

Capacity Building Webinar

“Religious Communities and Ecological Sustainability in Southern Africa”

Webinar Programme

9:00 - 9:15	<p>Welcome Philipp Öhlmann, Head of the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Iyad Abumoghli, UN Environment Programme / PaRD WECARE Work-Stream Co-Lead Najat Abdi Mohamed, Global One / PaRD WECARE Work-Stream Co-Lead</p>
9:15 - 10:15	<p>Keynote: “Restricting global warming under the Paris Agreement: benefits and the consequences of failure for Africa and the world” Prof. Francois Engelbrecht, Professor at the School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, and Lead of the IPCC’s Special Report on the Global Warming of 1.5°C Response “Climate change and ecological sustainability – a religious leaders’ perspective” Apostle Mangaliso Matshobane, Community Church, South Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa Discussion</p>
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:40	<p>Working Groups i. <u>Eco-theology:</u> Dr. Loreen Maseno, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Religion, Theology and Philosophy, Maseno-University, Kenya ii. <u>Eco-Feminism:</u> Dr. Tanya van Wyk, Senior Lecturer in Spirituality, University of Pretoria, South Africa iii. <u>Local multi-faith action:</u> Kate Davies, Southern African Faith Communities Institute (SAFCEI), South Africa iv. <u>Water:</u> Dr. Esper Ncube, Water Quality Specialist at Rand Water, South Africa v. <u>Sustainable Agriculture:</u> Rev. Nicta Lubaale, Organization of African Instituted Churches, Kenya vi. <u>Preserving water from an Islamic perspective:</u> Dr. Mohammad Gallant, Lecturer in Islamic Studies, University of Western Cape, South Africa and founder of the Environmental Affairs Department of the Muslim Judicial Council (SA)</p>
11:40 - 12:00	Break
12:00 - 12:20	Presentation of learning material on ecology for religious leaders in Southern Africa by the Green Teaching and Learning Community (Green TLC) Dr. Tanya van Wyk
12:20 - 13:05	<p>Panel discussion: How can religious actors become active for ecological sustainability in their contexts? Rev. Rachel Mash, Environmental Coordinator at the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, member of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network steering committee Dr. Robekkah Ritchie, Post-Doctoral Researcher in Buddhist Studies at Freie Universität Berlin Tahirih Matthee, Bahá’i Community South Africa Apostle Siboniso Ngobese, Gilgal Bible Church, South Africa</p>
13:05 - 13:30	<p>Concluding remarks, feedback and way forward Lilian Kurz, World Evangelical Alliance / PaRD WECARE Work-Stream Co-Leads Dinesh Suna, World Council of Churches / PaRD WECARE Work-Stream Co-Leads Philipp Öhlmann, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin</p>

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