



FAITH FOR EARTH

NEWSLETTER
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LET'S NOT EVEN THE ODDS

Dear friends,

The summer in the northern hemisphere is almost over, but it is leaving us with devastating impacts of droughts threatening East Africa's food security, Europe's ecosystems with drying rivers, and Southeast Asia with disturbing floods that have left millions in despair. The game is over, and reality is hitting every corner of the world.

What are we leaving to our children and grandchildren? This summer will not be the one odd out, but scientists say it will be repeated more frequently than previously imagined.

An immediate switch, not only to renewables and efficient use of energy, but also a switch in mindsets is urgently needed. Not only reliance on the current development model, but also what we eat, drink, wear and how we walk, and work are leading us to a gloomy legacy we are leaving behind.

Religions and faith beliefs demand us to be mindful of everything we do and of all nonhuman communities around us. Let's commit to acting today before it's too late. Let's not even the odds!

SEASON OF CREATION

1 September 2022 - 4 October 2022

The Season of Creation - starting on the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ending on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology - seeks to bring together approx. 2.2 billion Christians to renew their relationship with the Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment.

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PUBLICATION

INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK ON CREATION CARE & ECO-DIAKONIA



CONCEPTS AND THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES OF
CHURCHES FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

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International Day
of Clean Air
for blue skies



CLIMATE &
CLEAN AIR
COALITION
TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED
CLIMATE POLLUTANTS



Federal Ministry
for Economic Cooperation
and Development



Ministry of Environment

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR

7 September 2022

The link between healthy ecosystems and clean air cannot be understated.

As wildfires increase, so does air pollution and haze. Revived ecosystems – like trees in cities, or forests as the lungs of our Earth – can help clean purify the air.

Every year, **7 million people die** prematurely due to air pollution, 90 per cent of whom are in low- and middle-income countries. The need for clean air remains as important as ever.

More Information: www.cleanairblueskies.org



Celebrate **THE AIR WE SHARE**
#WorldCleanAirDay #TheAirWeShare

1. Organize and **register your own event**. Use the Day's **brand guide** for directions on how to use the logo on your assets.
2. Highlight the interlinkages to air pollution/air quality with your own organization's work- tag UNEP's social media accounts and use the Day's hashtags i.e. #WorldCleanAirDay and #TheAirWeShare. Alternatively you can also share the Day's social media assets on your own networks.
3. Explore the **practical guide** to explore the actions you can personally take for the Day.
4. Activate your networks and influencers to mobilize them and amplify outreach for the Day so that they can undertake their own activities on the Day as well.

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**2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON COHESIVE SOCIETIES (ICCS)**

6-8 September 2022

The **2022 International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS)**, hosted by the President of Singapore, is a platform to foster dialogue, engage in action, and generate insights on social cohesion. It brings together distinguished thought leaders, policymakers and practitioners who work together to build mutual understanding and coexistence across communities.

Dr. Iyad Abumoghli will be discussing how faith can bridge divides; how to harness diversity for the common good; and how to leverage technology to foster mutual trust, in the context of **UNEP Faith for Earth's Programme**.

VALUES, CULTURE, AND SPIRITUALITY - A CONSULTATION ON SPECIES

8 September 2022 | 6am EST/ 12pm CET/ 6pm
Philippines | [Register](#)

Following the [Cities Consultation on 26 July](#), UNEP Faith for Earth and the Centre for Earth Ethics are pleased to join hands with DiversEarth and the Bagobo Tagabawa Community for this Consultation on Species focusing on the **Philippine Eagle** **#EcosystemRestoration**.

[Read more](#) about the stakeholders invited and objectives of this Consultation. [How the Dumagat peoples are protecting the Philippine Eagle](#).



AL-MIZAN: ISLAM AND CLIMATE RESPONSIBILITY

20-21 September 2022 | [More details](#)

FBOs continue to strengthen their commitment to address the triple planetary crisis as an expression of beliefs and values, elevating their proposals to the highest political level, and implementing positive environmental actions.

The "[Al-Mizan: Islam and Climate Advocacy Training Program](#)" breathes life to the Covenant, seeking to build capacities about Islam & the Environment. Dr. Iyad Abumoghli, Chair of the Core Team of [Al-Mizan: A Covenant for the Earth](#) is joined by other members of the Scholars Drafting Team to discuss its implementation.