

Faith for Earth Updates March 7, 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Welcome to Nairobi and to the **Faith for Earth Dialogue** at the UN Environment Assembly UNEA4.

I already have had the pleasure to welcome some of you today, and I am eager to welcome all of you on Monday.

I am so much delighted that we already have **131 registered faith leaders** representing **51 organizations**. This is the first time in the history of UN Environment and will be a historical milestone to keep its momentum, and possibly exceed in the future.

Our updated schedule is on the <u>website</u> and on the Events App of UN Environment on <u>Apple</u> or <u>Google</u>.

This morning we have organized the first coordination meeting with some of the Faith for Earth community who are already in Nairobi. I would like to invite you all to a broader coordination meeting on Tuesday 12 March at 11:30 am – 13:00 pm at the Faith for Earth Tent. I would like to start the tradition of making these meetings owned by the Faith for Earth community. So kindly **send me your nominations of the first chair for the first meeting**. You can also self-nominate.

The main purpose of such a meeting is to get to know one another, discuss future communication channels, relay your expectations of the Faith for Earth Initiative and illustrate your commitments to the Faith for Earth community. One of our major outputs for 2019 as UN Environment is to create a Faith for Earth Coalition, that would need a charter, structure and rules of engagement. Your thoughts on this would help us move forward.

Today, the Major Groups and Stakeholders meetings have started and many of you are attending. You have shown interest that the Faith Community should be recognized as a standalone category under the Major Groups and stakeholders. Therefore, your efforts in achieving that will make it happen. I am delighted to share with you a snapshot of our distinguished faith leaders who will be speaking at the Faith for Earth Dialogue.

Welcome again and let's make a difference.

Best wishes Iyad

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Faith for Earth Side-Events at UNEA 4

Faith for Earth Initiative UN Environment March 11th - 15th 2019



‡Target Group: Open for accredited and non-accredited organizations

#March 11 ±15, 08:00 ±13:00, Faith and SDGs Tent

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Eco-just Churches and Communities: Models for Living with Justice and Sustainability

Monday, 11th March, 10:30 A.M -12:00 P.M. World Council of Churches All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC)

Athena Peralta, Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice, World Council of Churches, <u>athena.Peralta@wcc-coe.org</u>

About the event

Tacklingthe climate and larger ecological clisis demands deep-seated changes in the way we consume and produce Churches and faithbased communities are stepping up to this challenge The event will discuss a roadmap for churches, congregation and communities to live sustainably and build economies of life in local contexts. It will show case concrete examples of how faith-based communities are practicing and applying life-giving agriculture and forestry, climate friendly energy and transport solutions, sustainable consumption and creative alternative economic models.

PossibleOutcome to share good practices from churches and faith communities and to empower each other to meet and organizeour daily needs in a just and sustainable way.

Speakers and Themes

Thissessions moderated by Dr. AgnesAbuom, Moderator, World Council of Churchesand ExecutiveDirector, TAABCOTheme Welcomeand opening Therole of ChristianChurches in addressingecologicachallenges

- 1. Prof. Dr. JesseMugambi, Professor, University of Nairobi, <u>Theme</u> Empowered to a transformative faith
- 2. Rev Norman Tendis Consultantfor Economyof Life, WCC, and Pastor, Evangelical LutheranChurchin Austria, <u>Theme</u> Roadmapfor an Economyof Life and Ecological Justice a tool for engagement
- 3. Bishop Arnold Temple, Dr Bright Mawudor, Ms Afiwa Allahare from All Africa Conference f Churches, Theme Stories of commitment and hope from Africa
- 4. Prof. Dr. Mathew Koshy Punnackad Director, Churchof South India Department of Ecologica Concerns, <u>Theme</u> Stories of commitment and hope from Asia (India)
- 5. (In groups), <u>Theme</u> Sharingand developingnew stories
- 6. (In plenary); <u>Theme</u> Harvestinginitiatives



Dr. Agnes buom

Dr. Agnes Abuom from Kenya serves as the moderator of the central committee of the World chest the first woman and African velopment consultant, her passion the areas of economic justice

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