



Faith for Earth Coalition

Achievement Report 2024

Message from the Director of the Coalition

As we reflect on 2024, we celebrate a year of extraordinary collaboration, deepened partnerships, and transformative action at the intersection of faith, ethics, and sustainability. The Faith for Earth Coalition continues to demonstrate that faith-based and interfaith organizations, working alongside secular partners, play a crucial role in addressing the world's most pressing environmental challenges.

This year, we have strengthened values-driven approaches to sustainability, reinforcing the moral and ethical dimensions of our responsibility toward nature. Together, we have mobilized religious and spiritual leaders, young changemakers, scientists, and policymakers to champion solutions that integrate faith, culture, and science.

Among our many achievements, we successfully hosted yet another Faith Pavilion and high-level Interfaith Summit at COP 29 in Baku, further solidifying the role of faith communities in climate governance. The Faith for Earth Youth Council was revitalized, bringing renewed energy to youth-led advocacy and action. We launched groundbreaking knowledge products, including the Pollution Catalogue and new online courses, equipping communities with tools to take informed action.

Our work also reached global policy platforms, contributing to the Summit of the Future and the UNEA-6 Faith for Earth Dialogue on multilateralism and interfaith collaboration. We marked a historic milestone with the launch of Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth in eight languages, broadening access to Islamic ecological teachings. In recognition of the essential role of women in faith-led sustainability efforts, we proudly launched the Interfaith Women's Council, amplifying diverse voices in global environmental decision-making.

These achievements reflect the power of partnership, with over 7,000 faith and interfaith actors, 90+ UNEP-accredited faith-based organizations, and a growing network of multilateral allies—working towards a shared vision of a just, sustainable, and flourishing planet.

As we move forward, let us carry this momentum, inspired by our collective moral responsibility to protect the Earth for future generations. The journey ahead is one of unity, action, and unwavering faith in our ability to create a better world.

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli,
Founder & Director, Faith for Earth Coalition

Our priorities



This year, the Council of High-level Faith Leaders and the Youth Council were highly engaged with the faith network under the auspices of the Faith for Earth Coalition and partners. Mobilising support, action, and leading by example, the Coalition remained committed to institutionalising faith-based engagement at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) under the [Medium-term Strategy 2022 - 2025](#), and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Faith for Earth Coalition continues to work towards the interconnected environmental crisis in close coordination with the Interfaith Thematic Working Groups, with a focus on interreligious and intercultural dialogue. Our work focuses on:

- Faith and Climate Action;
- Faith and Nature Action; and
- Faith and Pollution Action.

Faith for Earth offers its platform as a mechanism to convene and support the continuous engagement of faith actors under the Religion and Ecology Movement, and towards enhancing intergovernmental environmental processes. This approach for institutional engagement leverages good practices by faith leaders, faith institutions, organisations, and networks, including the youth, seeking to drive ambitious environmental policy and action.

This programmatic report provides an insight on the Faith for Earth's activities, partnerships, and publications for the year 2024.

An Interagency Approach: Interreligious Engagement



[The UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development \(IATF-R\)](#) brings together 27 UN entities to strengthen collaboration with diverse faith partners, advancing knowledge exchange, capacity building, and joint advocacy for sustainable development.



[The Inter-agency Platform on Culture for Sustainable Development \(IPCSD\)](#) is dedicated to strengthening advocacy efforts on the role of culture in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Faith for Earth has engaged with the IPCSD's Strategic Goals, by contributing to the [Culture for Climate Action](#) thematic group, in collaboration with UNESCO and UNFCCC, focusing on sustainable consumption and production patterns and civil society-led action.

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The UN Environment Assembly (UNEA)

The United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) is the world's highest-level decision-making body on environmental matters, bringing together 193 UN Member States, along with international organisations, and civil society, to address global environmental challenges.

Major Groups and Stakeholders are essential for engaging civil society in the Assembly's preparation and proceedings. Through civil society engagement, UNEP can ensure "transparency and inclusiveness in the intergovernmental decision-making process."

The sixth session of the UN Environment Assembly (UNEA6), sought to convene stakeholders to advance environmental governance under the theme "Effective, inclusive and sustainable multilateral actions to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution" (26 February - 1 March 2024).

Accreditation to UNEA

- What is UNEA?
- Responsibilities of an accredited organisation
- Who is responsible?
- List of accredited organisations
- What you need to gain accreditation.

The Faith for Earth Coalition hosted the Faith for Earth Dialogue in coordination with the Steering Committee of Accredited Faith-based Organisations to UNEA. Collectively, our goal is to support UNEPs Civil Society Unit to convene and coordinate an expanding network of accredited faith-based organisations through the Faith for Earth Dialogue series.

At UNEA6, this included dialogue sessions and workshops on:

- Faith as a Catalyst for Sustainable Ecological Change and Effective Multilateralism;
- Harnessing the Power of Women of Faith and Interfaith Youth for Environment Multilateralism in Building Resilient Food Systems in Africa: Climate Finance, Faith-Based Solutions and Interfaith Collaboration;
- FaithAction in Multilateral Governance: How Values and Spiritual Understandings in Multilateral Governance Strengthen our Effectiveness to Tackle the Triple Planetary Crisis; and
- Why Faith Matters in Multilateralism to Combat Climate Change Impacts, Biodiversity Loss, and Plastic Pollution.
- The Launch of Al-Mizan: A Covenant of the Earth, and an Exploration of Islamic Values for Protection of the Planet;
- Under the Patronage of HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, the Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management (INWRDAM) held **WEFE Nexus Community of Practice: Action for People and Earth** with a focus on "Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth": Integrating WEFE Nexus for a Just and Dignified Future" and the Launch of the OIC WEFE Nexus Knowledge Hub.

UN Civil Society Conference & Summit of the Future

- A #FaithForward Summit of the Future was a joint initiative with the Faith-based Solutions ImPACT Coalition for the UN Civil Society Conference, dedicated to shaping discussions at the Summit for the Future towards the Pact for the Future. As a result, the group published 'Faith, Religion and the Pact for the Future' and shaped the three outcome documents.
- Mr. Jamil Ahmad, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs at UNEP, participated in both Faith-based Solutions for the Pact for the Future and Beyond and Interfaith Youth Responses to the Century's Biggest Challenges: Faith-Based Contributions to the Summit of the Future.

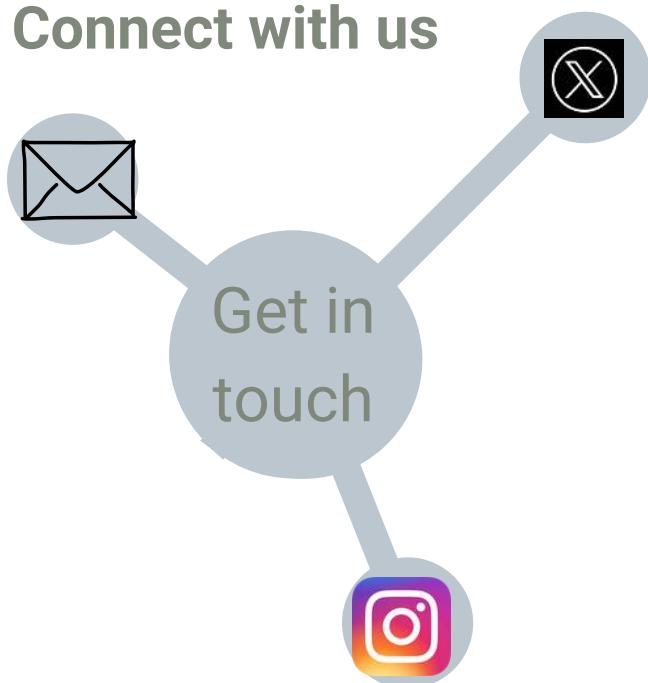


Partnership Development

The following meetings were held, and strategies were launched as an extended effort of the Coalition's commitment to global development issues, including the institutional engagement of faith actors:

- **KAICIID Global Transformative Dialogue Imperative**, under the auspices of the KAICIID Global Forum 2024 partners urged the enhancement of global dialogue through policies and practices acknowledging the interconnectedness of our world and the ethical urgency to act upon it, aiming to evolve dialogue into lasting processes that can transform attitudes, behaviours and relationships for sustainable peace.
- **Africa Youth Forum**, hosted by the Oslo Center at United Nations Office at Nairobi to facilitate a discussion with young people on how to amplify the voice of the youth in Africa through constructive dialogue and meaningful engagements. This Forum was supported by distinguished speakers, such as the Oslo Center Founder and Former Prime Minister, Norway, Kjell Magne Bondevik, Dr Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, Secretary-General of the Muslim World League, Ambassadors, Governors from Nairobi, Lamu and Kwale, and Members of Parliament. The Faith for Earth Coalition spoke about the role of youth in Breaking Barriers through Intergenerational Dialogue with a focus on, Amplifying youth voices through constructive dialogue for Sustainable development.
- World Vision International launched the **Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action Strategic Roadmap 2024 - 2027** highlighting faith-based approaches to protecting children's rights in a changing climate – a collective endeavour with partners working towards a common goal.
- **The Future of Wellbeing Dialogue Series**, organised by the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, The Rockefeller Foundation, and the Solutions Insights Lab around Faith and a Wellbeing Economy, brought together catalysts in a candid conversation on how faith traditions and wellbeing economy approaches can strengthen each other. The session explored how economic transformation and faith traditions can mutually reinforce each other, supporting faith groups in fostering dignified ways of living while helping wellbeing economy advocates integrate the deep wisdom and practical alternatives that faith communities offer for systemic change.
- **Faith-based Organizations Tackling the Triple Planetary Crisis** was hosted by the Regional Director, Europe Office, UNEP to enhance UNEPs relationship with Geneva-based FBOs.

Connect with us



What do we share through the Faith for Earth Newsletter and other social media platforms?

- Past and Upcoming events;
- Opportunities to engage with us under the interfaith thematic working groups;
- Publication announcements, including best practice guides, information notes, and others;
- News relating to internationally recognized days such as World Environment Day, International Day for Biological Diversity, and others;
- Key updates from UNEP and other UN agencies' related work.

World Environment Day



UNEP's [Practical Guide](#) for "Our Land. Our Future" highlighted our role as humans including businesses, governments and everyday citizens in joining forces to give nature a helping hand by acting today, making smart choices and raising our voice for #GenerationRestoration.

Be part of the World Environment

Day

(5 June, annual)

- Share the annual theme with your faith network, organisation, and community;
- Make a commitment as an individual, community, business, organisation; and
- Share communication assets, including the practical guide, Trello boards, and join official online commemoration events.

Faith for Earth [called on faith actors to make a commitment on World Environment Day 2024](#), sharing [video messages by leaders](#), and the [values and principles driving restoration](#) by communities and individuals motivated by religious and spiritual actors to take action on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience. The Faith for Earth Coalition's Youth Council also invited 5 young leaders in conversation about their spiritual motivation, good practices driving restoration, and how they are working with leaders and communities locally.

Promoting Capacity Building

["Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals,"](#) is an interactive database maintained by the Faith for Earth Coalition, the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology](#), the [Parliament of the World's Religions](#), and [United Religions Initiative](#). As of December 2024, it featured 94 projects.

Online Courses with the International Dialogue Center (KAICIID)

The Faith for Earth Coalition has supported KAICIID and its partners in developing several e-learning courses on faith and the environment, including:

- ['Faith, Environment and Climate Change'](#) A free e-learning course with eight modules, designed to help faith leaders, religious groups, and faith-based organisations engage with environmental issues using various methodologies, models, and tools.
- ['Engaging Faith Actors to Support the Implementation Process of the Sustainable Development Goals'](#) A free e-learning course designed to help religious leaders and faith-based organisations to better understand and engage with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Share your Project

[Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#)

[Goals](#) is an open repository for the excellent projects, initiatives, and partnerships by faith actors worldwide.

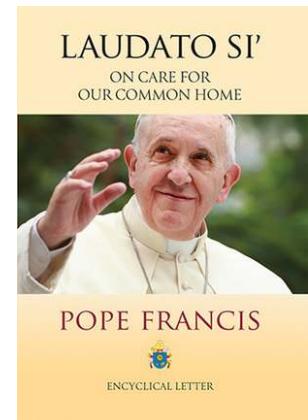


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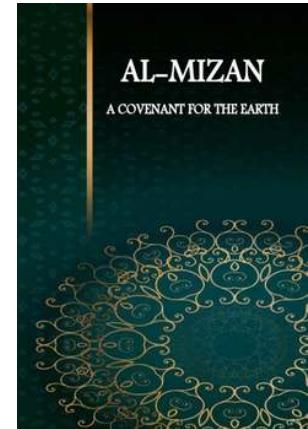
Faith Leaders' Calls to Action for the Earth

Faith leaders play a key role in guiding their communities to recognize environmental care as both a moral and spiritual responsibility. By drawing on sacred texts, they can inspire a sense of duty to protect the Earth, promoting sustainability and advocating for justice, compassion, and respect for the natural world.



Laudato Si': Care for Our Common Home

Laudato Si, the landmark encyclical by His Holiness Pope Francis, calls for global action to combat environmental degradation, emphasizing the interconnectedness of all creation and urging collective responsibility to protect the planet. In 2023, the Holy Father published Laudato Deum, building on the Encyclical.



Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth

This Islamic Covenant was developed in partnership with HBKU, IESCO, the Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES), UNAS PPI, Uskudar University, and the UN Environment Programme's Faith for Earth Coalition and draws upon Islamic teachings to highlight humanity's responsibility as stewards of the Earth, promoting sustainability and ecological justice. In 2024, Faith for Earth launched the Covenant at an inter-ministerial press conference at UNEA6. Now available in 8 languages and is being translated into 3 more.

Sustainable Lifestyles

Religion, values, and ethics shape lifestyles - from what believers eat, wear, and how they interact with one another. By promoting principles like environmental stewardship, compassion, and ethical responsibility to name a few, people of faith can play a key role in fostering sustainable lifestyles.



In 2024, the Coalition has actively shared these perspectives to inspire positive change among individuals, institutions, and leaders through various initiatives:

- The University of Connecticut's Mindfulness, Spirituality and Planetary Health Steering Committee including Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Director of the Faith for Earth Coalition, met to discuss the UNEA6 Resolution on "Promoting Sustainable Lifestyles," emphasizing faith-based action to mobilize universities toward sustainable lifestyles".
- The Encouraging Sustainable Lifestyles through Faith event at the Faith Pavilion (COP29), organised by UNEP Faith for Earth and Global Opportunities for Sustainable Development Goals (GO4SDGs), explored how spiritual values can inspire sustainable lifestyles. The panel featured speakers like Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Kristian Noll, Chair of the Faith for Earth Youth Council, Martha Jarvis, Dicky Sofjan, and others contributing to the development of a Sustainable Lifestyles Roadmap for UNEA7.
- The Faith and Sustainable Lifestyles (Part 1 | Part 2) modules, co-developed by the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) and the Faith for Earth Coalition, explore the intersection of faith and sustainable choices, empowering individuals and communities to embrace more environmentally conscious practices.

Faith & Climate Action

Faith plays a vital role in addressing the climate crisis, inspiring collective action for sustainability. In 2024, Faith for Earth has advanced faith engagement in climate action at multiple levels.



Global Faith Leaders Summit

Ahead of COP29, the Global Summit of Religious Leaders, organised by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the State Committee on Affairs with Religious Associations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Muslim Council of Elders, and the Caucasus Muslims Board, brought together 350 faith leaders from 55 countries, showcasing the power of interfaith collaboration in tackling the climate crisis. The event concluded with the Baku Declaration, in which leaders called on states, international and regional organisations, religious groups, and public leaders to:

- take an active role and engage in public discussions on combatting climate change and furthering the long-term goals of the Paris Climate Agreement;
- advocate for environmental equality and justice recognising the sanctity of human life and nature; and
- support the protection of religious, cultural and ethnic diversity, respect for it, to promote the eco-ethics based on the spiritual and moral values of world religions.

Faith Pavilion

Organized by the Muslim Council of Elders, the Faith Pavilion at COP29, was a thriving hub for interfaith collaboration. Over 97 organizations representing 11 religions and sects joined more than 40 sessions covering topics from sustainable lifestyles to climate finance.

With an emphasis on the newly operationalized Loss and Damage Fund, the Pavilion showcased the vital role faith communities play in driving climate action and advocating for justice. Overall, it inspired hope and unity, highlighting the powerful role of faith in addressing the climate crisis.



Climate-Responsible Finance - a Moral Imperative towards Children

Two years after the release of the landmark joint appeal, "Climate-Responsible Finance – A Moral Imperative and Responsibility to All Children and the Living World," signed by the World Council of Churches (WCC), UNEP, the Muslim Council of Elders, and the NY Board of Rabbis, a capacity-building webinar was held to revisit the principles outlined in the appeal. The session, featuring key contributions from Andrew David Raine, Deputy Director of UNEP's Law Division, and Dr. Iyad Moghli, Director of the Faith for Earth Coalition, aimed to inspire actionable steps for aligning financial practices with climate responsibility, with a particular focus on benefiting children and vulnerable communities.

The Interfaith Working Group on Climate Change is a collaborative platform where faith leaders, activists, and organisations unite to address the urgent climate crisis. The Working Group's activities are self-defined and together, combine spiritual guidance with environmental advocacy to promote sustainable solutions. They amplify the moral imperative for climate action under our work on Faith and Climate Action.

In addition to these efforts at COP29, the Faith for Earth Coalition also participated in several other key events focused on climate action and the moral imperative for faith-based engagement as follows:

- **Beacons of Hope: Sharing Good Practices of Faith-Based Initiatives on Environment & Climate Change** organised with KAICIID during World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW).
- **Faith and Climate Change – Towards a Research Agenda** The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) and the Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future convened two roundtables as part of a joint research initiative exploring the moral dimensions of climate action.
- **The Role of Non-state Actors in Driving Climate Action** Dr. Iyad Abumoghli delivered a compelling session at the British University of Egypt, discussing the challenges and opportunities for non-state actors in addressing the climate crisis and their potential to catalyse meaningful action.
- **Laudate Deum: Apostolic Exhortation to all people of good will on the Climate Crisis and the Outcomes of COP28** organised by the FAO Liaison Office in Geneva, UN Environment Programme, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN in Geneva and Caritas in Veritate Foundation co-organized a hybrid dialogue at the Palais des Nations on the key messages of the Laudate Deum, an apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis, and the outcomes of COP28 related to agrifood systems.
- **The Faith in Action Forum of EU CORD** convened by ERIKS, LM International, and PMU invited key strategic partners like the Coalition towards the development of a programme that builds on the exploration of the climate crisis and its impact on the communities in the EU.
- **Climate, Health and Faith – Understanding Science, Building Trust** that pressed on the role of attitudes and behaviours on adoption patterns and bringing together climate and health science practitioners with faith leaders. Organisers aim to develop a common platform and evolve effective implementation strategies for climate adaptation and healthy behaviours.
- **An Introduction to Al-Mizan and Islamic Finance: FaithInvest FCI Forum** with Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI) and the Responsible Finance and Investment (RFI) Foundation explored Islamic financial products. Recognising that they are increasingly outperforming traditional investments and gaining mainstream traction, Islamic finance offers a compelling example of faith-consistent investing (FCI) that not only aligns with ethical principles but delivers strong financial returns. FaithInvest's next quarterly FCI Forum took a look into Islamic Finance, and also explores how the landmark publication Al-Mizan offers a framework for aligning investments with ethical and sustainable practices.

Faith & Nature Action

Faith and nature are deeply connected, as spirituality often inspires a sense of responsibility towards the environment. Faith for Earth has actively engaged in this area through initiatives such as:

- **Voices for Change: Driving Advocacy through Eco-spiritualities**

Organized by UNEP's CYMG Eco-Faith Working Group and the Faith for Earth Youth Council, this event brought together interfaith youth at the Global Youth Environment Assembly to highlight the strong link between spirituality and environmental protection, advocating for sustainable practices within faith communities to foster positive change for the planet.

- **Faith as a Catalyst for Sustainable Ecological Change and Effective Multilateralism**

This panel discussion held at UNEA6 showcased insights from 85+ faith-based organisations, gathered through several consultations and dialogues. It emphasised the importance of accountable environmental actions shaped by diverse civil society voices.

- **Faith, Finance and Food Systems: Faith Action on Food Systems for better Human, Animal and Planetary Health**

Organized by Compassion in World Farming, Conscious Food Systems Alliance (UNDP), Faith for Earth (UNEP), and FaithInvest, this webinar shared positions of faiths on food systems; and examples of practical faith projects in support of food system transformation towards regenerative, agroecological food and farming.

- **Cities, Faith, and Community Forum (CFCF)**

ran a series of online sessions on Faith and Environment with an emphasis on bringing nature back to urban areas in partnership with faith communities as a catalyst of action.

The Interfaith Working Group on Nature supports a united effort from diverse faith traditions to protect and restore nature, highlighting the deep connections between spirituality, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability.

Our work on Faith and Nature Action supports groups working to address ecosystem restoration (UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration 2021 - 2030), and biodiversity loss and species conservation (Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) complementing efforts to strengthen civil society engagement.



Faith Groups at Intergovernmental Meetings

- Ahead of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) COP16, the **Post2020 Biodiversity Framework featured faith groups** as essential in achieving the **#BiodiversityPlan** for Life on Earth, an endeavour supported by the **Faiths for Biodiversity Coalition**.

- **Integral Ecology to Reverse Biodiversity Loss: Concepts, Case Studies, and Practical Applications** was an event organised by the the Integral Ecology Research Network that converged around shared principles reflecting the vision of a sustainable and just world in which human well-being and ecological well-being are reciprocal at the UN CBD COP16.

- **Engaging Faith-based Groups for Land and Ecosystem Restoration** is a stocktake report developed through a six-month Working Group on Faith and Restoration, convened by the G20 Global Land Initiative in 2024. It assessed the global scale of faith-based engagement in restoration efforts in preparation for the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP16 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**.

Faith & Pollution Action

Faith groups are implementing responsible waste management practices in their houses of worship, institutional premises and places of gathering; advocating for social justice, particularly as they affect the vulnerable and most affected groups by the pollution and waste crisis; and have shown their support an international framework to address all forms of pollution, including plastic pollution.

Crucial in tackling the pollution and waste crisis demonstrated in Faith for Earth's publication, '[Faith-based Action Towards a Pollution-free Planet](#)', faith groups are drawing on spiritual values that emphasise the protection of the earth, and taking action to protect ecosystems and communities.

The first part of the fifth session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment (INC5.1), in Busan, Republic of Korea, marked an important step forward in the development of an instrument.

Events & Webinars

- **[Faith-based Advocacy ahead of INC-5](#)**: Resulting from a call from the INC Secretariat to mobilise the support of faith groups for the intergovernmental process webinar focused on the INC process, highlighting the impactful role of FBOs in advocating for ethical stewardship, and joining civil society groups on the human rights implications of plastic pollution, offering a vital platform to unite in promoting a just and sustainable future.
- **[Global ASEZ Summit in November 2024](#)**: Organised by the World Mission Society Church of God, this forum featured [the Earth Recovery Project](#) with a focus on '[Zero Plastic 2040](#)' coinciding with INC-5. The Faith for Earth Coalition spoke about the need to engage the youth, sharing key resources by UNEP and ways to engage with the Coalition.

The Interfaith Working Group on Pollution enables interfaith engagement to address the pollution and waste crisis. Through moral and ethical perspectives, faith-based organisations encourage sustainable practices and values-based environmental advocacy, captured under our work on [Faith and Pollution Action](#).

Youth Engagement

In 2024, the newly constituted [Faith for Earth Coalition Youth Council](#) (2024 - 2026), comprising 35 Members representing over 16 different faith traditions, was led by Mr. Kristian Noll (Chair), with Ms. Hajar Tazi and Bhikkhu Vasu Bandhu (Co-chairs), and facilitated in close collaboration with the [Children and Youth Major Group \(CYMG\)](#) to [UNEP Eco-Faith Working Group](#).



This year, Youth Council Members and Advisors demonstrated the potential for faith-youth engagement in mobilising support and action for the Earth. They participated in key intergovernmental conferences like UNEA6, Summit of the Future, UNFCCC COP29, and UN CBD COP16, and global annual observances.

FAITH-BASED ACTION TOWARDS A POLLUTION-FREE PLANET

Catalogue

Version: November 2024



Faith-Based Action Towards a Pollution-Free Planet: Catalogue

The Council convenes each month to share updates, engage in peer-to-peer networking and equip each other for climate engagement through its new knowledge exchange platform, the Climate Leadership Forum.

Their notable engagement in 2024 included:



- **The Member Spotlight Series** This interview series spearheaded by the Chair features the Members and their work, sharing their experiences working at the intersection of faith, youth, and the environment:
 - On World Oceans Day with Dhruv Bhatt & Interview
 - On World Rainforest Day with Bhikku Vasu Bandhu
 - On World Youth Skills Day with Greshma Pious Raju
 - On Developing Resilience in Young People with Tiffany Tu
 - On Training Young People on Environmental Stewardship with Halak Shah
 - On Jewish Youth Climate Activism with Madeline Canefield
 - On The Power of Faith in Uncertain Times with Hajar Tazi
 - On World Human Rights Day with Joshua Kimani | Zahra Admad | Rukia Ahmed
- **Spiritual Ecology & Land: #Faith4Earth Youth Leadership** organised on World Environment Day to uplift youth leaders driven by their faith who are championing efforts on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience.
- **Faith in Action: Empowering Youth Skills for Peace and Development** sought to introduce the network to the Green Jobs for Youth Pact and identify how faith institutions and organisations support youth in skills development, entrepreneurship, and sustainable growth.
- **Faith, Culture, and Youth: Digital Tools for People and the Planet** was published to demonstrate how youth across diverse faith and cultural communities use digital tools to raise awareness, mobilize resources, and drive collective action toward the SDGs, in commemoration of International Youth Day.
- **Cultivating Regenerative Hope and Inner Resilience for Youth in Climate Action** sought to uncover the environmental crisis in the face of increasing complexity, division, and uncertainty, and the ways in which religion and faith institutions can regenerate hope and cultivate resilience – both individually and as communities for World Mental Health Day.
- **Faith in Action: Diverse Pathways to Environmental and Human Rights Protection** This webinar in celebration of Human Rights Day brought together four esteemed speakers in working in diverse ways to protect human rights and the environment through youth engagement.

Other Events

- CYNESA organised the Laudato Si' Youth Assembly at the African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) Conservation Centre, in discussion about **A pilgrimage of reconciliation with our home; every little bit helps**, aiming to strengthen their network across South and East Africa at the grassroots and global levels.
- **The Value Education Olympiad**: In 2024, the Value Education Olympiad (VEO), in partnership with ISKCON, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (India), Lifestyle for Environment, Eklavya Model Schools, SMC Global, and UNEP's Faith for Earth Coalition, engaged over 1.6 million students in 25,000+ schools across 20+ countries. The initiative integrated ethical and environmental values into education, strengthening students' commitment to sustainability and raising awareness of environmental ethics. VEO's global reach has significantly contributed to value-based education and supports the Faith for Earth Network's mission to inspire action for the planet.

A commitment to Young Professionals

The [United Nations Internship Programme](#) is a premier opportunity to gain first-hand knowledge of the day-to-day working environment of the United Nations, work with experienced and inspiring career professionals and senior management, high-profile conferences, participate in meetings, and contribute to analytical work as well as organizational policy of the United Nations.

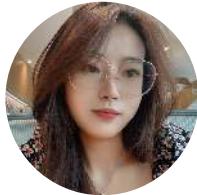


At Faith for Earth, interns are part of a dynamic and innovative team working on the nexus between environment, science, policy, and faith values and ethics.

Under the supervision and guidance of the Director of the Faith for Earth Coalition, interns have supported:

- Faith for Earth's integration in the UNEP's strategic frameworks like the Medium-term Strategy (MTS);
- Supported planning of the High-level Leaders Meeting; facilitation of the Faith for Earth Youth Council; and design of the Interfaith Women's Council;
- Supported the coordination of the portfolio or work on Faith and Climate Action - including the Faith Pavilion at COP28 and COP29 - Faith and Nature Action; Faith and Pollution Action; sustainable consumption and production; culture and sustainable development;
- Joined efforts towards the planning of the World Environment Day, the UNFCCC COP, CBD COP, INC, and more;

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Faith for Earth releases a yearly call for interns in Q1 - through our [Newsletter](#) and [via Inspira](#).

Gender & the Environment



The Interfaith Women's Council, a platform for advancing women of faith's leadership on global environmental issues, is relaunching in 2025 with a newly recruited council. This initiative aims to amplify voices at the intersection of gender, religion, and environmental governance.

Going Further, Faster Together: Towards a Global Multi-faith Women-led Climate Action Network

Organized by Wilton Park in collaboration with the British and Irish Embassies to the Holy See, Islamic Relief, and the International Union of Superiors General, this event united women leaders from 15 countries and 8 faith traditions. The gathering provided a vibrant forum to exchange best practices, forge new collaborations, and launch a campaign to mobilize the 80% of the world's population in faith groups—all while highlighting the critical role of women's leadership in advancing climate justice, best practices, explore collaboration, and launch a campaign to engage the 80% of the world's population in faith groups—all while championing women's leadership in climate justice.