious and cultural backgrounds to work together on children's issues; advocacy and protection
			95 <sup>3,4</sup>	ILC	Interfaith climate action	Faith unite webinar series ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_r7vG7VGt4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_r7vG7VGt4</a> )
			96 <sup>4</sup>	EC	Global interdependence and shared responsibility	Ethical foundation to build a more just, sustainable, and peaceful global society in the 21st century
	North America		29 <sup>1</sup>	PF&D	Multi-faith and multi-sectoral collaboration for positive change	Establishing social enterprises & organizations; Building multi-faith coalitions & platforms for collaboration; Engaging faith voices in advocacy
			85 <sup>4</sup>	Ohio Interfaith Power and Light	Climate justice	Facilitate deeper connections, reduce carbon impacts, advocate for strong policy, and empower leadership to work together for a more just and sustainable world
	Online		20 <sup>1</sup>	Interfaith Grand River	Respect, harmony, and co-operation of all faith and spiritualities	Awareness building through FB

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Religion	Sub-Tradition					
Ancient Shinto	Sukyo	Global	64 <sup>2</sup>	Sukyo Mahikari	Spiritual practices, universal principles, and light energy	Improving society, the Earth's environment; teaching and courses
Bahá'í	NA	Global	18 <sup>1</sup>	IEF	Peace, unity and ecological balance	Annual conferences in partnership with other organizations, IEF lecture series
			58 <sup>2</sup>	Bahá'í International Community	Peaceful and just global order	Work most actively with UNEP, UNDESA and UNDRR
Brahma Kumaris	NA	Global	23 <sup>1,2</sup>	Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University	Spiritual practices for personal transformation and world renewal	Meditation, mindful kitchen, role of women as spiritual leaders, research & development in renewable energy
Buddhism	Nichiren Buddhism	Global	10 <sup>1,2</sup>	SGI	Spiritual practices	Peace proposals (abolition of nuclear weapons), exhibitions and films, disaster relief, gender equality; 2021 theme 'Restore me'
	Won Buddhism	Global	54 <sup>2</sup>	Won Buddhism	Spiritual practices	
	NA	North America	28 <sup>1</sup>	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	Humanitarian organization	Vegetarian diet, well-being workshops, administering up to 1,000 doses of vaccine
Christian	Anabaptist / Mennonite	North America	60 <sup>2</sup>	Mennonite Central Community	Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ	Mitigation and Adaptation, disaster response, WASH projects, agricultural projects; Educational webinars, worship resources, advocacy collaboration
	Anglican / Episcopalian	Africa	2 <sup>1</sup>	AMECEA	Collaboration of Catholic bishops	Education, safeguarding children, community, ecological conservation, conflict resolution
			27 <sup>1</sup>	Green Anglicans	Care for creation	Support churches and dioceses in duty to care; workshops and manuals for youth and children; yearly material on faith-climate themes; lent programmes: Build Forward Better, Fast for the Earth, Carbon Fast, Plastic Fast
			13 <sup>1</sup>	Church of England	Christian presence	Rural mission, digital charter, national sport and wellbeing project, church growth report

		Global	69 <sup>2</sup>	Anglican Communion	Mission of Christ, Reconciliation	Advocacy activities, Hub of climate change and climate justice work across the Communion; the Anglican Communion Environment Network to support calls to action, two important regional gatherings in 2018 to discuss climate change challenges	
			90 <sup>1</sup>	Green Faith	Sanctity and risk of earth and people	Building a worldwide, multi-faith climate and environmental movement; Creating communities to transform ourselves, our spiritual institutions, and society to protect the planet and create a compassionate, loving and just world.	
			103 <sup>1</sup>	Anglican Consultative Council	Global Christian Communion	Missional activities including care for the environment	
		North America	37 <sup>3</sup>	Episcopal Bishop of California	Justice for people and planet	Commissions and task force on justice, peace & hunger; Episcopal impact fund	
			65 <sup>2</sup>	The Episcopal Church	Ecological Advocacy, Creation Care	Representation and advocacy at COP efforts, high-level Climate Summits, civil society; regular newsletter, social media presence	
			100 <sup>4</sup>	Interfaith Power and Light	Faith and spirituality; justice; hope; courage; love	Inspiring and engaging; mobilizing; working collaboratively with people; modelling shared leadership; focusing on common values	
		Catholic	Africa	46 <sup>3</sup>	Jesuits Africa	Faith, love, justice and peace	Refugee service; African Jesuit AIDS Network; Education; Inter-faith dialogues
				76 <sup>4</sup>	JENA	Vision of a just, poverty-free, peaceful and ecologically regenerative Africa	Fights poverty and related injustices around Africa, empowers marginalised voices, communities and groups, and facilitates policy innovation
			Global	30 <sup>1</sup>	CCA	Christian respect and responsibility for the animal creation	Animal welfare retreat, interfaith collaboration, education campaigns, petitions, supporting vegetarian /vegan events
	47 <sup>3</sup>			The Living Chapel	Intercultural & -faith collaborations to restore common home	Laudato Si' Gardens; Living Chapel; Living Sacred Spaces (18-nation collaboration); Planting project	
	53 <sup>2</sup>			Edmund Rice International	Poverty reduction and Justice	Monthly newsletter; University presence at Iona College	
	67 <sup>2</sup>			School Sisters of Notre Dame	Justice and Peace	Promotion Laudato Si, help access to solar panel, clean water, community gardens; educational webinars, and opportunities for networking and collaboration prior the annual FFCC	
	68 <sup>2</sup>			Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary Loreto	Human community to peaceful and respectful collaboration	Awareness raising, mitigation and adaptation; orientations to UNFCCC processes, advocacy activities and awareness raising webinars for grass-roots civil society	
	72 <sup>2</sup>			PROCLADE	Justice, peace, development	Development programs and projects, awareness and education; Human rights, social and economic development, sustainable development	
	75 <sup>1</sup>			Franciscans International	Human Rights	Advocates at the United Nations for the protection of human dignity and environmental justice	
	77 <sup>4</sup>			CIDSE	Social Justice	Pursues transformational change to end poverty and inequalities, challenges systemic injustice, inequity, destruction of nature, and promotes just and environmentally sustainable alternatives	
	81 <sup>4</sup>	Ecojesuit	Ecological and social concerns	Online publication that offers contemporary, original, and exclusively written commentaries, reflections and insights, analysis, and exchange of ideas and practices on various ecological and social concerns such as those that relate to water and watershed management, mineral development, food security and agro-ecology, impact and adaptations to climate change,			

						disaster risk resilience, renewable and alternative energy, Indigenous Peoples and cultural integrity especially the youth, sustaining biodiversity, among others.
		89 <sup>4</sup>	Caritas Internationalis	Dignity, solidarity and stewardship on behalf of the world's most vulnerable people		Respond to humanitarian disasters, promote integral human development and advocate on the causes of poverty and violence. Animate Catholic communities and all people of good will in solidarity with the suffering of their brothers and sisters around the world.
		91 <sup>4</sup>	GCCM	Care for creation; simple living; advocacy for common home; catholic teaching		Vibrant movement in response to Pope Francis encyclical letter Laudato Si' to take urgent action against the injustice of climate change and the ecological crisis, to protect the poor and future generations, and to care for the Earth.
	North America	52 <sup>2</sup>	Sisters of St Joseph of Peace	Community and Justice		Work on ecological issues with members of the Religious at the UN Group; attended the 2020 Ocean Conference preliminary meetings in NYC and advocate for the Rise Up call to action
		55 <sup>2</sup>	Medical Mission Sisters	Peace and justice		Provision of health care to marginalized communities; Joined the UN as an NGO in 1994, consultative status with ECOSOC and have accreditation with the UNFCCC
		56 <sup>2</sup>	Maryknoll Sisters	Social Justice		Adaptation - involves capacity building, raising awareness, investing/funding reforestation; Joined Interfaith Forest Initiative; Sisters worked with government and stakeholders on the ground on various climate initiatives (food security, ecological education, conservation and restoration)
		57 <sup>2</sup>	Loretto Community	Justice, peace, care for Earth		Members of the Committee Subcommittee, Mining Working Group and occasionally attend the Committee on Sustainable Developments; active network called the Loretto Earth Network (Land Ethic) and part of the larger Sisters of Earth Network
	Ecumenical	Africa	34 <sup>1,3</sup>	AACC	Life, peace, justice and dignity	Theology; Gender, Women and Youth; Peace in Diakonia; Development & Advocacy at African Union
		Global	8 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	WCC	Unity, justice, and peace	Fellowship of churches; Webinar: Indigenous Peoples and the Economy of Life; Document: Churches and Moral Discernment
			12 <sup>1</sup>	WCC-UNICEF	Unity, justice, and peace	Fellowship of churches; Webinar: Indigenous Peoples and the Economy of Life; Document: Churches and Moral Discernment
		Europe	79 <sup>4</sup>	Christian Aid	Poverty reduction and resilience	Supports poor and vulnerable people to be better equipped to cope with disasters and during times of great need.
		24 <sup>1</sup>	YCCN	Climate justice		Relay to COP26
	Lutheran	Global	104 <sup>3,4</sup>	The Lutheran World Federation	Dignity and justice; Compassion and commitment; Respect for diversity; Inclusion and participation; Transparency and accountability	Theological reflection and dialogue with other churches and faiths, to deepening relationships, sharing about our faith, serving those in need and advocating for a more just, peaceful and reconciled world.
		North America	86 <sup>4</sup>	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Christian values; community; end hunger and disaster relief	Participate in God's reconciling mission through proclamation and service
	Methodist	Global	612	General Board of Church and Society	Peace with Justice, Environmental Justice	Poverty, climate, health, peace, civil and human rights; Participants, advocates, contributors at COP
		North America	19 <sup>1</sup>	UMI	Ideas of the United Methodist Church	Blogs, news, stories

	NA	Africa	4 <sup>1</sup>	CYNESA	Ecological Awareness; Christianity	Engaging young Catholics for ecological awareness; Projects: climate change toolkit, wildlife conservation, & Multi-Faith Women Leaders' Advocacy Training on Waste Management
		Asia	5 <sup>1</sup>	CSI	Justice, peace, unity, & integrity of creation	Projects for youth, ecological concerns, women's fellowship
		Global	3 <sup>1</sup>	Plastic Bank	Regenerative, inclusive, and circular plastic economy	Recovery and recycling ocean plastic; developing sustainable product; ambassador program (engaging workplaces); faith program
			25 <sup>1</sup>	Focolare	Spiritual and social renewal	Interreligious dialogues; New Humanity Movement
		Oceania	7 <sup>1</sup>	A Rocha International	Nature conservation; community participation	Engaging communities in nature conservation; project: Nature Reserve, Schools & Ecotourism, Elephant conservation, Beach Plastic Survey, Bio-cultural Educators
	9 <sup>1</sup>		RAOEN	Community participation for forest, ocean and people	Collaborative engagements: Networking community, Interactive mapping of the concerns and responses of local communities in Oceania and Asia	
	Presbyterian Church	North America	63 <sup>2</sup>	PCUSA	Advocacy and Social Justice	COP, sustainable development, climate change impacts on food systems; Earth Care congregations, Climate Care Challenge for individual members, corporate engagement
	Protestant	Africa	31 <sup>1</sup>	Youth Desk Evangelical Church of Cameroon	Follow preaching of Jesus Christ	Educational, medical, and social services
		Europe	49 <sup>3</sup>	The Church of Scotland	Community and Christianity	Connect people and communities; faith-nature forum; rural church; going for growth; learning disabilities; go for it fund; Christian Aid 75th Anniversary (05/21)
		Global	26 <sup>1,3</sup>	WV	Protection of vulnerable children	Education; child protection projects; water, health & nutrition; economic development; faith & earth development
80 <sup>4</sup>			Tearfund	Ending poverty	Activities at the level of church communities to provoke lasting local change and lift communities out of poverty; respond to disaster, with special attention to protect the most vulnerable	
66 <sup>2</sup>			ACT Alliance	Humanitarian missions, Sustainable Development, Climate Justice	Advocacy initiatives on climate finance and adaptation, mitigation, climate induced displacement, gender, strong working relations with a wide range of agencies in Geneva and NY	
Hinduism	Dharmyog	Asia	36 <sup>1</sup>	Dharmyog Foundation	Social welfare & enlightenment	Awareness building through FB
Islam	NA	Asia	33 <sup>1</sup>	iUmrah	Religious eco-tourism	Faith-based app: low carbon footprint, online pilgrimage
		Europe	44 <sup>3</sup>	IFEES/ Bahu Trust	Serving communities through teachings & practices of classical Sufi Islam	Projects: Takbeer TV, Qur'an Academy, As Siraat, Dars e Nizami, Kindness projects, community safety (domestic abuse, knife crime, empowering future 'youth')
		Global	43 <sup>3</sup>	Islamic Relief	Faith-inspired humanitarian aid and development	Seasonal trust, empowering communities, strengthening Islamic relief partnerships, campaign for change, protecting life and dignity
			45 <sup>1,3</sup>	IMANA	Health of humanity; global medical relief	Health promotion, disease prevention, and health maintenance in communities around the world through direct patient care, health programs, and advocacy; Public Health Education; Advocacy targeting climate change; IMANA Climate Crisis Initiative; IMANA medical relief & medical debt relief; mentorship, grants & scholarships; financial services; Webinars: Covid-19 Year in Review, IMANA's Ramadan Refreshment
			73 <sup>2</sup>	UPF	Peace	Through forums, seminars, conferences, service programs and interfaith peace initiatives, UPF is building a global network of peacebuilders to contribute to a world of sustainable peace in which everyone can live in freedom, harmony, cooperation and prosperity.

		Oceania	1 <sup>1</sup>	Islamic Council of Victoria	Advocacy and social welfare services	Community consultation, advice to Government, and multifaith partnerships
		Online	35 <sup>1</sup>	Green Creation	Disaster management and (faith-inspired) sustainable development	Intercultural facilitation; Sustainable Living Leadership Programme
Judaism	Ecological Judaism	Global	6 <sup>1</sup>	Aytzim	Jewish environmentalism	Education; activism; advocacy; policy; interfaith discourse
	NA	Global	62 <sup>2</sup>	International Council of Jewish Women	Women Empowerment; Jewish connection; Human Rights; Repairing the world	Promote friendly relations among Jewish women; strengthen the bonds between Jewish communities; support the principles of the United Nations Bill of Human Rights; improve the status of women
Pagan	NA	Europe	87 <sup>4</sup>	PFI	Awareness about paganism	Developing and supporting events throughout the UK, including annual conferences, newsletters, pub moots, discussion groups, workshops, picnics and coach trips to sacred sites to enable members to learn more about Paganism and to meet with like-minded people.
<b>3 Other</b>						
Consultancy	Finance	Global	48 <sup>3</sup>	Orbitas	Navigating climate transition risks	Assess and communicate financial risks tied to climate change responses; Reports: Evaluating the Universe of Risks in Indonesia Palm Oil; Climate Transition Risk Analyst Brief: Colombian Cattle; From Risk to Opportunity: Climate Transitions and Tropical Commodities Global Event
	NA	Europe	78 <sup>4</sup>	Ecology Network	Biodiversity and environment	Provides high quality service, which is pragmatic, professional and environmentally sustainable
CSO	Civil rights organization	North America	82 <sup>4</sup>	NAACP	Civil rights and social justice	Grassroots activism to demonstrate how environmental injustices systematically impacts communities of colour and low-income communities in the U.S. and around the world.
	NA	Asia	93 <sup>4</sup>	Cities for Children	Urban poverty in development policies and programming; Child protection and education	Supports the specific needs of children in urban areas through working with existing schools and shelter homes, particularly in urban and peri-urban slums
Foundation	NPO	North America	83 <sup>4</sup>	New Alpha	Climate justice and community development	Focus on community economic development, environmental justice, and energy, primarily in low- and middle-income communities; Addressing poverty reduction by building assets to create wealth in communities.
			84 <sup>4</sup>	Whitney M. Slater Foundation	Environmental and public health	Proactive and reactive activities related to the health impact of water, air, or land quality issues; activities at community level
		Global	88 <sup>3,4</sup>	Climate Governance Commission	Global governance to eliminate the major global catastrophic risks threatening humanity	Confronts the global climate emergency by developing, proposing and building partnerships that promote feasible, high impact global governance solutions for urgent and effective climate action to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C or less
Government	NA	Europe	38 <sup>3</sup>	UK Government	Climate Action	Serve and protect UK's citizens; collaborate with other nations for benefit of all
			41 <sup>3</sup>	Iceland Government	Climate Action	Climate governance
			102 <sup>3,4</sup>	FCDO	Sustainable Development	Facilitation of panels to discuss faith engagement, climate & environment issues
NPO	Advocacy Group	Global	98 <sup>3,4</sup>	CAN	Social, racial, and climate justice	Convenes and coordinates civil society at the UN climate talks and other international fora

	Think Tank	Global	101 <sup>4</sup>	Stimson Center	international security, prosperity and justice	Engaging new voices, generating innovative ideas and analysis, and building solutions to promote international security, prosperity, and justice.
Social Enterprise	NA	Africa	32 <sup>1</sup>	Going Green CBO	Waste management incorporated with Agribusiness	Recycling waste; rehabilitating spaces for farming and animal rearing
		NA	74 <sup>1</sup>	Green Future	NA	NA
UN	NA	Global	50 <sup>2,3</sup>	UNSGCAT	Climate Action	Climate governance
Unspecified	NA	NA	17 <sup>1</sup>	WEW	NA	NA
			99 <sup>4</sup>	Kitchen Cabinet	NA	NA

## COP26-Related Activities

The following section provides an overview about stakeholder's existing or planned activities specific to COP26, the status of implementation, and recommendations for the COP26 Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change regarding their role and support to accelerate faith-based climate action. Information is provided about the organizations that responded to the surveys by the Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change or Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, or form part of the Faith for Earth Network, whereby participants that solely participated in the Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University are only included in the section about their COP experience.

### Plan of Action and Status of Implementation

*Table 3* demonstrates the organizations' plan of action with regards to COP26, as well as the status of implementation. Approximately **90%** of the organizations are planning or already having ongoing activities in the lead-up to, during, or post COP26. The differentiation between timing of activities underlines that most **activities are planned or ongoing in the lead-up to COP26:**

### Pre-COP26

In the lead-up to COP26, **32** organizations have ongoing activities, **29<sup>8</sup>** have planned activities, and **16** organizations have no (or no specific) plans yet. Considering the special circumstances under the current pandemic, most of the activities focus on online formats, including webinars, panels, and workshops to partner with other FBOs, and build capacity and raise awareness among their wider communities.

### COP26

About **50%** of the organizations have planned or ongoing activities for the COP26 conference. Since lacking accreditation and financial difficulties for smaller FBOs have been identified as barriers to their participation at the COP26, these factors could explain the lower number of activities planned for the conference itself. As detailed in *Table 3*, the organizations that have embarked on activities for the conference, especially those taking place in the Green or Blue Zone, can be classified as FBOs with higher financial capacity, a high global presence, or geographical closeness to the UK. Organizations that have indicated activities for the Green or Blue Zone include A Rocha International, Faith for the Climate, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, ILC, and World Vision. Further events or presentations at COP26 are planned by the Episcopal Bishop of California, iUmrah, CAN, the Living Chapel, and Islamic Relief. **An overarching aim among the FBOs was the suggestion or proposal of an interfaith declaration being developed and committed to during the conference.**

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<sup>8</sup> This differentiation included double counting as some organizations have both, activities planned and ongoing. In total, 46 organizations have activities planned or ongoing in the lead up to COP26.



## Post-COP26

In the longer term, only 9 organizations – the Islamic Council of Victoria, AMECEA, CSI, Faith for the Climate, CAN, IRI, Iceland Government, World Council of Churches, IMANA, the Anglican Consultative Council, and AACC – have planned activities. Overall, these activities are linked to certain dates or milestones, such as the FBO Assembly for Bishops Conferences in 2022 (AMECEA), the conduction of children rallies and climate resilient schools (CSI), or collaborative events for the Ecumenical International Youth Day (World Council of Churches). Moreover, these organizations emphasised the need to build on the momentum of COP26 through developing a post-COP26 agenda that thrives and shapes long-lasting faith-based climate action.

## COP Experience

Among the 22 organizations which have been asked about their historic and current presence at COP, 8 of them have been engaged in COP meetings for greater or lesser periods of time – including Medical Mission Sisters, Maryknoll Sisters, General Board of Church and Society, Presbyterian Church USA, The Episcopal Church, ACT Alliance, Temple of Understanding and Bahá'í International Community<sup>9</sup>. Lacking accreditation to the UNFCCC was identified as a major barrier to participate in the COPs. Of the 7 organizations that are not accredited to the UNFCCC, 3 organizations (Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, Won Buddhism and Loretto Community) indicated their interest in being engaged with COP in the future. Only 1 organization, the Anglican Communion, has recently become accredited with UNEP, applied for UNFCCC observer status in 2019 to attend COP26, and is still waiting for the confirmation. The remaining 6 organizations did not respond.

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<sup>9</sup> While considering its engagement in the last three years as insufficient, the Bahá'í International Community indicated their strong interest to “dedicating more time and energy to returning to the space”.

Table 3: COP26-Related Activities – Plan of Actions and Status of Implementation

PLAN OF ACTION AND STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION <sup>10</sup>							
1 Organizations that participated in the Survey by the Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change [I; 1,2; 1,3; 1,2,3]							
Plan <sup>11</sup>	Status <sup>12</sup>	ID	Name/Acronym	Pre COP26	COP26	Post COP26	Experience at COP
I	∅	6 <sup>1</sup>	Aytzim	Collaborate with other faith-based groups		Δ	NA
		30 <sup>1</sup>	CCA	Interfaith collaborations for animal welfare		Δ	NA
		32 <sup>1</sup>	Going Green CBO	Unblock drainage system through tree planting, plastic collecting		Δ	NA
	⊗	3 <sup>1</sup>	Plastic Bank	Reduce carbon emissions through plastic recycling.		Δ	NA
		4 <sup>1</sup>	CYNESA	Regional Climate dialogues and Youth engagement		Δ	NA
		16 <sup>1,2</sup>	URI-AUS	<u>Platform</u> to find climate saving projects and information about COP26		Δ	NA
		17 <sup>1</sup>	WEW	Social Media Posts; educational online discussions		Δ	NA
I/II	∅⊗	7 <sup>1</sup>	A Rocha International	Support Green Zone; observers in the Blue Zone; manage wellbeing spaces at COP		Δ	NA
		14 <sup>1</sup>	People's Justice Council	Collaborations among People's Justice Council, Climate Action Network, Kitchen Cabinet, Interfaith Power and Light, and civil society for community-led climate change impact		Δ	NA
		22 <sup>1</sup>	IRCK	Interfaith dialogues on role of religious leaders in implementing the Paris Accord and as catalysts to the ecosystem restoration		Δ	NA
		26 <sup>1,3</sup>	WV	Green Zone, Blue Zone, youth delegates at Youth Summit		Δ	NA
		33 <sup>1</sup>	iUmrah	Present 'Faith based triple baseline model towards climate action' at COP26		Δ	NA
	⊗	9 <sup>1</sup>	RAOEN	Interactive map (local, indigenous, and faith leaders) climate crisis concerns; Online platform engaging on COP26, regional climate weeks, etc.		Δ	NA
		10 <sup>1,2</sup>	SGI	Webinars: Pre-COP interfaith dialogue (ILC); well-being space; event 'Human Rights, Ethics & Climate Change'; exhibition by SGI-UK/Earth Charter International on 'Seeds of Hope and Action'; workshop on 'Storytelling power - climate action'		Δ	~ 10 years of experience

<sup>10</sup> Organizations that were solely identified by other organizations in the COP26 Survey (Group 4) are excluded.

<sup>11</sup> Differentiation between the timing of activities planned or ongoing for COP26 are indicated as follows: I - Pre-COP26; II - During COP26; III - Post COP26.

<sup>12</sup> The status of implementation is indicated according to the following scheme: Δ - No plans (yet); ∅ - Activities planned; ⊗ - Activities Ongoing.

		12 <sup>1</sup>	WCC-UNICEF	Collaborations with WCC, Arigatou International, Green Faith, Islamic Relief Worldwide, World Vision International for children and climate side events; advocacy initiative on engaging children and youth for climate justice		Δ	NA	
		13 <sup>1</sup>	Church of England	Special services prayer vigils on climate issues; engage MPs & ministers ahead of/at COP/G7		Δ	NA	
		21 <sup>1</sup>	MESETI	Training religious sector; ‘Declaration of Climate Emergency’ for Bogota city; district forum in perspective of COP26		Δ	NA	
		24 <sup>1</sup>	YCCN	750 mile route relay mobilising churches on campaigning on climate finance		Δ	NA	
		27 <sup>1</sup>	Green Anglicans	Online presence on theological materials (Climate Change), Bible study materials; workshop on interaction with countries on NDCS		Δ	NA	
		28 <sup>1</sup>	Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation	Event: Food Systems Transformations; press conference ‘adaptation & mitigation’		Δ	NA	
		29 <sup>1</sup>	PF&D	Partnership for joint activism and advocacy		Δ	NA	
	∅⊗	∅⊗	8 <sup>1,2,3</sup>	WCC	<u>Climate discussions webinars</u>	Moral obligation on just transition	Δ	Participation at every COP since start
			18 <sup>1</sup>	IEF	Online activities leading up to and at COP26 [∅]; Strengthening global climate governance along with Bahá’í International Community, Global Governance Forum, Climate Governance Commission, Global Peace and Prosperity Forum, C4UN, Stimson Centre [∅]		Δ	NA
			23 <sup>1,2</sup>	Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University	Creating a strong local based COP26 group, networking [∅]; Interfaith Talanoa Dialogue on Sunday before COP [∅]	Green zone; youth events; well-being space; side events for blue zone [∅]	Δ	NA
			31 <sup>1</sup>	Youth Desk Evangelical Church of Cameroon	Participation at FBO summit prior COP 26; Interfaith youth green camp [∅]; Speaker (the youth conference) – ‘Parce throught thé très’; Sharing an article on spirituality of climate during COP [∅]		Δ	NA
			75 <sup>1</sup>	Franciscans International	Side event; activities with Franciscans network in Scotland; activities with other human rights NGOs and faith based NGOs		Δ	NA
			90 <sup>1</sup>	Green Faith	Multifaith climate action day; globally distributed local events with focus on <u>10 climate demands</u>	Joint events with other FBOs	Δ	NA
	I/III	∅⊗	1 <sup>1</sup>	Islamic Council of Victoria	Influence community on faith & spirituality		Δ	Influence community on faith & spirituality
2 <sup>1</sup>			AMECEA	∅		Δ	FBO Assembly for Bishops Conferences in 2022	
5 <sup>1</sup>			CSI	Public awareness programmes		Δ	Children rally (31/10/21); Climate resilient school and community (2022)	
45 <sup>1,3</sup>			IMANA	Participation in the Faith and Food Systems Dialogues, organized by Centre for Earth Ethics; Develop position paper on Islam, climate change and health impacts [∅]		Δ	Continue to work with Faith 4 Earth on addressing climate change [∅]	

I / II / III	∅⊗	103 <sup>1</sup>	Anglican Consultative Council	Support church leaders to identify their country's commitment to the Paris Agreement; Offer capacity-building training to help national churches keep governments accountable to commitments; Connect Anglican leaders to strengthen collective response to climate crisis; Provide platforms for youth and indigenous Anglicans to share experience and expertise on climate change; Participation in the Faith and Science process led by the Holy See and the UK and Italian Governments	Make a formal written statement to the UNFCCC; If possible, send an Anglican Consultative Council delegation to Glasgow; Support inter-faith and civil society activities and events, e.g., inter-faith pavilion, support inter-faith declaration	Continue to advocate with governments on key policy issues and commitments; Develop stronger platforms and networks to prepare for COP27 and other key environmental conferences	NA
		11 <sup>1</sup>	Faith for the Climate	Chair the COP Faiths Task Group in England; Interfaith vigils, campaigns and relays timed for the G7 (finance and climate justice); Support relays, festivals, resources coalescing around September (for Climate Sunday/Season of Creation) and the Great Big Green Week in the UK on the road to COP26; Advocacy with MPs, high-level faith leaders on focused demands re: finance and climate justice (1) ending fossil fuel subsidies (2) new and additional finance for loss & damage from Global North governments; Joint comms and promotion of all civil society events related to COP26, aligning closely with the COP26 Coalition, the Climate Coalition, Scottish interfaith networks	Provide support (in person and/or virtually) for Scottish partners, as well as for larger members within our network who aim to have a presence at COP26, e.g., Christian Aid, CAFOD, Islamic Relief, the Quakers in Britain, etc; Exhibition 'Green Zone for our multi-faith work'	Take grassroots movement-building work and regular network meetings to the next level by regrouping, visioning ways forward, etc., building on the relationships that were made and strengthened over the previous 2 years within the network	NA
		34 <sup>1,3</sup>	AACC	AACC Climate Change Round Table (19-20/05/2021) key tasks for COP 26 engagement; dialogue with FfE on Regional Hub [∅]; Mobilize faith leaders in the African Continent at COP26 [∅]			NA

**2 Organizations that Participated in Survey by Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University [2; 2,3; 2,3,4]**

Plan <sup>13</sup>	Status	ID	Name/Acronym	Pre-COP26	COP26	Post COP26	Experience at COP
I/II	∅	39 <sup>2,3</sup>	Parliament of World's Religions	Interfaith collaboration	Δ	NA	NA
II	∅	50 <sup>2,3</sup>	UNSGCAT	Δ	COP26 Stakeholder Mapping	Δ	NA
		51 <sup>2,3</sup>	INCR	Δ	Interfaith action	Δ	NA

<sup>13</sup> To differentiate between organizations with and without experience at COPs as well as their status of accreditation, the following key is used: IV - Experience at COPs; V - No experience at COPs; ∅ - Not accredited; ◆ - Not participated but interest.

IV	NA	55 <sup>2</sup>	Medical Mission Sisters		NA		Participated at Earth Summit in Rio 1992; accreditation at UNFCCC in 2011 attendance of 2011/12/15 COPs
		56 <sup>2</sup>	Maryknoll Sisters		NA		Participation in every COP
		58 <sup>2</sup>	Bahá'i International Community		NA		Partly; ♦
		61 <sup>2</sup>	General Board of Church and Society		NA		Presence at COP for several years as participants, advocates, and contributors.
		63 <sup>2</sup>	PCUSA		NA		Presence at COP for many years
		65 <sup>2</sup>	The Episcopal Church		NA		Active since COP21 in 2015; since 2017 observer of UNFCCC and delegations
		66 <sup>2</sup>	ACT Alliance	NA	Detailed advocacy; Campaigning stunts and actions, with strong youth and faith leader involvement	NA	Present at COPs since its inception in 2010, and prior to that in previous structures and through members; access to a number of member parties and UNFCCC officials
		69 <sup>2</sup>	Anglican Communion		NA		Recently accredited with UNEP; applied for UNFCCC observer status in 2019 to attend COP26 and are awaiting confirmation of application; sent delegation to COP 24
		70 <sup>2</sup>	Temple of Understanding		NA		Attendance of many COPs; support through WMG
		V	NA	52 <sup>2</sup>	Sisters of St Joseph of Peace		NA
53 <sup>2</sup>	Edmund Rice International				NA		♦
54 <sup>2</sup>	Won Buddhism				NA		♦
57 <sup>2</sup>	Loretto Community				NA		♦
60 <sup>2</sup>	Mennonite Central Community				NA		♦
68 <sup>2</sup>	Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary Loreto				NA		◇
71 <sup>2</sup>	Peace Hope Pakistan				NA		◇

### 3 FfE Network [3; 3,4]

Plan	Status	ID	Name/Acronym	Pre-COP26	COP26	Post COP26	Experience at COP
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I	⊗⊗	88 <sup>3,4</sup>	Climate Governance Commission	Present report on how to bridge the gaps and possible solutions in October 2021	NA	NA	NA
		104 <sup>3,4</sup>	LWF	<u>Series of webinars in the lead up to COP26</u> on climate change, climate justice; among others, panel discussion with UNEP's FfE 'Dialogues to increase Climate Action'	NA	NA	NA
I/II	⊗	102 <sup>3,4</sup>	FCDO	Panel discussion on faith engagement, climate & environment issues, with a focus on Islamic precepts on the environment and the role of interfaith climate action	∅	NA	NA
		42 <sup>3</sup>	PaRD	Interfaith Collaboration		Δ	NA
		46 <sup>3</sup>	Jesuits Africa	Pan-African Ecclesial Network for Ecological Justice (PAENEJ)		Δ	NA
		38 <sup>3</sup>	UK Government	Faith and Science process led by the Holy See and the UK and Italian Governments		Δ	NA
		43 <sup>3</sup>	Islamic Relief	Collaboration and participation in interfaith panel discussions ( <u>Together for our planet</u> )	Event at COP26	Δ	NA
		95 <sup>3,4</sup>	ILC	Organization of a 3-part interactive online series	∅	∅	> 10 years of experience
II	∅	37 <sup>3</sup>	Episcopal Bishop of California	Δ	Interfaith climate action pavilion	Δ	NA
		44 <sup>3</sup>	IFEES/Bahu Trust	Δ	Youth for COP 26	Δ	NA
		47 <sup>3</sup>	The Living Chapel	Δ	Construct Living Chapel at COP26	Δ	NA
		48 <sup>3</sup>	Orbitas	Δ	Engaging high level Speakers (UK Government)	Δ	NA
		49 <sup>3</sup>	The Church of Scotland	Δ	Several activities	Δ	NA
II/III	∅	41 <sup>3</sup>	Iceland Government	Δ	Declaration to COP 26	UNEA Resolution	NA
I/II/III	⊗⊗	40 <sup>3</sup>	IRI	⊗	∅	∅	NA
		98 <sup>3,4</sup>	CAN	Steering climate advocacy in various international multilateral fora; Co-leads the environment non-governmental constituency (ENGO) in the UNFCCC which hosts the annual UN climate talks; Focuses on the needs of communities worst impacted by the climate crisis; Engages through the Working Groups to plan and implement its strategy on a variety of issues pertaining to the COP negotiations such as on: finance, ambition, adaptation, Loss & Damage, carbon markets, ecosystems and many others; Prepares the technical negotiating sessions that in May/June every year			

## COP26-Results and Areas of Collaboration

In order to drive momentum at the COP26, approximately 58% of the organizations highlighted the need to **determine SMART targets** to measure their climate impact and indicated their willingness to **commit to climate actions** in several areas. Predominantly, FBOs suggested a **multi-faith declaration to be developed and signed at the conference**, which could lay the foundations for FBOs’ perspective ownership on long-term climate action. *Table 4* identifies areas of collaboration that were specifically addressed by different FBOs. <sup>14</sup>

*Table 4: Areas of Collaboration*

Area of Collaboration	Source	Response		ID of Organizations
		Rel. Value	%	
Smart Targets / Commitment to	Total	60/104	58	
	1+	32/41	78	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 45, 75, 90, 103
	3+	18/19	95	37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 88, 95, 98, 102, 104
Multi-Faith Declaration	Total	31/60	52	
	1+	20/32	63	5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 45, 75, 90, 103
	3+	11/18	61	38, 39, 41, 42, 44, 48, 49, 88, 95, 102, 104
Just Transition	Total	22/60	37	
	1+	17/32	53	6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 31, 34, 75, 90, 103
	3+	5/18	28	40, 42, 43, 48, 88, 95, 98, 104
GHG Reduction	Total	18/60	30	
	1+	11/32	34	2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 13, 27, 33, 75, 90, 103
	3+	7/18	39	44, 47, 50, 88, 95, 98, 104
Sustainable Development	Total	18/60	30	
	1+	8/32	25	1, 5, 6, 23, 28, 29, 35, 103
	3+	10/18	56	39, 44, 47, 50, 51, 88, 95, 98, 102, 104
Climate financing and transparency	Total	16/60	27	
	1+	11/32	34	6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 29, 75, 103
	3+	5/18	28	37, 48, 88, 98, 104
Science-based Action	Total	8/60	13	
	1+	7/32	22	3, 6, 8, 23, 28, 33, 45
	3+	1/18	6	88
Waste/plastic reduction	Total	7/60	12	
	1+	6/32	19	3, 6, 10, 15, 28, 103
	3+	1/18	6	43, 88

Additionally, about 37% of the organizations emphasised the need for an approach based on global justice, and human rights. Faith for the Climate detailed that a just transition would

<sup>14</sup> Table 4 includes organizations, which responded to the COP26 Survey [1; 1,2; 1,2,3; 1,3] (total of 41, corresponding to 49% of the organizations represented), or which are part of the FfE network [3; 2,3; 3,4] (total of 19 organizations, corresponding to 18%). Organizations that only participated in the survey by Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University [2] or were identified by other organizations [4] were excluded from the mapping due to the lack of data. As such, this table includes a total of 60 responses, corresponding to 58% of the organizations that are mapped in the report.

predominantly entail additional finance for loss and damage as well as ending public financing of fossil fuels.

## Participation at COP26

While **all of the accredited organizations, which responded to the COP26 survey**, indicated that they would participate in COP26 activities in case it is being held **digitally**, the attendance rate would drop to **54% if physical presence** is required. Moreover, FBOs identified **lacking accreditation, financial limitations, geospatial boundaries, visa issues, and COVID-19** as barriers to their engagement.

## Recommendations for the COP26 Interfaith Task Force on Climate Change

Suggestions by the FBOs for the UN Coordination Team to accelerate faith-based climate action referred primarily to **coordinating FBOs' activities** in the lead-up to the conference, and recommendations for the facilitation of the conference itself.

## Coordination and Networking

While most FBOs have developed a plan of action for COP26, the awareness about the precise type of FBOs, especially in different contexts and regions, is limited. About 25% of the respondents seek support from the UN Coordination Team, especially with regards to mapping FBOs' ongoing and planned activities (24%) and providing the information on an accessible (online) platform (10%); disseminating good practices and scientific evidence through a knowledge platform (22%); and reaching early out to respective FBOs (15%) and developing collaborative actions in the lead-up to COP26 (17%). FBOs shared their interest in mutual learning and willingness to engage in multi-faith conversations, that could result in **multi-faith declarations and commitments** to SMART targets. In this regard, IMANA specifically recommended the participation of Islamic organizations in the conversations at COP26, particularly those in the Middle East and South/Southeast Asia, to respectively discuss the benefits of solar energy and mitigation strategies to address decreasing water supply, and increasing sea levels with subsequent vector-borne illnesses and extreme heat. Drawing on the need to enhancing the awareness about the type, level, and form of climate action, Franciscans International proposed to establish dialogue fora at the national and subnational level through interfaith committees.

## Preparation and Facilitation

In acknowledgement of difficulties regarding their accreditation, FBOs highlighted the need for **support in accreditation and application procedures**. This issue was especially raised by small-scale FBOs and non-profit organizations. With reference to the facilitation of the conference, FBOs pointed towards the requirement of inclusivity, especially of the youth. Capacity building and training sessions on climate action were mentioned as enabling services that could be provided by the UN Coordination Team. As opportunities to accelerate faith-



based climate action, FBOs required space to enter into dialogue with the UNFCCC, and selecting Faith Leaders as COP26 Ambassadors, representing different faith groups during different sessions. Moreover, FBOs proposed a multi-faith prayer room to ensure overall well-being and to bring momentum to the linkage between faith and the environment.

*Table 5: Recommendations for the UN Coordination Team*

Recommendations	Response <sup>15</sup>		ID of Organizations
	Rel. Value	%	
<b><i>Coordination and Networking (lead-up to COP26)</i></b>			
Mapping of FBO Activities	10/41	24	2, 11, 20, 23, 28, 29, 33, 34, 45, 75
Knowledge Platform	4/41	10	23, 29, 45, 75
Document Best Practices	9/41	22	1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 23, 28, 47, 48
Early Outreach	6/41	15	2, 11, 20, 23, 27, 28
Collaborative actions	7/41	17	11, 20, 23, 27, 28, 45, 75
<b><i>Preparation and Facilitation (COP26)</i></b>			
Support in accreditation and attendance	5/41	12	1, 6, 20, 31, 34
Youth Empowerment / Inclusivity	7/41	17	1, 4, 12, 17, 26, 31, 45
Capacity Building	4/41	10	1, 4, 34, 75
Multi-faith prayer room / Well-being and praying	2/41	5	16, 17
Map out religious leaders as ambassadors of COP26	6/41	15	11, 22, 27, 30, 31, 75
Space for dialogue between FBOs and UNFCCC	4/41	10	7, 14, 27, 75

<sup>15</sup> Inclusion of organizations that participated in the COP26 Survey [1; 1,2; 1,2,3; 1,3] (total of 41, corresponding to 49% of the organizations represented).

## Faith and Science: The Road to COP26

### Climate Action as Moral Duty

All religions and spiritual traditions embrace respect and care for creation, which implies a **moral obligation to cooperate in the healing of the planet** and to safeguard “our common home” for the future. In this regard, faith leaders played a key role in building momentum for COP21 in 2015, for example with Pope Francis’s encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, the Interfaith Climate Change Statement to World Leaders, declarations by different religious groups on climate change, and contributions to the UN 2030 Agenda. Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al Azhar set out the case for all people of good will to address global challenges including environmental concerns together in their [\*Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together\*](#), signed in Abu Dhabi in February 2019. Acknowledging that collective action by people of faith could have enormous impact in resolving the climate crisis, the Holy See and the British and Italian Embassies to the Holy See are collaborating on **bringing together a faith contribution to COP26**.

### Holy See, UK and Italy COP26 Faith and Science Event

The British Embassy and the Italian Embassy, together with the Holy See, will organize a meeting of **faith leaders and scientists in Rome on 4 October 2021** to **set out a faith-based vision for tackling climate change** under the following objectives:

- Raise the ambition of national governments regarding their National Determined Contributions to reach the Paris Agreement goals;
- Show how the faiths are leading the way by greening their own operations at central and local level, and possibly make any new commitments;
- Encourage individuals to take specific actions to slow global temperature rises.

Based on religious values, the approach will be positive and pragmatic, emphasising our common responsibility for stewardship of the earth, and determination to change in order to care for the earth for future generations.

### Preparation of the Faith Event

To prepare the event, the stakeholders have convened a series of virtual meetings held between February and July 2021, with the aim to discuss faith’s theology on care for the environment, ongoing activities on tackling climate change, and the way forward as well as new commitments. Based on these meetings, faith leaders will prepare an appeal to the political leaders attending COP26, that will be agreed upon during a virtual meeting on 8 July.

## FBOs' Ownership on Climate Action

The following section seeks to identify FBOs' main focus areas and means of engagement of climate action, intersections, as well as shared values and principles upon which their activities are based.

### FBOs' Focus Areas

Utilizing the differentiation between activities that target climate change mitigation and adaptation, the analysis revealed that a higher share of FBOs (49%) is involved in adaptation and resilience activities; however, this difference is only marginal. FBOs have commonly highlighted the importance of enhanced efforts to reduce GHG, and waste, while pointing towards the necessity to pursue an integrated approach. Thus, many organizations (39%) have planned activities that target both, mitigation as well as adaptation strategies as highlighted in *Table 6*. As an example of adaptation and resilience activities, the Anglican Consultative Council mentioned that they run significant resilience programmes across member churches. Organizations or associations in the medical sector, such as IMANA, emphasised that mitigation activities would entail responding to disaster situations caused by climate change through providing medical services, while adaptation and resilience programmes would address afforestation activities through collaborative efforts with local partners.

*Table 6: FBOs' Focus on Climate Action*

Focus	Response <sup>16</sup>		ID of Organizations
	Rel. Value	%	
Mitigation	18/41	44	3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 45, 75, 90
Adaptation & Resilience	20/41	49	4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 45, 75, 90, 103
Both	16/41	39	3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 23, 26, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 45, 75, 90

### Means of Implementation

Categorizing the means of implementation into capacity building, climate finance, and technology underlines that most FBOs (68%) focus on capacity building, while **climate finance and technology remain underexplored in existing or ongoing activities** as reflected in *Table 7*. Nevertheless, FBOs have emphasised their potential and need to become increasingly involved in climate financing (Young Christian Climate Network) and use of technology-driven solutions. With regards to climate finance, FBOs highlighted the need to implement the Greening Agenda (Partnership for Faith and Development, SGI, World Council of Churches) and more specifically divesting from fossil fuels (Church of England, Faith for the Climate, SGI), finance loss and damage (Church of England, Faith for the Climate, SGI), but also secure

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funding for grass root organizations in order to participate fully in ecosystem restoration and management (Going Green CBO, iUmrah), as well as providing financial support to local partners to fund medical clinics (IMANA).

The necessity to apply technology for smart solutions has received primary attention by faith-based academic institutions such as Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (solar energy for small communities and R&D), iUmrah (ICT), PlasticBank (related to plastic pollution), Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (innovative Food Systems Transformation).

Considering the thematic diversity of FBOs represented in this survey, examples that were mentioned highlighted the wide range of opportunities how capacity building activities could be conceptualized. For example, the Anglican Consultative Council pursues capacity building activities through online briefings and peer-to-peer learning via the Church Environmental Network, while Green Faith focuses on grassroots mobilization, and IMANA provides capacity in terms of medical providers in emergency situation and to long-term projects.

*Table 7: Means of Implementation*

Activity	Responses <sup>17</sup>		ID of Organizations
	Rel. Value	%	
Capacity Building	28/41	68	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35, 38, 39, 40, 45, 75, 90, 103
Financial Support	9/41	22	8, 10, 11, 13, 18, 22, 24, 29, 45
Technological solutions	6/41	15	3, 8, 23, 28, 33, 36

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## FBOs' Suggested Role on Climate Action: Multi-Level Approach

The comparative advantage of FBOs as actors with agency at multiple scales, ranging from the micro to the macro level, has been reflected in FBOs' suggestions on their role regarding climate action. *Table 8* represents their roles corresponding to their level of agency, differentiated by seven different levels:

### FBOs/Governments

Faith-based collective action to accelerate lobbying for the implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, and to hold governments accountable. Within this field of activities, FBOs emphasised the need to lobby for the **immediate implementation of the Paris Agreement and increase the NDCs** governments have committed to, as well as **advocate for a just transition**, especially improving the Warsaw Mechanism to account for loss and damage.

### FBOs/NGOs

About 46% of the FBOs called for joint action with NGOs to **institutionalize principles of social justice**, whereby emphasis was put on intergenerational justice (58%), women empowerment (42%), and the rights of indigenous peoples (32%). In this regard, the stakeholder mapping could be utilized to build partnerships between as well as among FBOs and NGOs, that are specifically targeting one of the three groups perceived as especially marginalized.

### FBOs/Science-Actors

Approximately 17% of the FBOs highlighted the necessity to advance the nexus between science and faith, considering that these disciplines remain largely understood as separate. For this purpose, establishing partnerships (Partnership for Faith and Development, IMANA) and increasingly **applying technology-driven solutions** (PlasticBank, World Council of Churches, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, Partnership for Faith and Development, iUmrah, IMANA) were especially suggested. IMANA pointed towards the need for more science-based action with regards to the health effects of climate change, and stated that they have worked with the Federation of Islamic Medical Associations (FIMA) on a consensus statement acknowledging the relationship between climate change's health impact and healthcare providers' responsibility to addressing this issue.

### FBOs/FBOs

FBOs commonly addressed the importance of partnering and collaborating with each other to enhance their scope and reach. Approximately 68% proposed the development of an **interfaith declaration on environmental stewardship**, that could potentially be developed in the short-to medium-term, while guiding long-term action.

### FBOs

Acknowledging the enormous ownership of FBOs, about **54%** of the FBOs suggested to **sustainably transform FBOs** through mobilizing resources (39%), greening investments and assets (26%), reducing greenhouse gas emissions (35%) and waste (19%), and applying nature-

based solutions (NBS) (32%). With regards to NBS, special emphasis was given to **afforestation/reforestation** (MESETI, Inter-Religious Council of Kenya, World Vision, Going Green CBO) and **conservation** (A Rocha International, MESETI, Partnership for Faith and Development, Going Green CBO). Furthermore, some FBOs (Interfaith Grand River, Church of England) pointed towards the needs of adopting SMART and ambitious targets to better allocate resources and measure milestones and achievements.

#### FBOs/Community

Community Engagement through **participatory approaches** (76%) was suggested as key to drive faith-based behavioural change. FBOs suggested a two-track approach, including capacity building activities (68%) and awareness raising (52%), whereby the latter was especially targeted to the **youth**.

#### FBOs/Most Marginalized

Implicit within FBOs' shared understanding of a duty to protect the most marginalized members of society, FBOs emphasised their **responsibility to ensuring the inclusiveness** (61%) of long-term climate action. Therefore, about 88% of the FBOs suggested that empowering and advocating, and 68% that building resilience are core elements for their role on climate action.

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Table 8: *FBOs' Suggested Role on Climate Action*

Level	Activity	Response <sup>18</sup>		ID of Organizations
		Rel. Value	%	
<b>FBOs &amp; Governments</b>	<b>Lobbying &amp; Accountability</b>	<b>23/41</b>	56	<b>5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31, 34, 38, 41, 45, 75, 90, 103</b>
	Paris Agreement	18/23	78	5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 18, 20, 22, 26, 27, 34, 38, 41, 45, 75, 90, 103
	<i>Hold governments accountable</i>	11/18	61	5, 6, 8, 13, 18, 20, 34, 40, 45, 90, 103
	<i>Implementation &amp; sharpen NDCs</i>	10/18	56	5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 26, 27, 45, 90
	Just Transition	19/23	83	6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 31, 34, 39, 45, 75, 90, 103
	<i>Warsaw Mechanism / Loss and Damage</i>	9/19	47	6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 45, 48, 75, 90
	Build on momentum; stocktaking for COP27	4/23	17	11, 26, 90, 103
<b>FBOs &amp; NGOs</b>	<b>Social Justice</b>	<b>19/41</b>	46	<b>1, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, 26, 31, 32, 39, 42, 44, 45, 90</b>
	Intergenerational Justice	11/19	58	1, 5, 10, 12, 23, 26, 31, 32, 39, 44, 90
	Women Empowerment	8/19	42	9, 14, 15, 17, 39, 42, 44, 45
	Rights of indigenous peoples	6/19	32	8, 9, 10, 21, 39, 90
<b>FBOs &amp; Science-Actors</b>	<b>Science-Faith Nexus</b>	<b>7/41</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3, 8, 23, 28, 33, 45, 103</b>
	Partnerships	2/7	29	28, 45
	Application of technology	7/7	100	3, 8, 23, 28, 33, 45, 103
<b>FBOs &amp; FBOs</b>	<b>Partnerships and Collaboration</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 23, 26, 28, 33, 34, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 45, 75, 90, 103</b>
	Enhance scope of FBOs	14/22	64	2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 26, 28, 34, 40, 43, 45, 75, 90, 103
	Achieve consensus among FBOs	15/22	68	8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 26, 28, 33, 35, 37, 40, 45, 75
	Documentation of Best Practices	10/22	45	1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 23, 28, 45, 90, 103

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<b>FBOs</b>	<b>Greening Agenda</b>	<b>31/41</b>	54	<b>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 42, 45, 90, 103</b>
	Resource Mobilization	12/31	39	4, 5, 8, 12, 24, 25, 26, 34, 45, 47, 90, 103
	Green investments and assets	8/31	26	8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 23, 24, 29
	GHG reduction	11/31	35	2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 13, 27, 33, 35, 42, 45
	Waste reduction	6/31	19	3, 10, 15, 28, 42, 45
	NBS	10/31	32	7, 20, 21, 22, 26, 29, 32, 39, 40, 45
<b>FBOs &amp; Society</b>	<b>Community Engagement</b>	<b>31/41</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 75, 90, 103</b>
	Faith-based behavioural change	21/31	68	2, 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 18, 23, 26, 28, 29, 33, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 75, 103
	Awareness raising	16/31	52	1, 3, 5, 11, 12, 22, 23, 31, 34, 36, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 90
	Capacity building	21/31	68	1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 26, 31, 34, 39, 40, 43, 44, 45, 90, 103
<b>FBOs &amp; Most Marginalized</b>	<b>Inclusivity</b>	<b>25/41</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 31, 34, 37, 40, 42, 44, 45, 75, 90, 103</b>
	Empowerment and Advocacy	22/25	88	4, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, 28, 31, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 75, 90
	Resilience building	17/25	68	4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 23, 26, 28, 34, 39, 40, 44, 45



## Shared Values and Principles

Despite FBOs' diversity in terms of geography, type, or religion, the analysis identified a set of principles and values shared among the majority FBOs, that can build the foundation for perspective climate action and building of partnerships. FBOs' approach to climate action centres around community participation (66%), building resilience and reducing vulnerability (51%), inclusivity and empowerment (59%), responsible citizenship (46%), and just transition and human rights (54%) as displayed in *Table 9*.<sup>19</sup>

*Table 9: Shared Values and Principles*

Value / Principle	Response		ID of Organizations
	Rel. Value	%	
Community Participation	27/41	66	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 43, 45, 75, 90, 103
Building Resilience; Reducing Vulnerability	21/41	51	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 23, 26, 28, 34, 35, 38, 40, 41, 44, 90, 103
Inclusivity / Empowerment of	24/41	59	1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 45, 75, 90, 103
<i>Children / Youth</i>	<i>12/24</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>1, 4, 5, 10, 12, 23, 24, 26, 31, 32, 39, 44</i>
<i>Indigenous People</i>	<i>9/24</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>6, 8, 9, 10, 21, 39, 40, 75, 90</i>
<i>Women</i>	<i>9/24</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>9, 14, 15, 17, 39, 44, 45, 75, 90</i>
Responsible Citizenship; Sustainable Living	19/41	46	1, 3, 6, 7, 12, 20, 28, 29, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 42, 44, 90, 103
Climate Justice; Human Rights	22/41	54	6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 26, 31, 34, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 75, 103

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## Overarching Role of FBOs on Climate Action

Following from FBOs’ comparative advantage with regards to their large geographical and societal scope, their multi-level activities, and their underlying moral norms, FBOs have a unique role in addressing climate change, which has been reflected in the responses of the FBOs. Based on their perceptions of FBOs’ role on climate action, three overarching functions were identified: Firstly, **advocating for and protecting** the most marginalized (61%); secondly, **driving behavioural change** (41%), and thirdly, **mediating dialogue** among different groups of the society (37%).

Table 10: Overarching Role of FBOs on Climate Action

Role	Response <sup>20</sup>		ID of Organizations
	Rel. Value	%	
Advocacy and Protection	25/41	61	4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 23, 26, 29, 31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, 75, 90, 103
Behavioural Change	17/41	41	2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 23, 26, 28, 29, 33, 39, 40, 44, 75, 90, 103
Mediate Dialogue	15/41	37	5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 22, 23, 25, 35, 40, 42, 45, 75, 103

## Strategic Outlook and Areas of Collaboration

Based upon the previous analysis, *Figure 1* summarizes how ethical norms and values shared among different FBOs relate to different areas of action and faith-based responsibilities of FBOs. The visualization underlines the commonalities of different FBOs, and how these could build the common grounds for multi-faith climate action in the long term. Critically, this scheme could be applied to various climate systems in order to develop more SMART targets and goals, that provide a measurable framework for faith-based climate impact programming. Acknowledging that FBOs have engaged in various spheres of environmental action, and considering their duty to protect and empower, it is worth noticing that aspects such as climate migration or the rights of persons with disabilities have not been mentioned within the survey, but could potentially be integrated in existing approaches.

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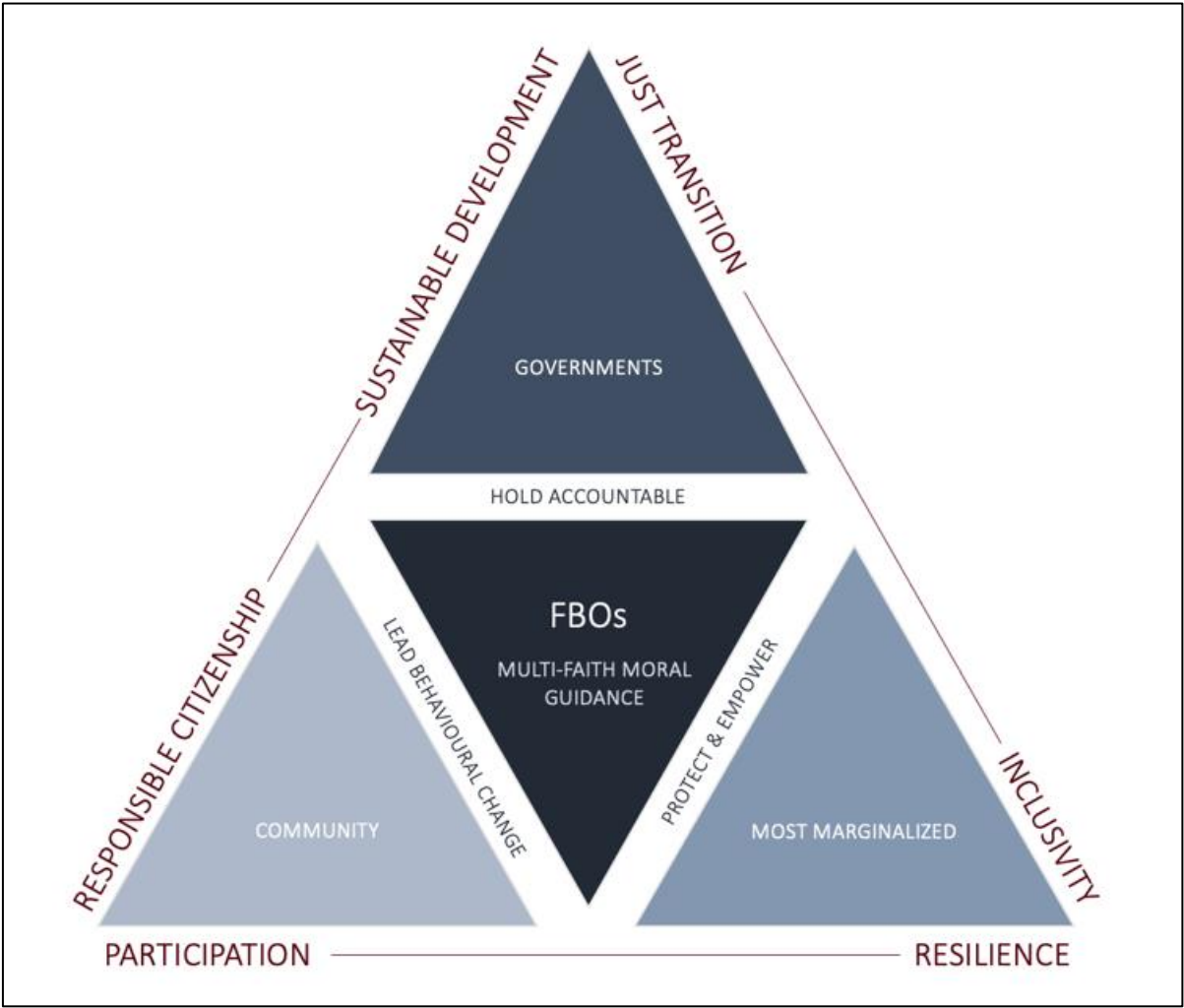


Figure 1: Visualization of FBOs' Role on Climate Action