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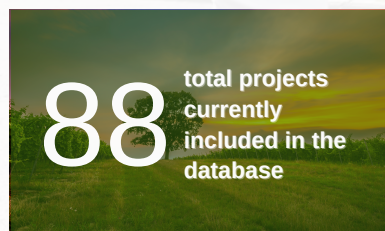


This supplement is part of a series of periodic reports that highlight new and ongoing activities featured in the Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals database. This issue, focused on SDG 13, features six projects that prioritize inter-religious collaboration in their climate education, activism and hands-on projects. Since 2015, nearly every World Religion has posted a climate statement, denouncing the misuse of power, demanding an end to corporate greed and calling for action on behalf of one another, future generations and all species. The enormity of restoring degraded ecosystems, reversing harmful polluting practices, ending the use of fossil fuels and sequestering carbon emissions cannot be solved by one group, industry or country, of course. Because caring for one another and addressing injustices is at the heart of many faith traditions and spiritual practices, it makes good sense that a number of climate action projects now incorporate partnerships across perceived differences and seek collaboration between generations, disciplines and skill sets.

SDG 13 invites the simple and the innovative; and faith groups are responding. Climate Action is inviting all of us – our voices and our actions matter.



LOCATIONS OF PROJECTS ADDRESSING SDG 13 INCLUDED IN DATABASE



Do you have a project to share with us?
Visit <https://fore.yale.edu/FaithActionSDG>

Highlighted Projects for SDG 13

GREENING SACRED SPACES

Faith & the Common Good | Canada | Interreligious

In the Greening Sacred Spaces program, FCG works with faith-based, environmental, municipal, Indigenous, and community partners across Canada to host various educational programs that teach interfaith climate justice and support clean energy transitions, building audits, and the spiritual dimensions of taking “green” action.



FAITH INSPIRED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development | Burundi, Ethiopia, and Mozambique | Interreligious

This project supports a list of solar and wind projects of 7.5 MW or larger. As the project manager, ICSD invites interested faith institutions to put ethics into practice by providing land for renewable energy installations. In partnership with Gigawatt Global Coöperatief U.A., [Green Anglicans—Anglican Church of Southern African Environmental Network](#), the [Shine Campaign](#) and [PaRD](#), this project encourages participation from other faith institutions in Africa and faith actors around the world.

INDIA ONE SOLAR THERMAL POWER PLANT

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative | India | Brahma Kumaris

This innovative power plant supplies electricity for the Brahma Kumaris headquarters in Rajasthan, India. With 16 hours of thermal storage for continuous operation and steam generation, “India One” supports up to 25,000 people. The construction and ongoing maintenance have created local employment and capacity building for Indigenous neighbors living in nearby rural areas.



GREENING FRIDAYS

Energizing Solutions | Uganda | Islam

“Sadaqah Jariyah,” is a voluntary, continuous donation that, according to Islamic teaching, blesses both the giver and recipients today and in the hereafter. Greening Friday gatherings happen annually on the second Friday during the holy month of Ramadan, when the khutbah (sermon) emphasizes the importance of caring for Earth. After prayers, seedlings are distributed and trees are planted. Greening Fridays has been widely adopted by schools, universities and prisons throughout Uganda. In 2022, the mosques gave away more than 3100 tree seedlings.

FARMER TRAINING/FOOD SECURITY

Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World) | Kenya, Guinea, India | Christianity

Programs support smallholder families, and women in particular, with eco-agriculture training to adapt to climate change. Through renaturation of soils and forests, and irrigation innovations, Farmers learn how to adapt their cultivation methods to support crops that will be more robust and better able to withstand drought



CURRICULUM ON LAUDATO SI' (ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

Carmelite NGO | Peru, United States of America, Indonesia, Ireland | Christianity

Committed to justice, peace, and care for creation, this secondary school curriculum and study guide for adults teaches Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This curriculum uses an interdisciplinary approach to teach lessons on “integral ecology” — that when we hear the cry of the earth, we also hear the cry of the poor because everything is connected. Schools using the curriculum are receiving recognition for positive transformations underway in their communities.

Faith action on SDG 13 by Impact

12 impact farmlands

9 impact urban areas

7 impact forests

33 affect community resilience

20 affect conservation

19 affect energy

*based on projects included in the database

About this project

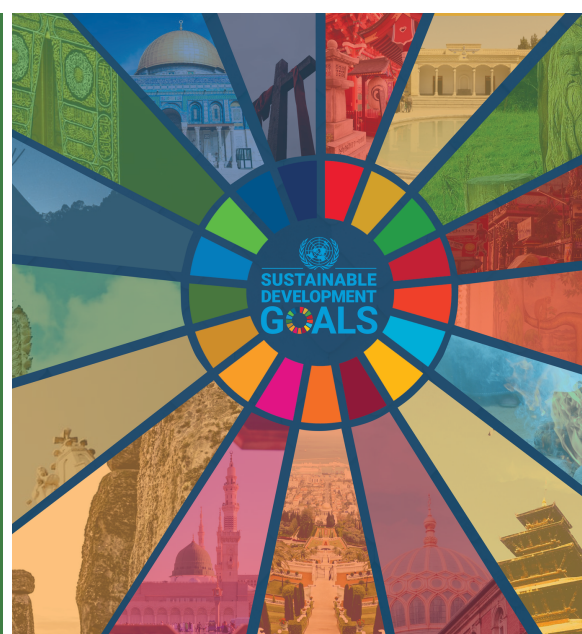
Faith Action on the UN Sustainable Development Goals is an interactive online database showcasing environmental efforts led by religious communities worldwide, documenting these activities in a public way that facilitates inspiration and avenues for collaboration. All projects can be explored by religious tradition, geographical region, ecosystem, areas of impact, and/or environmentally-centered SDGs. This database was launched in September 2021 and is actively curated by the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology, the United Religions Initiative, and Parliament of the World's Religions. It was built in partnership with UNEP's Faith for Earth Initiative in response to a September 2020 report celebrating the five year anniversary of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, which were launched in 2015.

NEXT STEPS

- **EXPLORE** all examples of Climate Action in the Faith Action database
- **LEARN** more about the 13th Sustainable Development Goal
- **EXPAND** your knowledge of Indigenous leadership and religious responses to the climate emergency with the Yale/Coursera online course series in Religions and Ecology
- **STRENGTHEN** commitments to faith action on Climate with free online courses
- **ACT** with resources and step-by-step guides designed to assist religiously-inspired efforts to address and mitigate climate threats:

HOW TO CITE THIS REPORT

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