

**Faith-based Solutions ImPACT Coalition**  
**Summit of the Future Action Days Offsite Side Event**  
Co-sponsored by UNEP and the UN Multi-faith Advisory Council

“Faith-based Solutions for the Pact for the Future and Beyond”  
**20 September 2024 | 9:30-11:00 am (Light breakfast from 9am)**  
Hybrid, Church Center for the United Nations (777 UN Plaza) | 2nd Floor

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**Background**

The ImPACT Coalition on Faith-based Solutions was launched during the Civil Society Conference at the UN Office in Nairobi on 10 May 2024. This coalition comprises faith, religious and spiritual, including young people, advocating for the inclusion of faith-based language and common values across faiths in UN documents. Emphasizing universal principles such as peace, compassion, and human dignity, the coalition upholds human rights, human dignity, and human security. Core values include solidarity, trust, cooperation, compassion, transparency, humility, justice, and inclusivity.

Though the Rev 2 text of the Pact for the Future includes mentions which did not appear in Rev 1 regarding religion, in Chapters 1, 2, and 4. Regrettably, the references implicate that religions are a problem and not a part of the solution.

As the text mentions, interreligious dialogue can strengthen social cohesion and contribute to sustainable development, but even further, interreligious dialogue in fact has the potential to contribute to peace even as religion is often used as a catalyst for conflict. Additionally, faith actors are key partners for reaching the unreachable and for achieving sustainable development. Their engagement has had considerable impact at local, regional, and national levels. There should be a deliberate consideration of their inclusion in international policy discussions.

**About the side event**

Faith, religious, and spiritual actors, with their deep-rooted presence in communities and commitment to universal values of peace, justice, compassion, and human dignity, are uniquely positioned to contribute to finding solutions to global challenges.

This side event “Faith-based Solutions for the Pact for the Future and Beyond” is strategically aligned with the objectives of the Summit of the Future, aiming to shape a more just, inclusive, equitable, and sustainable world.

The event will present case studies and good practices by the UN system and civil society in engaging with faith leaders and actors. They will share insights, experiences, and actionable strategies for achieving sustainable development and peace, and to advocate for the inclusion of faith language in UN processes. We will challenge each other to vision boldly beyond the Pact for the Future by imagining Our Pact for the Future.

### **Objectives of the side event**

1. Elevate faith perspectives and bring the voice of faith actors in sustainable development and peacebuilding efforts, emphasizing their essential role in the global agenda.
2. Advocate for the inclusion of faith-based perspectives into international policy frameworks, including the Pact for the Future, to reflect the comprehensive role of faith communities in addressing global challenges.

### **Expected outcome of the event**

1. Enhanced recognition of the critical role of faith actors at the UN and in the international framework.
2. Declaration or collective statement by event participants and faith actors addressing the Summit of the Future and recommitment to work in solidarity toward the fulfillment of the mandate of the United Nations and strengthening of the multilateral system.

### **Program**

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Light Breakfast
9:30 AM- 9:35 AM	Welcome and Introduction to Event
9:35 AM - 9:45 AM	High Level Opening (member state or UN & faith leader)
9:45 AM - 9:50 AM	Musical Interlude
9:50 AM - 10:35 AM	Roundtable Discussion on the role of faith actors in multilateralism <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● UNEP Faith for Earth</li><li>● Youth leader</li><li>● Woman leader on peacebuilding</li></ul>
10:35 AM - 10:45 AM	Question and Answers with speakers
10:45 AM - 10:50 AM	Respondent
10:50 AM- 11:00 AM	Closing (Collective statement by the coalition members as a call to action, followed by music and a moment of silence)

### **Coalition Members**

- ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together
- Africa Faith Leaders Initiative on SDGs (AFLI)
- African Council of Religious Leaders - Religions for Peace
- Asia-Pacific Faith-Based Coalition for Sustainable Development (APFC)

- Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University
- Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA)
- Children of the Earth
- Committee of Religious NGOs (CRNGOs)
- Committee on Spirituality, Values, and Global Concerns-NY (CSVGC-NY)
- Faith to Action Network
- Global One 2015
- Interreligious Alliance for the 2030 Agenda in Latin America and the Caribbean
- Islamic Relief Worldwide
- Latter-day Saint Charities
- Legion of Good Will
- Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
- New Women Connectors
- PMU - Swedish Pentecostal Churches
- Re-Imagining New Communities
- Religions for Peace International
- Soka Gakkai International
- The Global Interfaith Network For People of All Sexes, Sexual Orientations, Gender Identities and Expressions (GIN SSOGIE)
- The Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- UN Multi-faith Advisory Council
- United Methodist Church-General Board of Church and Society
- World Council of Churches
- World Evangelical Alliance
- Global Family for Love and Peace

### **Communications Hashtags**

- #FaithForFuture
- #FaithForHumanity