

## United Nations Environment Programme Faith for Earth Initiative

### Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2

21 February 2022-4 March 2022

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#### Time - Event Details

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**10:00 Faith Communities Enabling Inclusive & Equitable Cities** Since the beginning of time, religions have significantly influenced the way cities are constructed and function. Cities were established around houses of worship that provided essential services and today, multiple religious markers are scattered around every city around the world, ranging from small local churches to cathedrals, mosques, synagogues, charity shops, schools, monuments of remembrance, gardens and parks, cemeteries, and others.

This session will provide a space to discuss the interlinkages between creating inclusive and equitable people-centered cities and the role world religions, their communities, and faith leaders play in bringing forward SDG 11.



**Dr. Chris Elisara** *WEA and Studio for Placemaking at Duke Divinity School's Ormond Center*



**Andre Dzikus** *Chief, Urban Basic Service Section UN-Habitat*



**Dr. Josh Yates** *Director Ormond Center at Duke University's Divinity School and executive director of the Thriving Cities Group.*



**Kamran Shezad** *Director of The Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences (IFEES); Director of The Bahu Trust UK*



**Priestess Beatriz**, *President for the Indigenous People Ancestral Spiritual Council in Costa Rica.*



**Ms Bhuvana Santhanam**, *CEO - Global Outreach - Sai Global Federation of Foundations*



**Khushwant Singh**, *GIZ*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth at UNEP*

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**14:00 Official high-level Launch of the Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2** Join the Executive Director of UNEP and the President of UNEA along with eminent faith and interfaith leaders in their address at the opening session. The role of faith actors is it an add-on or is it a strategic approach? What has worked and what needs to happen? Can religions come together unified in their call for a better future for humanity based on spiritual and moral responsibilities towards our only planet?



**Inger Andersen** – *UN Under Secretary General and Executive Director of UNEP*



**H. E. Dr. Hans Brattskar** - Special Envoy at the Ministry of Climate and Environment of Norway



**Cardinal Peter Turkson** *The first Prefect of the Dicastery for Integral Human Development*



**Don de Silva** *Buddhist leader and ex director at UNEP*



**Dr. Husna Ahmad** *Executive Director of Global One*



**Stephen Avino** *Executive Director of the Parliament of World's Religions*



**Archbishop Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher** *Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance*



**Prof. Dr. Azza Karam** *Secretary General of Religions for Peace*



**Judge Mohamed Abdelsalam**, Secretary General of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity



**H. H. Sadhguru** *TBCA Yogi, Mystic & Visionary - Founder of Isha Foundation*



**Rabbi David Rosen** *American Jewish Committee, International Director of Interreligious Affairs*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth at UNEP*

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**16:00 Launch of Online Courses** During this session the following online learning courses will be presented:

- UPEACE, LWF, ISCREB and Faith for Earth, KAICIID's joint e-learning course Engaging Faith Actors to Support the Implementation Process of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Faith for Earth and KAICIID's 8 thematic online courses called Faith, Environment and Climate Change focusing on the intersection of faith and various aspects of environmental sustainability.
- Yale FORE and Coursera's free Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) titled Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community.



**Mary Evelyn Tucker** *Co-Chair of Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology*



**Gayatri Raghwa** *Education Specialist, UNEP India Office UN Environment Programme*



**Armen Rostomyan** *Senior Programme Manager KAICIID*



**Euan McCartney** *Associate Programme Management Officer, UNEP Faith for Earth*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth at UNEP*

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**17:30 Faith for Earth: A Call for Action** A quick look at the uptake of the book by different religious organizations as well as discuss ways and means to strengthen it by discussing with scientific institutions its adoption as a global resource in educational institutions as a resource book, while digitizing some relevant training courses emanating from its different chapters.



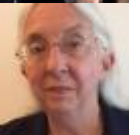
**Mary Evelyn Tucker** *Co-Chair - Yale Forum on Religions and Ecology*



**David Hales** *Chair of the Climate Action Group at the Parliament of world's Religions*



**Tatiana Brailvskaya** *Author and Executive Editor*



**Kusumita Pedersen** *Chair Interfaith Center of New York and Trustee Parliament of the World's Religions*



**Michael Trice** *Director – The Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement and founder of Religica*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth*



**Imam Saffet A. Catovic** *ISNA Office for Interfaith and Community Alliances (IOICA) and Chair of Climate Action at PoWR*



**Laurel Kearns**, *Professor of Ecology, Society, and Religion - Drew Theological School*



**Ursula Goodenough**, *Professor of Biology Emerita at Washington University*

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**14:00 The Role of Accredited Faith-based Organisations** FBOs accredited with UNEP can effectively engage in the design and implementation of UNEP global programs and initiatives. As Civil Society Organizations, they play a central role in providing expertise and scientific knowledge, informing local needs and opinions, as well as identifying and assessing the “on the ground” realities of policy decisions. This session aims to explore the role that accredited faith-based organisations need to play in multilateral environmental negotiations.



**Aurora Cheung** *Civil Society Unit at UNEP*



**Gorden Simango**, *Director, Liaison Office to the African & Advocacy All African Conference of Churches (AACC)*



**Peter Aburi** *Baha'i International Community*



**Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash** *Anglican Consultative Council*



**Dr. Husna Ahmed** *Global One 2015*



**Henrik Grape** *World Council of Churches*

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**16:00 Grassroots Interfaith Action for Climate Justice** The purpose of this session is to facilitate a space for dialogue and exchange of views about climate impacts and practical actions FBOs can take to address them and promote an interfaith collaboration and inclusive perspective to climate action.



Niklas Hagelberg (UNEP)



Kanyinke Sena, (Indigenous Peoples of African Coordinating Committee - IPACC)



Rev. Dr. Rachel Mash, (Green Anglicans)



Dr. Sophie Robé (FIIND Impact Foundation)



Karina Soemarwoto FIIND Impact Foundation

Dr. Sophie Robé CEO of FIIND Impact

Beth Roach Co-founder of Alliance of Native Seedkeepers

Meryne Warah Co-facilitator and coordinator of GreenFaith

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**16:00 Working Group on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration.** This session aims to facilitate a space for dialogue and exchange of views, ideas, and practices on biodiversity protection and ecosystem restoration related issues and activities and promote interfaith collaboration and inclusive perspectives to ecosystems restoration.



**Gopal Patel** *Director of BhumiGlobal*



**Chantal Elkin** *Head of the Beliefs & Values Programme at WWF*



**Andrew Schwartz** *Center for Earth Ethics*



**Laura D'Arcy**, *Trillion Trees*



**Sheren Sestra**, WWF Nepal



**Tom Barasa**, Kenya



**Sonja Ohlsson**, Brahma Kumaris

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**14:00 Faith for Earth Youth Coalition: UK Youth Council** Launch of the UK Youth Council under the Faith for Earth Coalition.



**Saba Yasin** *Climate Action Project Officer, Islamic Help*



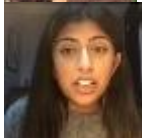
**Imam Habib Khan** *'Religious Advocate of the Year', British Muslim Awards 2020*



**Finn Pierau** *MSc, Sustainable Consumption*



**Edward Sonin** *Youth Climate Activist*



**Devena Chouhan** *Youth Co-ordinator at Hindu Climate Action*



**Rachel Mander** *Founder and Campaigns Lead, YCCN (Young Christian Climate Network) - Strategy Development Officer, A Rocha International*



**Amran Mohamed** *Faith For Climate Youth Ambassador*



**Sanaa Pasha** *Coming soon*



**Jasmeet Kaur** *Youth Ambassador, EcoSikh UK*



**Lucy Plummer** *Soka Gakkai International UK and Religions for Peace UK Interfaith Youth Network*

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**16:00 Freedom of Religion & Belief: Climate Change and FoRB: Protecting our Environment and Needs of All** This Dialogue will provide parliamentarians, faith leaders and influencers and civil society actors space to look together at the relationship between FoRB and climate change. It will explore the role that each can play in ensuring that the needs of all unempowered groups are addressed and how these can be integrated into national (city, town and village-wide) climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. It will also explore the steps that need to be taken to address the existing discrimination against religious or belief communities that make them more susceptible to climate vulnerability.



**John Knox** *Former UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director of Faith for Earth*



**Catherine Thane** *International Panel of Parliamentarians for FoRB*



**Archbishop Mark MacDonald** *Indigenous Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Canada*

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**17:30 Innovation Expo** A demonstration of innovative and creative projects by faith-based organisations around the world with the potential to scale climate solutions.



**Suzanne Deering** *Manager Partnerships at Terrae Vitae*



**Arianne Neele** *Soil Expert & Product Developer at Terrae Vitae*



**Petra Wadström** *Solvatten*



**Runa Ray** *Fashion designer and environmentalist*



**Brennan VanDyke** *Chief, Capacity Development and Innovation Branch - Science Division of UNEP*



**Peter Nitschke** *Global Director of Community Partnerships - Plastic Bank*



**Mary Githiomi** *Team Leader at International Aid Services – Kenya*



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**16:00 Faith for Earth Coalition: Faith-Science Consortium** This session seeks to discuss the nexus of religion/faith and science and its definition for the purpose of the Faith Science Consortium within the Faith for Earth Coalition and identify the work plan and strategy of the Faith-Science Consortium.



**Mary Evelyn Tucker** *Co-Chair Yale FoRE*



**Esben Larson** *Director of WRI Faith and Sustainability*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director of Faith for Earth – UNEP*



**Ursula Goodenough** *Professor of Biology Emerita Washington University in St. Louis*



**Rev. Dr. Christopher Carter** *Department of Theology & Religious Studies University of San Diego*

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**17:30 Faith, Values & Ethics in Environmental Governance** Belief systems – among which stand culture and religion – hold the potential to influence both individual behaviors, and societal norms and laws. These systems affect human’s interaction with, and perception of the environment. This makes them important components and mediums for galvanizing action towards protecting the environment, with the mobilization of belief systems’ forming an important backdrop in advancing environmentally conscious agendas.



**Kusumita Pedersen** *Chair of the Interfaith Center of New York and Trustee Member, Climate Action Task Force Parliament of the World’s Religions – Moderator*



**Mona Polacca** *Original Caretaker - Center for Earth Ethics*



**Husna Ahmad** *Director of Global One 2015*



**Kehkashan Basu** *Founder of Green Hope and Trustee at Parliament of World’s Religions*



**Rabbi Daniel Swartz** *Executive Director Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life*





**Gauranga Das** *Director of Ecovillage*



**Daniel Perell** *Bahai International Community Representative at the UN*



**Archbishop Prof. Dr. theol. Dr. phil. Thomas Schirrmacher, PhD, DD** *Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance*



**Prof. Dr. Patricia Mbote** *Director - Law Division – UNEP*

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**14:00 Strengthening Linkages Between Faith Communities and Nature-Based Solutions** Showcasing successful stories from the field, the session will focus on the perspective and role of faith actors by looking at case studies and best practises that could be replicable - addressing Indigenous knowledge, adaptation measures, partnerships/ coalition building and ecosystem restoration.



**Tim Christophersen** *Head, Nature for Climate Branch - Ecosystems Division - UNEP*



**Tom Barasa** *Consultant, WWF-Kenya*



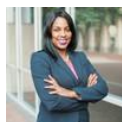
**Jessica Troni** *Portfolio Manager, Climate Change Adaptation - UNEP*



**Rabbi Yonatan Neril** *Founder and Director of The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)*



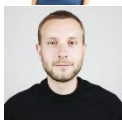
**Alvin Chandra** *Programme Management Officer at UN Environment Programme*



**Norah Norah Cherotich Ngeny** *Global Adaptation Network, UNEP*



**Jungin Hwang** *ICE Network*



**Oscar Ivanova** *Regional Liaison for the African Region, Global Adaptation Network (GAN) Climate Change Adaptation Unit (CCAU)*



**Lindlyn Moma** *Director of Advocacy at Laudato Si Movement*

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**16:00 What the World Expects from Faith-based Organisations and What We Should Do** The directors of six leading religion and ecology NGOs and initiatives will share their perspectives on the religion and ecology movement. Their work addresses the climate and environmental crises through policy advocacy, grassroots activism, sustainable lifestyles, religious education and worldviews, asset and facility management, habitat and species protection, science-policy-faith nexus integration, and more. There is a huge upswelling globally of innovative faith-based environmental programs - from religious funds in the trillions of dollars moving to sustainable investments, to on the ground forest and wildlife protection projects, to channeling vast faith-based tree planting to restore degraded natural areas, to powerful climate change advocacy and sustainable consumption initiatives.

Well organized and mobilized, the religious sector could become one of the most effective forces to address the climate and environmental crises. Over the past thirty years, researchers, environmentalists, and business and political leaders have come to understand the uniquely valuable role of religion in relation to climate change and environmental conservation. Groundbreaking work by a core of global religious environmental organizations, select high-level religious leaders, and many religious communities, has begun to harness the religious sector's enormous size and considerable power for ecological sustainability.



**Susan Hendershot** *President at Interfaith Power & Light - Session Moderator*



**Martin Palmer** *Founder and CEO of FaithInvest*



**Fletcher Harper** *Executive Director of GreenFaith*



**Rabbi Yonatan Neril** *Founder and Director of The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)*



**Jakir Manela** *CEO of Hazon and Pearlstone*



**Chantal Elkin** *Head of the Beliefs & Values Programme at WWF*

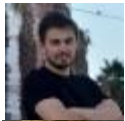


**Sonam Yangchen** *Program Officer, WWF Bhutan Program*

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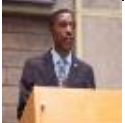
**16:00 Local Challenges, Local Solutions: Faith Groups for Climate Action** Given the size of their influence, and the significance of their wisdom and experience, FBOs are key stakeholders in helping to ensure a livable planet for all. To realise their full potential, it is essential to engage and support faith actors through capacity-building activities, which includes education, grassroots coordination and support for taking plans to scale, locally, regionally, nationally and globally. This session seeks to explore the ways in which faith-based organisations can leverage on support from the Faith Plans Programme and the Faith for Earth National Coordination Hubs.



**Daniel Eror** *URI Global Trustee - President Youth for Peace, Bosnia and Herzegovina.*



**Dr. Lorna Gold** *Movement Building FaithInvest*



**Allen Ottaro** *Executive Director Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa*



**Lauren Van Ham** *Climate Coordinator United Religions Initiative (URI)*



**Catherine Devitt** *Faith Plans Programme Manager FaithInvest*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth at UNEP*

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**17:30 Interfaith Rainforest Initiative (IRI)**

Religions in Action for the Protection and Restoration of Forests: Lessons from the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative in Brazil, Colombia, DRC and Peru



**Inger Andersen** – *UN Under Secretary General and Executive Director of UNEP*  
**Blanca Echeverry** *National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative Colombia*



**Carlos Vicente** *National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative Brazil*



**Laura Vargas** *National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative Peru*



**Rev. Matthieu Bonketo** *National Facilitator, Interfaith Rainforest Initiative Peru*



**Dr. Jane Goodall** *Founder, Jane Goodall Institute by Video*



**Siham Drissi** *Program Management Officer, UNEP OR*



**Dr. Charles McNeill** *Senior Policy Advisor, Forests and Climate, UNEP*



**Ambassador Hans Brattskar** *Special Envoy, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Government of Norway*



**Rev. Romi Bencke** *General Secretary, National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC); Advisory Council member; IRI Brazil (TBC)*



**Monseñor Alfredo Vizcarra** *Coordinador of Red Eclesial Panamazónica (REPAM) in Perú; Advisory Council member, IRI Peru (TBC)*



**Bishop Francisco Duque** *Anglican Church of Colombia; Advisory Council member, IRI Colombia (TBC)*



**Abbé Donatien Nshole** *Secretary General, Conférence Episcopale Nationale du Congo (CENCO); Co-President, IRI DRC (TBC)*

**14:00 Al-Mizan: Covenant for the Earth** Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth presents an Islamic outlook of the environment in a bid to strengthen local, regional, and international actions that combat climate change and other threats to the planet. It is a global endeavor to engage Islamic scholars and Muslim institutions in the development and adoption of this Call.

Al-Mizan - A Covenant for the Earth is a restatement of the principles governing the protection of nature in a form that meets current challenges. It examines the ethics behind the social patterning of human existence and enquires into how they could be brought to life today working in harmony with the heartbeat of the natural world.



**Fazlun Khaled** *Founder of the Islamic Foundation on Ecology and Environmental Studies*



**Dr. Othman Abd-ar-Rahman Llewellyn** *Ecological planner and member of the IUCN World Commissions on Protected Areas and Environmental Law*



**Dr. Ibrahim Özdemir** *Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences - University of Uskudar*



**Prof. Dr. Azizan Baharuddin** *Director Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya and UKM-YSD Chair for Sustainability*



**Kamran Shezad** *Founder of Bahu Trust and Director of the Islamic Foundation on Ecology and Environmental Studies*



**Fadila Grine** *Senior Advisor Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum*

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**10:00 Mindfulness, Faith & Sustainability** The purpose of this session is to provide a space to discuss the interlinkages between how mindfulness can induce individuals and communities to adopt sustainable behaviors, specifically, working towards SDG 12.

This session will also focus on how ideas of mindfulness are already present in many different faiths, and how focusing on meditation, collective prayer, and other mindfulness practices can help address the triple planetary crisis.



**Venerable U. Dhammajiva Maha Thero** *Abbot of Nissarana Vanaya Monastery and Co-Chair of 'Mindfulness for Earth' Initiative*



**Swami Gunatitananda Saraswati** *Resident Swami of Chinmaya Mission of Sri Lanka and Member of 'Mindfulness for Earth' Initiative*



**Venerable Ringu Tulku Rinpoche** *Founder of Bodhicharya International and Co-Chair of 'Mindfulness for Earth' Initiative*



**Dr Tara de Mel** *Co-Founder of Mindful Educators, Sri Lanka and Co-Founder of 'Mindfulness for Earth' Initiative*



**Dr. Kumanga Andrahennadi** *Founder of CALM: Centre for Advanced Learning of Mindfulness and Co-Founder of 'Mindfulness for Earth' Initiative*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director of Faith for Earth*

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**16:00 Faith and Food: Nature Positive Solutions for a Flourishing World** This discussion should seek to leverage the role of faith actors in addressing major issues across food systems. Naturally, faith actors can't address all the above factors simultaneously, so focus should be on establishing where faith actors can draw upon their comparative advantages to have the most immediate and positive impact, rather than discussing the broader issues.



**Andrew Schwartz** *Center for Earth Ethics - Moderator of the Session*



**Kelly Moltzen** *Interfaith Public Health Network – IPHN*



**Steve Chiu** *Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation USA*



**Lyla June Johnston** *Indigenous Scholar and Artist*



**Dr. Stefanos Fotiou** *UNFSS Coordination Hub*



**Dr. Marium Husain** *Islamic Medical Association of North America – IMANA*



**Dr. Cristina Tirado** *International Fund for Agricultural Development – IFAD*



**James Lomax** *United Nations Environment Programme*



**14:00 The Power of Religious/Faith Partnerships to Safeguard Nature: PaRD a case in point** The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD), established in 2016, brings together partners from all over the world in order to harness the positive impact of religion and values in sustainable development and humanitarian assistance. Membership in PaRD is voluntary and currently comprises of 135 organisations bringing diverse perspectives and expertise. Membership is open to all governmental and intergovernmental entities, civil society and nongovernmental organisations such as religious and value-driven organisations, secular NGOs, community initiatives, foundations, academic institutions and other relevant development organisations.



**Archbishop Prof. Dr. theol. Dr. phil. Thomas Schirmacher, PhD, DD** *Secretary General WEA*



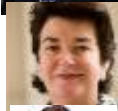
**Dinesh Suna**, Coordinator of the Ecumenical Water Network (EWN) at WCC, PaRD WECARE Co-lead



**Joan Okitoi-Heisig**, Project Manager, WEA Sustainability Center, PaRD WECARE Co-lead



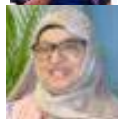
**Peter Prove**, Director, CCIA, WCC, Chair of PaRD



**Jean Duff**, President, Partnership for Faith and Development



**Katherine Marshall**, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs



**Husna Ahmad**, CEO of Global One 2015



**Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati**, Secretary General, GIWA



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**14:00 Faith – the Solution to Pollution?** This session will introduce the purpose and efforts of the Multifaith Action Group on Pollution, focusing on sharing knowledge, exchanging experiences, and promoting good practices. It will serve to mobilize engagement between and among Faith-Based-Organizations and encourage interfaith collaboration in tackling pollution and waste issues.



**Rt. Rev. Dr. Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian**, Bishop, Church of South India



**Luyanda Hlatshwayo**, African Reclaimers Organisation



**Rabbi Ed Rosenthal**, Founder, Tikkun HaYam



**Shayna Cohen**, Community and Expansion Director, Tikkun HaYam



**Mari Williams**, Senior Policy Adviser, Tearfund



**Parthaa Bosu**, Lead Advisor India, Environmental Defense Fund



**Emina Frljak** - Educational Programmes Coordinator, Youth for Peace

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**10:00 Faith in Action: Only One Earth** All religions, faith traditions and spiritual teachings guide us to care for the bountiful creation of the nature, living simply, and preventing the generation of waste. In line with the 2022 World Environment Day theme, 'Only One Earth' and building on the saga of the initiatives that Faith for Earth Councilors in India, began last year this session aims to highlight the indisputable fact that the time is Now to bring about a transformative change. It is time to live sustainably in harmony with nature and bring about the choices that create a positive impact on the environment we live in. Choices that can be influenced by spiritual guidance at an individual level and community level.

This dialogue seeks to highlight the knowledge resources that individuals and communities at the local level can use to alter their choices and address global problems like pollution, desertification, and climate change. The engagement also seeks to provide a call to action to strengthen the movement of living in harmony with nature, translate our values and spiritual teachings into action, empower the youth to make sustainable choices and support local initiatives. It aims to strengthen the fabric of interfaith relations at a national level to make our planet a harmonious place to live in.



**Hon. Mr. Atul Bagai** *Head of UNEP India Office*



**Hon. Shri Gauranga Das Ji** *ISKCON Governing Body Commissioner (GBC) and Director, Govardhan Eco Village*





**Shri Pinaki Dasgupta** Secretary - Shristi Cooperation Circle, United Religions Initiative



**Ms Kamna Swami** Senior Technical Advisor and Project Coordinator Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



**Hon. Pujya Sister BK Shivani ji** Director for Europe and Middle East of Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University (BKWSU) and Brahma Kumaris NGO Representative to the United Nations, Geneva



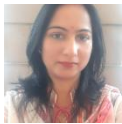
**Hon. Shri Yuri Jain ji** Isha Foundation Former Global Vice President, Unilever



**Shri Vipul Shah** Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur, COO, Reliance Petrochemical Industries



**Hon. Shri Swami Dipankar Ji** Founder and Chairman Dipankar Dhyana Foundation



**Hon. Ms. Mamta Bishnoi** Project Coordinator for Bishnoi community



**Hon. Dr Mathew Koshy Punnackad** Hon. Director CSI Synod Department of Ecological Concerns, Church of South India



**Hon. Dr. AK Merchant** General Secretary Temple of Understanding India Foundation; National Trustee cum Secretary, Lotus Temple & Bahá'í Community of India



**Hon. Shri Bhayva Shrivastava** Head, Religion World



**Atmarpit Vidhiji** Senior Renunciate and Executive Committee on Environment, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur



**Mary Pat Fisher** Gobind Sadan



**Hon. Haji Syed Salman Chishty Ji** Chairman, Chishty Foundation, Ajmer Sharif



**Subhi Dhupar** UNEP India



**Tanya Sablok** URI North India

**14:00 Faith for Earth Youth Coalition**

Council of the Youth: Composed of young faith leaders as well as leaders of youth movements advocating for the protection of the Earth. The Council of Youth is a platform to mobilize young people as global ambassadors on Faith for Earth across the Coalition and beyond. Participating young leaders will learn how to address environmental degradation and climate change at the local level and will encourage innovation, mobilize actions, especially focusing on the local level. The Council of Youth aims to promote an understanding of the connection between faith principles and environmental issues among young people. The Council of the Youth has Regional and Local sub-councils. Their task is to mobilize youth on the ground and implement Coalition projects and activities in local faith communities.



**Shantanu Mandal** *Youth representative of the Brahma Kumaris to UN Environment Program Major Group for Children and Youth. Thematic Facilitator - Faith-Based Engagement*



**Alphonse Munyao Muia** *Faith and Environment Thematic Facilitator in the UNEP Children and Youth Major Group Global Steering Committee & Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability*



**Nicholas Pande** *Team lead – Environmental Stewardship & Disaster Resilience Affiliation: Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa*



**Erasto Richard Magamba** *Acting Youth Coordinator of the Diocese of Kampala, Commonwealth Youth Parliamentarian, and Climate Justice & Human Rights Activist Affiliation: The Diocese of Kampala*



**Kehkashan Basu** *Founder of Green Hope and Trustee at Parliament of World's Religions*



**Fadila Grine** *Senior Advisor Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum*



**Dr. Bernd Hirschberger** *European Co-President of FIMCAP, The International Federation of Catholic Parochial Youth Movements (FIMCAP)*



**Abdullahi Abdi Mohamed** *Chair Person of the Somali Youth Development Foundation*



**Carrick Reddin** *Project Manager for the Faith and Sustainability Initiative (WRI) World Resources Institute*



**Daniel del Valle Blanco** *Political and Youth Advisor - Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations*



**Lejla Hasandedic-Dapo** *URI Europe CC Liaison Officer Affiliation: United Religions Initiative*



**Francisca Ziniel** *Representative Affiliation: Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)*



**Chris Manktelow** *Young Christian Climate Network*



**Rachel Mander** *Founder and Campaigns Lead, YCCN (Young Christian Climate Network) - Strategy Development Officer, A Rocha International*



**Natalija Vojno** *Rotary Peace Fellow*



**Iyad Abumoghli** *Director - Faith for Earth at UNEP*



**16:00 Faiths Respond to Stockholm+50 & UNEP@50** The international Stockholm+50 high-level meeting serves as an urgent, all-out effort to turn things around, thus playing a crucial role in making 2022 a year defined by successful global action. Thus, the core aim of Stockholm+50 is to accelerate progress towards the SDGs, overcome the setbacks induced by the global pandemic through long-term recovery plans, and redefine humanity's relationship with nature to foster prosperity within the planetary bounds. Five elements are center stage at Stockholm+50: Regeneration, Recovery, Rebalance, Renewal, and Reimagination.



**Karena Gore** *Founder and Director - Center for Earth Ethics - Moderator of the Session*



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