

Summary of COP28 Engagement by the Interfaith Coordination Group on Climate Change

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Welcome to the summary of the preparations and planned engagement ahead of COP28. We look forward to welcoming you to our events and to combining our energies, networks and ideas.

Structure

- UNEP's Faith for Earth Coalition is facilitating the engagement of faith actors at COP28 under the mechanism of an Interfaith Coordination Group on Climate Change with 40 collaborating FBOs and multistakeholder partnerships.
- This year, UNEP has partnered with the Muslim Council of Elders, UAE to coordinate and facilitate engagement at COP.
- The Interfaith Coordination Group on Climate Change gathers regularly in the Coordination Group meetings in which we plan our engagement.
- Within this Coordination Group, there is a smaller core team made up of the Muslim Council of Elders, Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development, GIZ/ParD weCare, the Episcopal Church USA, and the World Evangelical Alliance to support the work of the coordination group.
- The core team is also drafting an Interfaith Statement, led by Bishop Marc from the Episcopal Church, USA.

Engagement

- Pre-COP
 - Thematic Consultation Series: These take place monthly on COP28 priorities, mitigation, adaptation, loss and damage, and climate justice, with the aim of building the capacity of the faith network through peer-to-peer exchanges. The aim is to ensure the effective engagement of the faith network to the COP process and outcomes, as discussed.
 - Thus far, three sessions have been held (on [Understanding COP28 priorities](#), [Loss & Damage](#), and [Climate Finance](#)) and seven more are in the pipeline. Please find an overview of the planned sessions [here](#) in the "Pre-COP Consultations" tab as well as recordings from held sessions.
- High-level Faith Leaders meeting
 - To be held in Rome, Italy in begin November. Planning is underway.
- The Pavilion at COP28
 - A Faith Pavilion will, for the first time, be hosted at the UNFCCC COP from 29 November to 12 December, facilitated by the Muslim Council of Elders.
 - The Pavilion has three strategic objectives:

1. Encourage faith-based organisations (FBOs) to engage with country delegates and increase their capacity to advocate for specific negotiation outcomes at COP28 and beyond.
 2. Increase visibility for environmental advocacy work by FBOs and other spiritual and religious actors, particularly those on the frontlines of the climate crisis and how this work contributes to the goals of the Paris Agreement.
 3. Promote multi-faith understanding and create a space for spiritual reflection, artistic expression and prayer.
- We received over 100 Expressions of Interest to (co-)organise a session at the Pavilion open. This EOI was open to all interested organisations and we are currently in-depth reviewing the EOIs.
 - The sessions at the Faith Pavilion will include regional consultations from all regions, faith-specific consultations, Gender, Youth, thematic, other stakeholder groups, etc.
- Interfaith Statement for COP 28
 - An Interfaith Statement will be drafted led by Bishop Marc of the Episcopal Church, USA.

Join us, cooperate with us or request more information

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