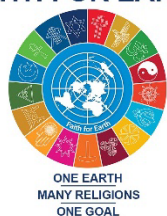


FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth Updates on 22 May 2020



What a spiritual week ahead of us!

22nd May – [Declaration of the Bab](#) – Baha'i

23rd/24th May – [Eid Elfiter](#) – Muslim

24th May – 5th [Anniversary of Laudato Si](#) – Catholic/Global

28th May – [Shavuot](#) – Judaism

28th May - [Ascension of Baha'ullah](#) - Baha'i

29th May – [Ascension Day](#) – Orthodox

31st May – [Pentecost](#) - Christianity

World Environment Day - 5 June 2020: Time for Nature

Thank you very much for those who have communicated their planned events for the World Environment Day. Now you can **Register** your events [HERE](#). The theme for this year's **World Environment Day**, on 5 June is biodiversity, "Time for Nature". You can take the [Quiz](#) to test your knowledge about biodiversity, and access a [practical guide](#) for individuals, cities, governments, **faith communities**, schools & universities, businesses and civil society. You can also create your own materials by downloading the campaign [visual guidelines](#). Stay updated and [subscribe](#) to World Environment Day newsletters. Thank you to our partners who have contributed their [religions' perspectives on biodiversity](#).

The First National Faith for Earth Hub – Faith for Earth India

Recognizing the importance of getting closer to faith communities around the world, and part of the Faith for Earth Strategy to nationalize our work, UNEP India Office has designed and adopted a national Faith for Earth Strategy and Action plan that will be officially launched on 5th of June on the World Environment Day. For more information, please communicate with Mr. Gayatri Raghwa (gayatri.raghwa@un.org) Faith for Earth Coordinator in India or Mr. Atul Bagai (bagai@un.org) Head of UNEP's India Office. Three more countries will announce their national Faith for Earth action plans in 2020. Stay tuned!

Laudato Si Exhibition Webinar 22 May at 16:00 Nairobi Time

Faith for Earth initiative will be joining the Global Catholic Movement of Africa, the Catholic University of Eastern Africa, MotherEarth Network, Interfaith Public Health Network, Mercy sisters, Harmony Institute and others in commemorating the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si by announcing divestment and singing with the Waka Waka

band while discussing how Laudato Si and Faith for Earth are mobilizing global action. An exhibition of photos of successful stories from our Laudato Si Generation members will be displayed. [Join the event here](#).

SDG and Laudato Si' Towards Eco-Solidarity

On May 24th at 7 pm Manila (2:00 pm Nairobi), Faith for Earth will be joining Living Laudato Si Philippines and the Vatican Dicastery for Integral Human Development in discussing the SDGs and how Laudato Si is addressing all 17 Goals and how Faith for Earth is addressing the “green” SDGs. Join the conversation [HERE](#).

The Role of Faith-Based Organizations in The Green Recovery

On the eve of World Environment Day, UNEP's Faith for Earth Initiative and WWF will convene global faith leaders to explore the role of faith groups in advocating for a green recovery in a post-COVID world. This online discussion on 4th June at 10am - 11.15am EST, will look at the role of faith in supporting a green economy, ensuring financial investments from faith groups are aligned with their values, and charting a new course for nature. To listen to the discussions between the [Partnership for Action on Green Economy](#), along High Level Speakers from [WWF](#), [FaithInvest](#), [Tzu Chi Foundation](#) and many other FBOs please join us [HERE](#).

The Living Chapel

Join us on 5 June in the launch of [The Living Chapel](#) at 17:00 Pm Rome time. We will be live from the Vatican botanical garden witnessing the amazing Living Chapel in display and literally listen to the symphony of the trees composed by the Australian-Canadian music composer Julian Darius Revie with the support of over 100 students, inspired by the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical Laudato Si'. Julian is an Associate Director of Music at Saint Thomas More, the Catholic Chapel at Yale University. The Living Chapel is a temporary home to thousands of saplings of dozens of tree species from Central and Southern Europe, representing an authentic example of biodiversity. A collection of ancient 'forgotten' fruit trees native to Italy's Umbria region is planted in recycled oil barrels surrounding the garden, representing invaluable biodiversity and cultural heritage. To know more and participate in the launch please [visit HERE](#).

UNEP's Response to COVID 19

While Faith for Earth continues collating [Faith-Based actions](#) to COVID19, UNEP has been working on a global strategy and approach to the Pandemic. response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This [webpage](#) includes a strategy entitled “Working with the environment to protect people: UNEP's Covid-19 response”, as well as detailed individual fact sheets that explore each focus area. UNEP [aggregates](#) all UNEP-related content with regard to COVID-19, including stories, events, press releases and relevant reports.

Participate in an open webinar discussion on the UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration

UNEP is pleased to invite you to a public webinar on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. UNEP and FAO as lead agencies for the implementation of the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) will provide a general update on the preparation of its official launch; Core partners will present current and upcoming activities to contribute to an impactful implementation of the Decade. Join us on **Wednesday, 27 May 2020, from 3:00 - 4:30 PM EAT**. To participate please directly [click here](#) at the announced time and feel free to forward this message to anyone you think could be interested in the discussion. If you want to receive updates on the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, click [here to register](#).

Accreditation to UN Environment Assembly

You can apply for accreditation using the [New Online Accreditation System](#) and gain a consultative status within the [rules of procedure](#) of the [UN Environment Assembly](#), please refer to the criteria for accreditation as derived from Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure and submit your request accordingly. [Guidelines here](#).

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