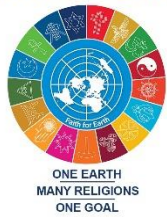


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Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Greetings of November.

Water in Times of Climate Crisis

His All Holiness Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, and His Eminence Cardinal Peter Turkson, the Prefect of the Dicastery of Integral Human Development at the Vatican, lead dozens of religion leaders, FBOs, Academia, and representatives of the water authorities of Amsterdam, Cape Town and Jakarta during the [Symposium on Water in Times of Climate Change](#) 6-7 November in Amsterdam. Faith for Earth gave a key note perspectives of intergovernmental organizations linking water issues to the role of religions and FBOs. The conference focused on water issues of sinking cities, flooded cities and water scarce cities. Participants discussed success stories and lessons learnt from those three cities and the role of faith-based organizations in tackling them. The symposium issued the Amsterdam Statement highlighting concrete actions in areas related to dealing with too much and too little rain, conversation between religions and politics, economy in conservation, politics and science, religion economy, and water and climate change. The Chair of the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Development moderated the sessions of the symposium.

Kiambu High School Plants Three Thousand Trees

Part of its celebration of the 550th birthday of Guru Nanak, the Sikh Community leaders visited Kiambu High School and planted thousands of trees, donated computers and food supply for several months. Faith for Earth participated on 2 November in planting 250 trees at the school premises. Muslims, Christians and Sikh were determined to enhance interfaith collaboration to fight climate change and provide better educational environment for the children of Kenya.

The World Tolerance Summit

For the second year, following the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis and Sheikh Alazhar to UAE and signing the [Fraternity Letter](#) calling the citizens of the world to live in harmony, peace and cooperation, the [World Tolerance Summit](#) was held in Dubai 13-14 November 2019. The Summit focused on how education and knowledge-sharing can be a powerful tools to raise awareness on tolerance in diversity. The Summit considered issues vital to the promotion of tolerance and peaceful co-existence, and its impact on the social fabric of the society. Representatives of women, youth, educators, employees, students, artists, government officials, entrepreneurs - joined the Summit to share their insights on building a tolerant society. Faith for Earth participated in the discussions and show cased the initiative in the Expo that was organized side-by-side to the Summit.

Emissions Gap Report 2019

The much-anticipated Emissions Gap Report 2019 was released by UNEP on Tuesday. The report presents the latest data on the expected gap in 2030 for the 1.5°C and 2°C temperature targets of the Paris Agreement. It considers different scenarios, from no new climate policies since 2005 to full implementation of all national commitments under the Paris Agreement. For the first time, it looks at how large annual cuts would need to be from 2020 to 2030 to stay on track to meeting the Paris goals. This year, the report looks at the potential of the energy transition – particularly in the power, transport and buildings sectors – and efficiency in the use of materials such as iron steel and cement. [Click here](#) to interact with the report.

World Environment Day Celebrations in 2019 witnessed 460 Faith-based activities.

More than 480 activities were held by 56 faith-based organizations in 40 countries to celebrate the world Environment Day on 5 June 2019 with the theme “Beat Air Pollution”. Faith for Earth has made a compilation of the highlights of these activities around the world. [Check your registered activity](#) and see what others have done. Kudos to India with the highest number of activities and to Brahma Kumaris and Aisha Foundation for their massive campaigns around the world including planting trees, seminars, awareness campaigns and other activities.

Have you missed any of the Faith for Earth News Updates?

If you missed any of the previous updates of the Faith for Earth News and Updates, we have made them available online on our website. They are [available online](#) in chronological order. We will keep updating our website to keep you engaged and informed.

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Warm wishes
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