



Religions for Peace 

WORKSHOP ON

**“PROTECT THE EARTH,
DIGNIFY HUMANITY”
THE MORAL DIMENSIONS
OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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Participants

Vatican officials plus 60 high-level invitees: 20 science, business, diplomatic, and development experts; 20 religious leaders; 20 academicians and scholars.

Goal

To raise awareness and build a consensus that the values of sustainable development cohere with values of the leading religious traditions, with a special focus on the most vulnerable; to elevate the debate on the moral dimensions of protecting the environment in advance of the papal encyclical; and to help build a global movement across all religions for sustainable development and climate change throughout 2015 and beyond.

Outcome

A joint statement on the moral and religious imperative of sustainable development, highlighting the intrinsic connection between respect for the environment and respect for people—especially the poor, the excluded, victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, children, and future generations.



Agenda

10.30-11.00	<p>Welcome by H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo <i>Chancellor of the PAS</i></p> <p>Opening addresses by Ban Ki-moon <i>UN Secretary General</i></p> <p>H.Em. Card. Peter Turkson <i>President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace</i></p>
11.00-11.15	<p>Brief statements by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs <i>Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network</i></p> <p>Dr. William Vendley <i>Secretary General of Religions for Peace</i></p> <p>President Margaret Archer <i>Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences</i></p> <p>Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan <i>Pontifical Academy of Sciences</i></p>
11.20-12.50	Panel 1: Technical aspects (evidence on social exclusion and climate science)
12.50-1.45	Lunch at Casina Pio IV
2.00-3.30	Panel 2: Justice and Responsibility (leading representatives from the major religions)
3.30-5.00	Panel 3: Practical aspects from local to global (proposed solutions and follow up)
5.00-6.00	Panel 4: Eliminate Human Trafficking and Resettle its Victims: Next Steps Towards Sustainable Development
6.00-6.30	Discussion of joint statement
6.30-8.00	Reception and refreshments, Casina Pio IV



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