



FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER
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THE DIVERSE VALUE OF NATURE; UN DECADE CONSULTATION SERIES

Dear friends,

The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) launched the [Assessment Report on the Diverse Values and Valuation of Nature](#), highlighting the need for a revaluation of nature.

The assessment sought to understand and articulate the role of values in driving protection for biodiversity. The Report finds that there are a number of deeply held values that can be aligned with sustainability, emphasizing principles like unity, responsibility, stewardship and justice, both towards other people and towards nature.

The Assessment places a spotlight on values as a means to shift decision-making, recognising the values of nature and in driving system-wide transformative change. [Watch the Media Launch](#).

Publications

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS REPORT 2022

[The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022](#) provides a global overview of progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, using the latest available data and estimates.



In this regard, the UN Environment Programme provided an overview of SDGs 6, 7, 13, 14, 15, and 17, about the consequences on our ecosystems if relevant environmental measures are not taken. [Watch the Overview Video](#).



FAITH & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN AFRICA

Faith & Environmental Protection

An interreligious dialogue on the law and praxis of faith based environmental protection in Africa

Thursday, 21 July 2022, from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. East African time (GMT+3)

21 July 2022
2pm EAT | 1pm Paris | 7am NY | [Register](#)

Side Event 6: Strengthening Action for Nature and Environmental Governance: Approaches by Faith-based Organisations, Indigenous and Local Communities, Kabarak University and UNEP Faith for Earth are partnering to [launch a](#)

[call for papers](#) focusing on the law and praxis of Faith-based environmental protection in Africa.

The partnership aims to promote and uplift the literature on environmental governance from an interreligious and intercultural dialogue in Africa.

For further details, contact Mr. [Humphrey Sipalla](#) [More information.](#)

VALUES, CULTURE & SPIRITUALITY: A CONSULTATION ON CITIES

26 July 2022 | 8 am NY | 2 pm Paris | 3 pm EAT | [Register](#)

[#GenerationRestoration](#) calls for greater commitments from all members of society to protect and revive ecosystems all around the world, for the benefit of people and nature.



[Urban Areas](#) (Cities) are dynamic ecosystems of activity, socio-economic function, culture, opportunity, and more.

Mombasa, Kenya will be highlighted as one such city, calling on all stakeholders, particularly faith-based organisations to promote green spaces within the city **highlighting a duty of care for the environment, particularly in the context of urban ecosystem restoration.** [More details](#)

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM

Past Events



ENGAGING WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICA YOUTH FORUM

On 14 July 2022, UNEP Faith for Earth delivered a presentation with an engaging group of peacebuilders from the [Southern Africa Youth Forum](#) (SAYOF) undertaking the e-learning course "[Engaging Faith Actors to Support the Implementation Process of the Sustainable Development Goals](#)".

UNEP Faith for Earth supplemented their study of the role of actors towards the implementation of the SDGs by discussing on-going projects relating to the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration by faith actors.

In this regard, young people of faith around the world **are called upon to share their experiences, challenges and opportunities** in tackling the triple planetary crises.

20TH AMECEA PLENARY OF BISHOPS

Between 9-18 July, the [Association of Member Episcopal Conferences in Eastern Africa](#) (AMECEA) held the 20th Plenary of Bishops in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

This year the theme was [Environmental Impact on Integral Human Development](#) to build consensus and strategic action plans to address the impact of environmental degradation and climate change.

UNEP Faith for Earth delivered a keynote address highlighting the need to engage institutions in Africa at all levels, particularly in support of projects like the Great Green Wall Initiative.





FROM STOCKHOLM+50 TO THE SUMMIT OF THE FUTURE

On 22 June 2022, the Bahá'í International Community and the Coalition of the UN "We Need" organised a meeting on Environmental Governance: **'From Stockholm+50 to the Summit of the Future'** in the framework of their "Our Common Agenda" at

UNEP in New York.

The objective was to call to mobilize political energy, ambition, and solidarity, and the integration of ethical values and a fundamental change in attitudes, habits, and behaviours. [Read more.](#)

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND SUSTAINABILITY: ECOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

On 25 June 2022, the seminar workshop hosted by the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin took place virtually on the **relationship between religious communities and socio-ecological transformation**, considering that in recent years engagement with ecological sustainability by religious communities has substantially increased.



In this event, UNEP Faith for Earth's Director, Dr. Iyad Abumoghli explained how spiritual values can contribute to sustainable policy-making with his presentation **"The Role of Religions, Values, Ethics, and Spiritual Responsibility in Environmental Governance and Achieving the Sustainable Development Agenda"**.



ENGAGING FAITH ACTORS TO STRENGTHEN CITIES RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND DISASTERS

Given the increased frequency and severity of natural hazards in recent years, it is necessary for cities to have proper #DisasterRiskReduction preparedness as part of their process of mitigating the effects of

climate change.

On 6-8 June, UNEP Faith for Earth delivered a capacity building training highlighting how faith actors are embracing "Eco-DRR" and offer their established, far-reaching networks to support local and communities to address climate-related risks. [Read more.](#)