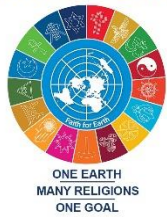


FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth Updates July 19, 2019



Dear Sisters and Brothers;

Faith for Earth has co-organized two important events this week with great attendance and outcomes.

International Conference on Laudato Si, 15 and 16 July 2019 at UNEP

Around 300 young leaders from around the world met over two days 15 and 16 July in Nairobi for the 2nd International **Conference on Laudato Si Generation** marking the 4th Anniversary of Laudato Si and 5th Anniversary of **CYNESA**. Monsignor Bruno Duffè lead the Vatican **Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development** delegation. As an immediate action, some young participants have already started the formation of the **Faith for Earth Youth Council** as part of the **Global Faith for Earth Coalition**. Working groups were engaged in discussing interfaith collaboration, youth, indigenous people and Africa. Presentations of the conference can be downloaded **HERE**. Photos can be downloaded **HERE** and videos **HERE**. During the conference "Our Planet" Series by WWF and Netflix was played (**Trailer here**). The third day high level **meetings** were organized between the Vatican and UNEP after which the Great Green Wall Documentary was pre-screened and discussions were held (**See a short video here**).

The Conference has seen some media coverage

UNEP DED Address to the Second International Conference on Laudato Si: Young People Caring for Our Common Home

Africa CGTN: Young people look to faith teachings to save the planet

Crux Now: Conference tries to tackle climate crisis in Africa

Xinhua China: Feature: African youth vow to be on frontline of climate change fight as crises mount

Daily Maverick: Cardinal urges global youth to act on climate crisis

LaudatoSi19 hashtag was trending on Monday 15 July.

A **report is being prepared** with highlights of next steps. Stay tuned.

Kofi Annan Faith Briefings at the High Level Political Forum 15 July 2019

Annual Kofi Annan FAITH BRIEFINGS - Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality was held on Monday in New York on 15 July by the UN Task Force on Religion and Development and the Interfaith Advisory Council. The **Faith for Earth Initiative** organized the part on Climate Change. The discussions were moderated by Charles McNeill and Rev. Victor Kazanjian (URI) and included eminent speakers representing different interfaith organizations:

Opening Remarks: Ms. Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat

Jamil Ahmad (Director of Intergovernmental Affairs- UNEP's New York Office), Presentation on UN Environment Faith for Earth Strategy and UNEA Faith for Earth Dialogue that has mobilized 135 faith leaders representing 56 FBOs

Mary-Evelyn Tucker (Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology) - Presentation on the Rainforest initiative as an interfaith practical initiative with several FBOs
Gopal Patel - GreenFaith Interfaith work

Audrey Kitagawa (Chair of the Parliament of Worlds' Religions and member of the Advisory Council) - Presentation on the Climate Action Interfaith project

Rev. Ken Kitatani, Forum 21

Karenn Gore - Engagement on Climate Action

A **brief of the discussion** will be shared soon.

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