

28th Annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28)

WOMEN OF FAITH FOR RIGHTS & RESILIENCE: Taking Stock of Progress and Lessons Learned from Decades of Climate Action

MONDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2023, 4:30PM - 6:00PM DUBAI
COP 28 FAITH PAVILION, BLUE ZONE, SECTION 5, BUILDING 64
LIVESTREAM ON THE COP 28 FAITH PAVILION WEBSITE

BACKGROUND

Women of faith have been at the forefront of responding to the Earth's triple planetary crisis – climate, nature, and pollution. For millennia, women of faith have been working across religions and regions to contribute to the holistic well-being and sustainable development of diverse communities, and to the maintenance of the Earth's ecosystems, biological diversity, and natural resources. As first responders to climate and ecological emergencies, they also bear the brunt of crises that not only threaten all of life and the planet, but also exacerbate existing inequalities.

This year, the 28th United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP 28) presents a critical moment to galvanise and align transformative climate action for a sustainable future for all. It is with this understanding that Religions for Peace and the Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW) will host a hybrid side event on Women of Faith for Rights and Resilience: Taking Stock of Progress and Lessons Learned on Decades of Climate Action and the Way Forward, as part of the COP 28 Faith Pavilion.

As part of *Religions for Peace's* collaboration with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), University for Peace (UPEACE), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the theme of Religions, Beliefs and Human Rights: A 'Faith for Rights' Approach, this side event falls under the analytical celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Since December 2022, the four partners for peace – *Religions for Peace*, USIP, UPEACE, and OHCHR – have led a series of hybrid events that promote the universality and indivisibility of human rights for all. In this event, *Religions for Peace*, GPIW, and partners will work towards establishing shared understandings on basic issues around rainforest protection across diverse faiths and regions, the religious and spiritual motivations for faith-based engagement on climate action, and the interlinkages between women of faith, climate, and human rights.



STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT

The side event, *Women of Faith for Rights and Resilience: Taking Stock of Progress and Lessons Learned on Decades of Climate Action*, is co-organised by *Religions for Peace* and the Global Peace Initiative of Women, in collaboration with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), University for Peace (UPEACE), and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

The event will focus on the critical role of women of faith, particularly Indigenous women leaders, in protecting the world's remaining rainforests, and explore the intersectionality between women of faith, climate, and human rights. The 90-minute hybrid event will feature opening remarks, followed by a film screening of *Guardians of the Rainforest* and an interactive panel discussion on a multi-religious and multi-stakeholder *Faith4Rights* approach to climate advocacy and action. The programme concludes with brief closing remarks that will highlight key learnings and recommendations from the discussions.

FAITH PAVILION LOCATION AND LIVESTREAMING

The Faith Pavilion is located in the Blue Zone, Section B5, Building 64. You can view a complete map of the Blue Zone [here](#). You can also find the map and schedule on the Faith Pavilion website, www.faithatcop28.com.

All sessions at the Faith Pavilion will be livestreamed on the [COP 28 Faith Pavilion website](#).

LINKS TO RESOURCE MATERIALS

- [Faith4Rights Toolkit](#)
- [Overview of Religions for Peace “Guardians of the Rainforest” Film](#)



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AGENDA

4:30PM - 4:31PM	Moment of Silence
4:31PM - 4:35PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
4:35PM - 4:45PM	Film Screening of <i>Guardians of the Rainforest</i>
4:45PM - 5:40PM	Interactive Panel Discussion
5:40PM - 5:55PM	Q&A
5:55PM - 6:00PM	Closing Remarks

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