



# FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER  
14 MARCH 2022

THE TIME IS NOW FOR BOLD, AMBITIOUS AND EFFECTIVE ACTIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a turbulent start to the year! [UNEP celebrates 50 years](#) as the world's leading advocate for nature, using science, diplomacy and public outreach to counter a range of threats, from pollution to climate change, [14 resolutions to Strengthen Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals](#), and the Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2\*.

\*The Team is preparing a report towards the **end of March** that summarises key findings and the way forward following a successful 2 week-long series of webinars of the [Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2](#).

During the Closing Plenary of UNEA, [UNEP Executive Director Inger Andersen said](#) "it is to this future that we must now look. A future that begins today. A future that we do not have another 50 years to shape amid the accelerating triple planetary crisis". Her remarks came mere days before the release of the 2022 IPCC Report on Climate Change.

[UNEP@50](#) | [Resumed fifth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly](#)

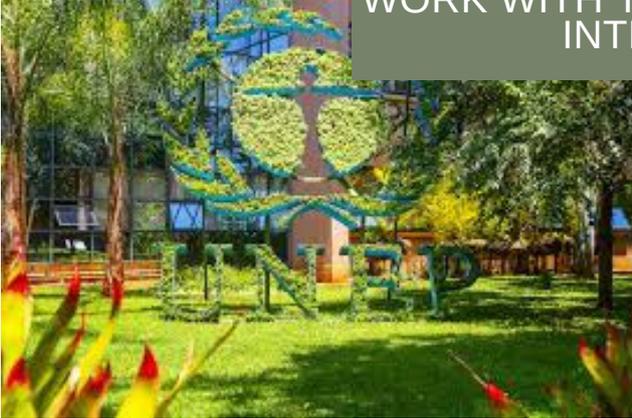
The report - [Climate Change 2022: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#) - cites that "any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all".

As a network, and community, of people with faith, values, and moral investment in #HealthyPeople and a #HealthyPlanet, the time for bold, ambitious and effective actions is NOW.

Watch the video in [Arabic](#) | [Chinese](#) | [English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)



## WORK WITH THE FAITH FOR EARTH INITIATIVE: INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Apply for a 3-6 month remote internship between:

- 1 April 2022 - 30 September 2022; or
- 15 September 2022- 14 March 2023

Faith for Earth is pleased to invite young professionals interested in learning about - and contributing to- how the Initiative mobilises stakeholders (faith actors) in addressing the triple planetary crises within the context of the UN Environment Programme.

About the [UN Internship Programme](#) | [Apply for the Internship](#).

The Team would also like to wish Ian Granit, Marina Pires de Laceda, Melanie Michel, Sofia Ababou and Qinying Liang the best of luck in their future endeavours as their internships came to an end in March 2022.

## GENDER EQUALITY TODAY FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

10 March 2022

This year's International Women's Day sheds light on the contribution of women and girls around the world to build a more

sustainable future for all. The theme "[Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow](#)" presents a ground for a comprehensive and intersectional understanding of the challenges ahead.

How Inclusive  
is a Sustainable  
Tomorrow? LIVE Webinar

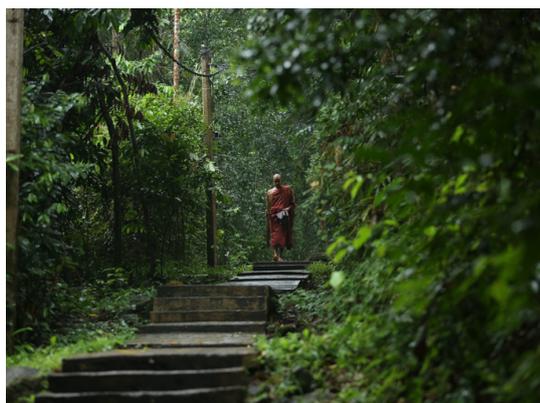
*On the Occasion of International Women's Day*

The AUB Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) and the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa organized a panel discussion titled "[How Inclusive is a Sustainable Tomorrow?](#)".

This webinar sought to diversify peacebuilding processes through a multilayered inclusive approach across various sectors. This year's webinar brings in different perspectives from grassroots activists to institutional peace and security actors and academics. More information [about the event](#).

Dr. Iyad spoke about "Discrimination and Inequalities based on Gender and Religion in the context of Climate Change and its Impacts".

## Upcoming Events:



### INTER-FAITH GLOBAL MEDITATION-PRAYER FOR CONFLICT PREVENTION

16 March 2022 | 2.00pm IST // 11.30am EAT

In view of the escalating humanitarian crisis unfolding in Europe and in other parts of the world, and the negative impact it's having on the 'internal and external climate' of all countries and its people,

[Mindfulness for Earth](#) will host a joint meditation-prayer with religious leaders from a range of religions, (i.e. Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism) to be held in-person at Nissarana Vanaya monastery, Sri Lanka & simultaneously online.

To participate in the meditation, please contact Kumanga Andrahennadi ([kumiwater@gmail.com](mailto:kumiwater@gmail.com)).

### FROM THE GRASSROOTS TO THE GLOBAL: WHY CLIMATE ACTION NEEDS WOMEN, RELIGIOUS AND LOCAL ACTORS

16 March 2022

The priority theme for the [66th UN Commission on the Status of Women \(CSW66\)](#) is: Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of climate change, environmental and disaster risk reduction policies and programmes.

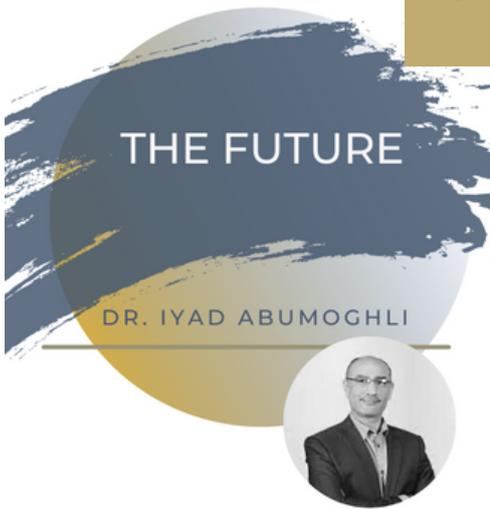


International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development is co-organising a high-level side event during the CSW66. The focus this year is '[From the Grassroots to the Global: Why Climate Action Needs Women, Religious and Local Actors](#)'.

In order to develop effective partnerships for climate action, policymakers must recognise the contribution women, religious and local actors make to climate mitigation, adaptation and response.

Watch: [People of Faith are Allies to Generation Equality](#) | [Register for this Side-Event](#) | Contact Brenda Lubang'a ([brenda.lubanga@pard.international](mailto:brenda.lubanga@pard.international)) for more information.

## GUIDE TO THE FAITH FOR EARTH BOOK & RELIGICA THEOLAB PODCASTS



In this conversation, Center Director Michael Reid Trice talks to Dr. Iyad Abumoghli about the incoming planetary crisis, our environmental responsibilities, our hopes for the youth, and religious multilateralism entitled -- [The Future](#).

"This agenda, [...] some consider it to be the agenda for countries or governments and it is not, it is an agenda for everybody whether it is stakeholders, private sectors, religious organizations, or individuals."

Here's the podcast on: [Apple](#) | [Spotify](#).

The Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement has also made available the [Center's Guide to the Faith for Earth](#) (book) and a series of [Podcasts](#) covering topical issues on Faith, Religion, and Environment.

Click here for the [Podcast](#), [Blogcast](#), and [other engaging resources](#).

## Past Events:

### BOOK LAUNCH: ENVIRONMENTAL WISDOM FOR PLANET EARTH

8 February 2022

Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) hosted a Special Lecture & Book Launch entitled "[Environmental Wisdom for Planet Earth - The Islamic Heritage](#)".

During this Book Launch, Dr. Iyad comments on the books call to Muslims worldwide to intensify their role in caring for the earth based as the only home, sentiments that are also highlighted in [Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth](#).

He further states that solutions to the challenges we face today, the Anthropocene, can find refuge and guidance from religious and spiritual text like the Qu'ran, the teachings of the Prophet (saw), and other significant spiritual leaders calling it a "concise strategy to tackle the ecological crisis".

"The crises we face today is a crises of ethics, crises of values, attitudes, and a lack of spiritual ethics between humans and nature".

- Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Environmental Wisdom for Planet Earth

**UNIVERSITI MALAYA**

**SPECIAL LECTURE AND LAUNCHING OF BOOK "ENVIRONMENTAL WISDOM FOR PLANET EARTH - THE ISLAMIC HERITAGE"**

Launching by:  
**YBhg. Dr. Iyad Abumoghli**  
Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Faith for Earth Initiative

Special Lecture by:  
**YBhg. Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar**  
AI-Ghazali Chair of Islamic Thought  
ISTACHUM

Special Remarks by:  
**YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Jemilah Mahmood**  
Professor and Executive Director of the Sunway Centre for Planetary Health, Sunway University

Convenor:  
**YBhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin**  
Director of Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue

Organized by:  
Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) & Universiti Malaya Unesco Club (UMUC)

3.00 PM - 5.00 PM  
8 February 2022  
(Tuesday)  
Zoom Meeting  
Registration >>

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QR codes for registration and event details.

## SCENE@SYNOD 2022

7-10 February 2022

[Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf](#), part of the The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East invited Dr. Iyad Abumoghli to speak at Scene@Synod 2022 on the theme "The Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" led by Rev. Rachel Mash, Environmental Coordinator



of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Secretary to the Anglican Communion Environmental Network.

Arguing that religions can offer the ontological vision and metaphysical connection between humans and the rest of creation, Dr. Iyad described environmental ethics as moral obligations for humans—"inscribed for us in our holy scripts and commandments of God. Religions command humans to condemn greed and corruption. Religions urge humans to walk gently on Earth."

Faith for Earth has called on religious institutions to be "beacons of global change", highlighting their central role in education.

Watch the full speech [here](#).

We don't just state our beliefs, we live them out.

One belief is that we find purpose and joy in loving our neighbours.

Another is that we are charged by our creator with taking good care of his creation.

(Archbishop Justin Welby)