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Dr Husna Ahmad, Global One 2015

Dr Husna Ahmad, OBE, is CEO of Global One 2015, a Muslim women-led international NGO focusing on WASH, agriculture and maternal health, and runs her own environmental consultancy. She has a PhD in International Environmental Law (specializing in sustainable development) from SOAS, London University. For seven years she was Group CEO of Faith Regen Foundation, set up after 9/11 as a Muslim response to promote interfaith harmony through economic emancipation of communities. In 2010 her work was recognized by HM the Queen and she received an OBE for services to disadvantaged communities. She co-authored the *Green Guide to Hajj* and wrote *Islam and Water, the Story of Hajjar*. (UK) @DrHusnaAhmad

Saif Ahmad, Al-Khair Foundation

Industry veteran Saif Ahmad has worked for over 30 years in the private and voluntary sectors, as well as within local and central government. He is currently CEO of Al-Khair, a UK-based NGO providing humanitarian support, development and disaster relief in some of the world's most deprived areas including Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Kenya as well as refugees from Syria and Palestine. Under his leadership, Muslim Aid was placed on a platform with internationally recognised NGOs such as Oxfam, Save the Children and Christian Aid and he successfully built partnerships with a range of organisations and funders including DfID, UN agencies, ECHO and United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). The partnership with UMCOR was recognised by former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown as a good practice example of cross-faith cooperation. He founded the Faith Regen Foundation, the UK's first multi-faith regeneration agency, and is the Founder of MADE in Europe, a Muslim-led movement of young people leading campaigns against poverty. In 2010 he founded Global One 2015, an international development organisation with a focus on sustainable solutions to global poverty at grass roots and policy levels concentrating on women and children's livelihood, WASH, maternal health and sustainable agriculture. (UK) @AKF_Social (Al Khair)

Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, Sarvodaya Shramadana

Dr Vinya Ariyaratne is General Secretary of Sarvodaya Shramadana, Sri Lanka's largest non-governmental grass roots development organisation. Following a unique model based on Buddhism, the Sarvodaya movement serves over 15,000 village communities across ethnic and religious divides, through an integrated approach to development, peace and reconciliation. He trained as a medical doctor, and specialised in public health. He has been extensively involved in helping war-affected communities and after the 2004 tsunami coordinated a reconstruction programme worth over US\$15 million. He has helped villagers work together in teams to install gravity water supply schemes, giving them both clean water and a refreshed sense of community. He has served as a professional facilitator for peace dialogues and he engages in teaching assignments related to peace building, transformation and reconciliation. He is the independent lead Facilitator for the One Text Initiative to build consensus among political stakeholders for the benefit of all communities around the country. (Sri Lanka)

Reverend Alfred John Bailey II, Faith in Water

Rev Alfred Bailey is Minister of Missions and Outreach for the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, handling outreach ministries both locally and internationally. He provides essential services to many families in crisis throughout the city, and spearheads partnerships with schools throughout the State of Maryland. He has overseen the Church's Global Policy Committee to identify and assess environmental and conservation-related policy. This work has taken him from the corporate boardrooms and government facilities in the US and abroad to the slums of Kenya and Mexico. He is currently engaged in collaboration with UNICEF and ARC leading a global mapping group identifying Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) practices in 54 countries around the world. He is one of the directors of the Faith in Water initiative. (USA)

Jayshree Balachander, Green Pilgrimage Network India

Jayshree Balachander worked at the World Bank for 15 years on social sector policy in several Asian and African countries. Before that she worked for 12 years in the Indian Administrative Service, responsible for a variety of Government development programs. She studied at Madras University and has a Master's in Public Policy from Princeton University. She is currently pursuing her enduring interest in preserving and protecting sacred places in India, and is Director of the Green Pilgrimage Network India. She lives in Bangalore. (India).

Mary Bellekom, ARC, Faith in Water

Mary Bellekom is a member of an international Catholic religious congregation, La Retraite. She joined ARC in 2010 as Education & Water Project Manager and Finance Officer after spending many years working in South America and Africa on Education related projects. She is currently one of the leaders of the independent Faith in Water initiative, helping donor organisations work with faith schools and faith leadership to improve water, sanitation and hygiene for children and communities around the world. (UK)

Edward Davey, The Prince of Wales International Sustainability Unit

Edward Davey is Senior Programme Manager at The Prince of Wales' International Sustainability Unit, where he has worked on climate change, tropical rainforests, wildlife conservation and sustainable development finance since 2012. Previously, he worked in Colombia for three years as Lead Adviser on Environment to the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation in Bogotá. He has also worked for the AMAR Foundation, a humanitarian charity working in the Middle East (Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Yemen); Kids Company, a now defunct charity working with young people in inner city London, Bristol and Liverpool; Oxfam; the Jubilee Debt Campaign; and the UN Human Development Report. He has a Master's with Distinction in Environment and Development from the LSE and an undergraduate degree in Modern Languages from the University of Oxford. Edward's first encounter with spirituality, apart from at his Church of England school, came from six months teaching English to exiled Tibetan monks in Kirti Monastery, Dharamshala, Northern India. He is a devotee of the music of Bach and an avid reader about religions and religious thought. (UK) @edwardleodavey

Glyn Davies, WWF

Glyn Davies has worked at local, national and international levels in Africa and Asia, looking at environment and development, forest and wildlife conservation, and biodiversity policy. He has conducted field research and policy reviews in India, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Kenya and Cameroon; publishing academic papers as well as contributing to national forest, wildlife and conservation policies, and guiding international development strategies. He has also worked with the European Commission to produce European policy documents on biodiversity in development. He has served as Director of Conservation Programmes at the Zoological Society of London, and from 2007 as Executive Director of Global Programmes at WWF-UK. He is a Trustee of the Alliance for Religion and Conservation. (UK)

Odell Dickerson, New Psalmist Baptist Church

Odell Dickerson, Jr. is the Chief Operating Officer for the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, a ministry with over 7,000 active members, that specializes in empowering people for a better quality of life through preaching, teaching, and outreach. He serves as Chief of Staff which includes overseeing all aspects of the church's operations including the ministries, business office staff and the office of the Bishop. Before assuming his current position, Odell worked for the Maryland Department of Human Resources as a System Support Specialist for the Family Independence Agency. He was born and raised in Baltimore, MD and attended Baltimore City public schools and the University of Baltimore. He has an MBA from the University of Phoenix. (USA) @odellexec

Jean Duff, Partnership for Faith & Development

Jean Duff leads the Partnership for Faith & Development, supporting faith groups in their work with governments and with international public and private sector bodies, for impact on local community health and development. She serves as Coordinator of the Joint Learning Initiative on Faith & Local Communities, Senior Advisor to Advocates for Development Assistance, and Advisor to the Programa Inter-Religioso contra a Malaria, in Mozambique. In 2008 she co-founded the Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty (CIFA) at Washington National Cathedral. While at CIFA she convened the Global Initiative on Faith, Health and Development, an international collaboration to advocate for full inclusion of faith-based assets in development. Previously, she led Washington National Cathedral's global poverty program as Managing Director of the Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation. In 2008 she co-convened the Women, Faith and Development Alliance. She has an MPH in Epidemiology from Columbia University and an MA in Clinical Psychology from University College Dublin. (USA) @jeanfduff

Chantal Elkin, ARC

Chantal Elkin is Manager of the Wildlife & Forests Programme at the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC), based in the UK. She was with Conservation International (CI) for eight years as the Washington DC-based Manager of the Indo-Burma program and then as Director of CI's Wildlife Trade program, focusing on the illegal trade in Asia. She holds two Master's degrees from the University of London, the first in Environment and Development in Southeast Asia and the second looking at Buddhism and conservation. Prior to working with CI, she co-authored the 1998 publication, *Logging Burma's Frontier Forests: Resources and the Regime* for the World Resources Institute. She is also author of the chapter "Strengthening Forest Conservation through the Buddhist Sangha" in *Cambodia's Contested Forest Domain* (2013). (UK) @CELKIN2

Dionne Gravesande, Christian Aid

Dionne Gravesande is Head of Church Advocacy at Christian Aid, she is part of the Policy and Public Affairs Dept. Christian Aid is the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, and it is part of the worldwide church community. Christian Aid's work is founded on Christian faith and powered by hope. It acts to change an unjust world by providing practical love and care for neighbours in need. It is driven by the gospel of good news to the poor, and inspired by the vision of a new Earth where everyone lives in justice, peace and plenty. Dionne is responsible for leading the department's work on faith and development in the context of global policy and advocacy priorities. Her work is embedded in the organisation's mandate to to expose the scandal of poverty and to challenge and change structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised. Dionne a regular contributor to the *Keep the Faith* magazine which is a non-denominational publication aimed at a Pentecostal and Evangelical audience. (UK) @DGravesande

Harohiko Hioki, Jinja Honjo

Haruhiko is a member of Public Relations Section of Jinja Honcho (the Association of Shinto Shrines). After graduating from Kwansai Gakuin University with MA International Business, he worked as a system engineer at Hitachi Distribution Software until 2010 then he completed Shinto advanced course of Kokugakuin University and joined Jinja Honcho as a staff member in 2012. (Japan)

Rev Fletcher Harper, Green Faith

Rev Fletcher Harper is the Executive Director of GreenFaith, developing programmes linking religious belief and practice to environmental action, including innovative leadership and green certification programmes. An award-winning spiritual writer and nationally-recognised preacher on the environment, he teaches and speaks at houses of worship from a range of denominations around the USA. (USA) @greenfaithworld

Fr. Michael Healy, Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Clifton

Michael was born and educated in Bristol and then went onto study at the Gregorian University Rome for seven years. He came across a course in Creation Centred Spirituality while studying in Berkeley California several years ago, and came to see how integral ecology clearly has to be. Since then, together with the team at Emmaus House they continue trying to integrate their spirituality with a range of ecological concerns. Pope Francis refers in his recent encyclical *Laudato Si* as "caring for our common home". "Human beings", he claims, "are capable of rising above themselves choosing again what is good and making a new start." This is precisely what they have been attempting in their parish of St.Pius the Tenth in Withywood and Hartcliffe on the south side of the city. In spite of being one of the poorer and more deprived parts of Bristol they have set themselves targets for becoming a green energy parish by installing over 100 photovoltaic panels on their church roof and hall. Alongside weekly food collections for the Carpenters Store and More, their goal is nothing less than the CAFOD Green Award for sustainable environmental conservation involving everyone of the parishioners from the youngest school children to the wisest elders.

Professor Fan Guangchun, Daoist Studies Centre

Prof Fan Guangchun was the director of the Daoist Studies Centre in the Shaanxi Academy of Sciences for many years. He is the author of many books on Daoism and has organized four Daoist Ecological Temple Workshops in China. He was at Windsor Castle in 2009 when the Daoists presented their Eight-Year Plan to Protect the Living Planet. (China)

He Yun, ARC China programme

He Yun (Claudia) is the manager of ARC's China programme. She has worked with ARC since 2009. She trained as a political scientist. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Maryland between 2012 and 2013 and a Tsinghua Scholar at Cambridge University. (China)

Rev Katsuji Iwahashi, Jinja Honcho

Katsuji is Chief of the Public Relations Section of Jinja Honcho (the Association of Shinto Shrines). He studied for an MA in Shinto studies at Kokugakuin University and a MA in the Modern History of Shinto shrines and the Relationship between the Government and Shinto Shrines at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. He became a Shinto priest in 1992 when he was 22 and later joined Jinja Shimpo, a Shinto newspaper as a reporter. He became a staff member of Jinja Honcho in 2003. He has worked extensively on the ecological aspect of Shintoism in modern Japan, attending many international events on faith ecological action. (Japan)

Dr Azza Karam, UNFPA

Azza Karam is a Senior Advisor on Culture and Social Development at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Her many roles at UNFPA include: being Lead Facilitator for the UN Strategic Learning Exchanges on religion, development and humanitarian issues; representing UNFPA as Coordinator/Chair of the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Engaging Faith-Based Organizations for Development; and coordinating the engagement of members of a Global Interfaith Network for Population and Development with over 500 faith-based organizations. She is also a visiting lecturer at the US Military Academy (West Point). Before UNFPA she was Senior Policy Advisor in the Regional Bureau for Arab States at UNDP, and worked at Religions for Peace, founding the first Global Women of Faith Network, with Ford Foundation support. During this time, she also served as President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the UN. She has taught at a number of universities, and has published widely on international political dynamics, including democratisation, human rights, gender, and religion and development. She was born in Egypt and grew up in different countries all around the world. (USA) @Mansoura1968

Immam Ibban Iddih Kasozi, Uganda Muslim Youth Assembly

Immam Kasozi studied demography at university in Uganda, and has a postgraduate certificate in Arabic languages and Islamic studies. He served as a member of the Uganda Muslim Supreme Council General Assembly between 1987 and 2000. He is currently lecturer at the Islamic University, and the Vice Chair of the Uganda Muslim Youth Assembly, which in 2012 drew up a Seven-year environmental action plan recognising the huge threats of deforestation, and planning to establish tree nurseries distributing free seedlings. He is a practising farmer, a regular radio and TV and a founder of the Mia Mia Foundation, which mobilises Muslims in Uganda to give 100 shillings a day to finance sustainable programmes throughout the country. In 2010 he attended the British Council's Abuja Conference on

faiths and environment, and pledged to “dedicate one Friday sermon every month on the subject of climate change... And I will cause my people to plant at least one tree every month.” He himself has donated more than 60,000 seedlings. (Uganda)

Dr Nanditha Krishna, CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation

A historian, environmentalist and writer based in Chennai, Nanditha Krishna has a PhD in Ancient Indian Culture from the University of Bombay. She is the President of the CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation and founding Director of the CPR Environmental Education Centre, a Centre of Excellence of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, where she has pioneered the documentation of the ecological traditions of India and restored 52 sacred groves. Her books include *Sacred Plants of India*; *Sacred Animals of India*; *Book of Vishnu* (Penguin India). She is a professor and research guide for the PhD programme of the University of Madras, and has received national and international awards. (India)

Rev Fr Dr Charles Odira Kwanja, KCCB

Father Charles is a Catholic priest, working for the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB) in Nairobi as the National Executive Secretary for Pastoral and Lay Apostolate, Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue. He is also Chair of the newly formed Kenya Interfaith Network on Environmental Action (KINEA). He holds a PhD in Missiology specialising specialization in interreligious dialogue from the Urbaniana Pontifical University in Rome. He has written several books on faith and conservation, has conducted workshops on faith and the illegal wildlife trade and has organised several faith-based environmental days for religious leaders at all levels (Kenya). @KenyaCatholics

Bishop Nathan Kyamanywa, Bunyoro Kitara

Bishop Nathan Kyamanywa is an Anglican bishop of Bunyoro Kitara, working in the Hoima, Kibale and Buliisa districts in western Uganda. A child in the 1960s, he was keen on environmental issues, even when they were not yet at the forefront. He was named by the British Council as an icon for Climate Change issues, and addressed MPs in London on how climate change is an issue of morality. Most recently he spoke about climate change at the Paris Summit of Conscience in July 2015: “When I grew up in rural Uganda, the winds all had names and there were many creatures like bats and insects and birds. Most of these have long disappeared and as they disappeared the seasons started changing, food security was threatened and community conflict came on.” He has helped women and young people to farm without chemicals, has built eco schools, and for 10 years has planted trees. He has seen the difference. “As the trees come back the rains improve and when the storms come they no longer sweep away the villages. The animals and wildlife is returning. People feel better. It’s all spiralling.” (Uganda) @BunyoroKingdom

Paul Ladd, UNDP

Paul Ladd joined the UNDP in 2006 and is currently Director of UNDP’s Team on the Post 2015 Development Agenda. He previously led UNDP’s policy team on ‘inclusive globalization’ and the team that prepared UNDP’s contribution to the September 2010 Review Summit on the Millennium Development Goals. Before moving to New York, Paul was a policy adviser on international development for the UK Treasury, including the period building up to and through the UK’s chairing of the G8 and European Union in 2005. Previously he had been Chief Economist and acting Head of Policy with UK charity Christian Aid, the UK Department for International Development’s economic adviser for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho,

Namibia and Swaziland, and a financial adviser in the Central Bank of Guyana. He has an MSc in Quantitative Development Economics from the University of Warwick. (UK)
@PJLaddpost2015

Jørn Lemvik, Digni

Jørn Lemvik is the General Secretary of Digni, a Norwegian umbrella organization for Christian churches and mission organizations doing development work. He worked as a freelance consultant on leadership and organizational development for 20 years and trained as a teacher with a master's degree in leadership and IT. He has written two books on Organizational and development. He has done some research on leadership and fear. Jørn has been running annual consultations (2014 and 2015) together with Dr. Azza Karam, UNFPA, on religion and the SDGs. (Norway) @Digni_org

Caroline Lensing-Hebben UNDP

Caroline Lensing-Hebben holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University, New York and Sciences Po, Paris, and is currently Policy Adviser for UNDP New York, Strategic Policy, on post-2015. Before joining the post-2015 team, Caroline has worked for the U.N. in Yemen, Lebanon, Senegal, South Africa and Burundi.

Dr Lu Feng, Tsinghua University

Dr Lu is Professor and Director of the Center for Economic Ethics and Political Philosophy in Department of Philosophy in Tsinghua University. He is also the president of Society of Environmental Philosophy of China and director of the International Confucian Ecological Alliance's academic committee. He has been visiting scholar at Harvard University, the University of St Andrews, and Utrecht University. His publications include *The Home of Human Beings, Enjoyment and Existence: Living Styles of Modern People and Environment Protection, Human, Environment and Nature* and *Freedom, Science-technology and Nature*. His current research includes ethics of science and technology, ecological cultures and ecological civilization, naturalism and the relationship between philosophy and the way of life. (China)

Stephanie Lux, Elysee Palace

Stephanie Lux is an advisor to Nicolas Hulot, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic for the protection of the planet. She was previously the Director of Natureparif and Director of Communications for IFREMER.

Shamila Mahmood, Islamic Relief

Having acquired most of her education from the UK and Pakistan, Shamila Mahmood has post graduate degrees in Law and Shariah and 24 years of experience gained from working in Pakistan and abroad. She was Azad Jammu and Kashmir's first woman Qazia and first woman judge. Presently, she is Policy and Research Coordinator at Islamic Relief Worldwide where she has provided policy development support and produced policy documents (reports, briefings, articles) contributing to Islamic Relief's position on the Post 2015 development framework and policy discourse and global, national and regional advocacy, debates and dialogues on the post 2015 development agenda and other sustainable development issues including gender and climate change. Shamila has produced a synopsis

of the post 2015 process and review of the SDGs from a Muslim faith perspective. She has diverse and accumulative experience and knowledge in the fields of law, shariah, development and security.

Dr Fachruddin Mangunjaya, Universitas Nasional

Dr Fachruddin Mangunjaya is Vice Chairman of the Centre for Islamic Studies at Universitas Nasional in Jakarta. He grew up close to the lovely tropical rainforest of Kalimantan, Indonesia. He obtained a PhD in Environmental Management and Natural Resources from Bogor Agricultural University and was one of the Climate Reality Leaders trained by Al Gore. Over the past decade he has been intensively involved in many activities related to religion and environment, including attending the UNDP/ARC Windsor Celebration in 2009 in which the Seven-Year Muslim Action Plan for Climate Change was launched. He recently led an initiative, with the support of conservation NGOs in Indonesia, as well as the Government of Indonesia and ARC, to work with the Indonesian Council of Ulama (MUI) to issue a formal Muslim edict (fatwa) to protect wildlife. He has helped disseminate this key fatwa around the country, which is already having a positive impact on wildlife and habitats. (Indonesia)

Magdy Martínez Soliman, UNDP

Magdy Martínez-Solimán is UNDP's Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support. He trained as a lawyer and has been a Member of the Spanish Bar Association since 1984. practiced as a barrister and as Assistant Professor of International Law. He has worked and written on Political Systems and provided legal counseling in Constitutional and Administrative Law. In his professional career, he has been State Secretary for Youth in the Spanish National Government, CEO of two public corporations and member of the Organizing Committee of the Olympic Games in Barcelona 92. He was also Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister's Office, in charge of relations with the Parliament of Andalusia, and elected member of the Municipal Council of his hometown Malaga, the fourth city of the country. He has been working for the UN for 15 years, with roles including working as UNDP's Senior Governance Adviser for the 18 West African countries and as the first Executive Director of the UN Democracy Fund, appointed by the UN Secretary-General. (USA) @MartinezSoliman

Lizzie Mcleod, The Nature Conservancy

Lizzie Mcleod is a Marine Climate Scientist at The Nature Conservancy. She was instrumental in developing an online toolkit and training curriculum for coral reef managers, which has trained nearly 1,500 managers in more than 75 countries on the best practices for addressing threats to reefs. She has spent the past decade researching and developing new strategies to reduce the impacts of climate change on tropical marine ecosystems. She conducted her PhD at the University of Hawaii on developing a climate vulnerability and adaptation framework for tropical island communities. She has published extensively on climate change and marine conservation in tropical systems. She has recently launched an initiative to broaden TNC's engagement with faith groups to address the most pressing global challenges and to build the evidence base that protecting and restoring land and water globally, enriches human lives and protects the diversity of life on earth. (USA)

Daniel Misleh, Catholic Climate Covenant

Since 1982, Dan Misleh has been involved in the social mission of the Church beginning with two years in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Alaska. As founding executive director of the Catholic Climate Covenant—a partnership of 14 national Catholic organizations including the US Conference of Catholic Bishops—he has helped engage the Catholic community at the national, state and diocesan levels in a serious and sustained conversation about a Catholic approach to climate change. The focus is on the promotion of the common good, the protection of poor people, and the exercise of prudence, with the goal of more fully implementing the U.S. Catholic bishops' 2001 statement on climate change. The campaign, titled The St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor, has provided an invaluable framework for over 15,000 individuals, schools, parishes, and other organisations to embrace Church teaching on care for creation. He previously served the US Conference of Catholic Bishops as the Director of Diocesan Relations for the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development. He is the 2015 recipient of the Harry A. Fagan Award by the Roundtable Association of Social Action Directors for his “unique contributions made to the achievement of the Catholic vision of social justice in the national or international community.” (USA) @dan_misleh @catholicclimate @alianzclima

Abdalla Mohamed, SUPKEM, Kenya

Abdalla Mohamed Kamwana trained as a teacher, and holds a Masters in Education and Leadership Management. In 1995 he left teaching and joined the Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims (SUPKEM), the Umbrella body of all Muslim Organisations and Mosques in Kenya. He is currently Vice Chairman, as well as Programme Manager, in charge of writing, developing and managing proposals for different donor-funded programmes. He has managed Democratic, Governance and Human Rights programmes funded by UNDP Kenya, and the Drivers of Accountability Programme funded by DFID. He has also represented SUPKEM in various National Task Forces formed by the Kenyan Government including Vision 2030. He was a member of the National Steering Committee appointed by East African Presidents to explore and advise on the possibility of the Political Federation of East Africa. (Kenya) @supkemKE

James Morant, Faith in Water, New Psalmist Baptist Church

James Morant is a representative on Global Policy at the New Psalmist Baptist Church, and a trustee for Faith in Water. He retired from the US Federal service in 2009, after an extensive career in environmental protection and multilateral affairs. He has coordinated US involvement in major multilateral international programs with the OECD, UNEP and G8 and has also worked with NGOs to develop partnerships on natural resource conservation, environmental protection and effective stewardship towards a sustainable future. His retirement has enabled him to reach out to the faith-based community in promoting initiatives on clean water and sanitation. This has included extensive work with UNICEF, the Alliance of Religions and Conservation and other stakeholders on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) management. He has also participated in fact-finding trips to Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, South Africa and Mexico. He is an alumni of the US State Department Senior Seminar, an executive development program which examined leadership, reviewed US foreign policy goals, objectives and strategies, and consulted with key opinion leaders on homeland security, military operations, social, economic and environmental issues. He is also a professional singer and was co-lyricist and soloist for the original spiritual *That's What the Cross Would Say*, when it premiered at the Many Heavens, One Earth celebration at

Windsor Castle in 2009 at which the faith long term plans for environmental action launched (USA).

Francisco Javier Álvarez, Jesuit Outreach

Francisco Alvarez, known as Patxi Alvarez, is a Jesuit priest based in Rome. He studied telecommunications engineering before he moved to Catholic Theology, gaining a Masters in Sociology and a PhD in International Migration. He worked in Cambodia for two years in the late 1990s with refugees and people who have been disabled by landmines, after which he returned to Spain to study for ordination. For 10 years he worked for Alboan (Bilbao), the Jesuit NGO for International Cooperation and Development. From 2011 he has been following up the international work of the Jesuits in the social justice and ecology fields. (Rome)

Dr Karen Nazaryan, Armenian Inter-Church Round Table

Dr Karen Nazaryan has headed the Armenian Inter-Church Round Table since its establishment in 1997. It is involved in the implementation of development, relief and diaconal activities together with its church and NGO partners in Armenia. It is well known as one of leading church-related organisations to advocate nature protection and climate change activities in Armenia and the region, with ecology at the heart of everything it does. For example it has organised organic honey production in border communities affected by military conflict; it has arranged tree planting campaigns every year; promoted local pesticide-free food (and menus), has organized collection and processing of waste plastic, has promoted ecological education, green pilgrimages and many other activities. Dr Karayan has been involved in many Round Table campaigns on reinforcing Christian values in the family and society, fighting domestic violence and protecting regional peace. (Armenia)

Hody Nemes, Hazon

Hody Nemes is the Manager of Greening & Climate Initiatives for Hazon, a Jewish environmental group dedicated to building a healthier and more sustainable Jewish community and world for all. He helps manage Hazon's Jewish Greening Fellowship, a network of 55 New York-area Jewish organizations committed to cutting their carbon footprint and reducing waste. He joined Hazon after working as a news and features reporter for the Jewish Daily Forward, a leading American Jewish newspaper. He graduated Yale University with a degree in environmental studies, and studied at the Yeshivat Maale Gilboa seminary in northern Israel. He hails from St. Louis, Missouri. (USA) @hodifly

Dr Dorcas Beryl Otieno, KOEE

Dr Dorcas Otieno, OGW, has a PhD in Environmental Ethics Education from Kenyatta University. She is Senior Lecturer in the School of Environmental Studies and is founder & CEO of the Kenya Organization for Environmental Education (KOEE) promoting Education for Sustainability throughout the country. She has published many books: the latest is the Faith-based Education For Sustainable Development (ESD) Toolkit for Teachers which has been heralded as a major document not only by Kenyan churches and mosques and government, but by other governments around Africa. She has served as member of the Kenya National Committee, developing the Kenya ESD policy for the Ministry of Education, as well as the Green Economy Implementation Plan steering committee 2014-2015 and the UNESCO International Steering Group Committee for the Evaluation of the End of Decade for ESD

2011-2014. She has been chair of many boards including the UNEP Governing Council and the UNESCO African Regional ESD Steering Committee. She received a presidential award of the Order of the Grand Warrior (OGW) of Kenya for her work in improving environmental management in the public sector (Kenya)

Allen Ottaro, CYNESA

Allen Ottaro is Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Nairobi-based Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA) which has chapters in eight African countries. He sits on the board of the Religion and Conservation Biology Working Group, of the Society for Conservation Biology. He is also a member of the Commission on Education and Communication of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), as well as the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Passionate about developing the potential of young Africans, he helped start, and for some years coordinated, the Ignatian young adult program, MAGiS Kenya. He interned with the Torun Ecological Association in Poland and the National Environment Management Authority in Kenya. He is a parishioner at St. Paul's Catholic University Chapel. (Kenya) @OttaroA @CYNESA

Martin Palmer, ARC

Martin Palmer is Secretary General of the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) founded with HRH Prince Philip in 1995 to help faiths develop environmental and conservation projects based on their own beliefs and practices. He is the author and editor of more than 20 books on religious and environmental topics. He has translated many ancient Chinese texts, including China's oldest history book the Shang Shu and the writings of Daoist philosopher Chuang for Penguin Classics. He is a regular contributor to the BBC and is a lay preacher in the Church of England. (UK) @ARCworld

Gopal Patel, Bhumi Project

Gopal Patel is Director of the Bhumi Project. Working with Hindu communities across the world, Bhumi aims to encourage good environmental practice using Hindu teachings and traditions. Its main work focuses on the greening of Hindu temples and pilgrimage sites in India. Every February it hosts Hindu Environment Week, which since it started in 2014 has already seen 15,000 people participate. He was one of the young faith leaders to be invited to the multi-faith international climate change meeting in Rome in June 2015. (UK) @BhumiGopalPatel and @bhumiproject

Lt Colonel Dean Pallant, The Salvation Army

Dean Pallant is Director of the International Social Justice Commission based in New York. He is the Salvation Army principal advocate and advisor on economic, social and political issues and is coordinating an accountability movement across 127 countries to strengthen capacity in impact measurement, finance systems, governance and safeguarding. He completed a doctorate in theology at King's College London in 2010. His first book *Keeping Faith in Faith-Based Organisations* was published in 2011. Born in Harare, Zimbabwe and a graduate of the University of Cape Town, he is married to Eirwen and they have worked on every continent. Between 2007 and 2014, they coordinated Salvation Army health ministry internationally. He is coordinating an initiative among faith-based organisations to develop, pilot and roll out a faith-inspired measurement framework. The aim is to enable development practitioners, and the communities they work in, to track and learn about the changes in the lives of

people throughout the implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development. (USA) @Dean_Pallant (personal) and @SalvArmyISJC

Daniel Perell, Bahá'í International Community

Daniel Perell joined the Bahá'í International Community's UN Office as a Representative in 2011. His areas of work include human rights, gender equality, the role of religion in society, and defence of the Bahá'í community. He has worked extensively on the post-2015 development agenda, leading the Bahá'í International Community's delegation to Rio+20 in Brazil in 2012. In 2010 he received a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and an MA in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and he was admitted to the New York State Bar Association. He has worked with the International Service for Human Rights in Geneva, the UN in Aceh, Indonesia and other organizations in the Marshall Islands and Chile. (USA) @dperell

Felipe Queipo, UN, Focus on Faith

Felipe Queipo began his United Nations career at the NGO Relations & Advocacy Section of the Department of Public Information in 2008. He is a member of the team that organizes the "Focus on Faith" briefings within the Department, which have explored the links between faith-based organizations and the mission of the UN. He has had the opportunity to explore, amongst other things, the role that gender plays in religious institutions and the contribution of religious organizations to the work of the UN. He is currently the focal point for technology and social media efforts at NGO Relations, and is a strong advocate of new communications tools and their role in developing effective strategies. In this capacity, he assists NGOs in developing social media policies to increase the efficacy of their outreach efforts within the civil society context. Before Graduating from Brigham Young University where he studied Political Science, Mr. Queipo studied Theology and Biology in Spain, emphasizing his training on Political and Social Theology. (USA) @UNDPINGO

Lucy Roberts, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

Lucy is the AFSC Regional Director for Asia, based in Phnom Penh. Before this she worked with Quaker Peace and Social Witness, so she has been working with, and on behalf of, UK and US Quakers for the past five years. She has a strong background in the work of rights and disability, programme management and strategy development, and has a commitment to the Quaker testimonies of Peace, Truth, Equality and Simplicity. This includes a commitment to environmental sustainability and the peaceful use, sharing and replenishing of the Earth's resources. She has a Humanities BA from Brighton University and an MA in Development from the University of East Anglia, (UK)

Rob Soutter, WWF International

Senior Adviser, Special Campaigns, WWF International, Gland Switzerland. Born in northern England, Rob spent much of his life in South Africa, where he worked as a teacher and environmental journalist before joining WWF-South Africa in 1983 as Programme Director, where his passion was, and remains, environmental education, to help people live within the limits of their environment, and pass on a world which remains healthy and full of beauty and wonder. He moved to Switzerland in 1991 as Special Assistant to the WWF International Director General, where among his tasks he helped plan and organise several WWF Annual Conferences, revised the organisation's governance, and set up WWF's Prince Bernhard Scholarships for Nature Conservation. After launching and completing a CHF25 million

major donor initiative called the WWF Conservation Leadership Fund, he directed WWF's Living Planet Campaign, which promoted achievement of big conservation wins using mechanisms such as high level events and Gifts to the Earth awards. A highlight was a major initiative in 2000 with the world's faiths, called Journey to Kathmandu, where WWF worked with the Alliance of Religions and Conservation (ARC) to bring together 11 of the world's major faiths to pledge substantive conservation commitments called Sacred Gifts for a Living Planet; Rob is a founder Trustee of ARC. More recently, Rob is now Senior Adviser to WWF where his focus is to help WWF teams in priority areas escalate their conservation achievement. (Switzerland) [@robsoutterwwf](#)

Rev Dr Frederick Shoo

Bishop Frederick Onael Shoo, nicknamed the "Tree Bishop," was born in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro. He is Bishop for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Northern Diocese. For 30 years he has been active in environmental issues, and has caused many thousands of trees to be planted. (Tanzania)

David Shreeve, Church of England

David Shreeve has been the Environmental Advisor to the Church of England since 2005. He is also Director of The Conservation Foundation, which he co-founded in 1982. He was awarded a Lambeth Degree in 2003 in recognition of his influence in helping the Church of England's understanding of environmental issues. His publications include: *How Many Lightbulbs Does It Take to Change a Christian?*; *Don't Stop at the Lights – leading your church through a changing climate* and a pocket guide to shrinking your ecological footprint. His latest book, *Sharing Eden* co-written with Natan Levy and Harfiyah Haleem, sets out to show how respect for the environment is at the heart of the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths. (UK) [@c_of_e](#)

Baba Sewa Singh Ji

Baba Sewa Singh Ji is the honourable Chairman of Nishan-e-Sikhi Charitable Trust, a socio religious organization founded in 1920. Under the dynamic leadership of Baba Sewa Singh Ji, the organization works to protect the environment, promote education, empower youth through sport, and maintain religious and social institutions throughout India. Baba Ji is the recipient of a number of international, national and state level awards. Baba Ji has only one mission: to selflessly serve society regardless of religion, caste and community.

Gagan Deep Singh Bindra

Passionate about education and youth empowerment, Gagan Deep Singh Bindra is a researcher and innovator currently working at IDIPIA (I Dream I Plan I Achieve) as a project manager of the world's largest structural education and career web portal. The free portal at IDIPIA provides students with career advice and resources to maximize their educational opportunities through exams, scholarships, and grants. At IDIPIA, he is currently working to complete an integrated, guided educational and career design encyclopaedia while concurrently pursuing a Master's degree in computer applications.

Dr Rajwant Singh, EcoSikh

Dr Rajwant Singh is President of EcoSikh. He was born in Calcutta and moved to the USA in 1979. He is a dentist, running three dental offices in the DC area. He has been participating in Sikh community affairs since his early youth. He founded the Guru Gobind Singh Foundation, a Sikh congregation based in Rockville, Maryland, which organizes youth camps for Sikh children and conducts classes in Punjabi, Sikh history and philosophy. In 1993 he was the first Sikh leader to be invited to the White House and was invited to several prayer breakfasts by President Bill Clinton. He has worked with President Obama's administration on many issues. He helped launch EcoSikh in New Delhi in 2009. It has engaged over 2,000 Sikh organizations and religious bodies to observe Sikh Environment Day every March 14. He has engaged two sacred cities in India to become Green Pilgrimage Cities. (USA) @ecosikh

MAJOR GENERAL Ravinder Singh Chhatwal

Major General Ravinder Singh Chhatwal (Retd.) after an illustrious career in the Army spanning 37 years, took premature retirement in 2005 to dedicate his life selflessly to serve the society. An alumni of IIT Kanpur and Symbiosis, Pune, he has headed four reputed management and engineering institutions of the country. A powerful motivational speaker, he has inspired hundreds of students to achieve their mission based on strong ethics and human values. He has been associated with Baba Sewa Singh Kaar Sewa wale, Khadur Sahib (Punjab) Since 2007 and involved in various educational initiatives of Nishan-E-Sikhi, preparing youth for national level competitions. In 2014, as Director of Nishan-E-Sikhi Preparatory Institute, he was instrumental in starting a 2 years Intensive Integrated Preparatory programme, a residential course, for admission into National Defence Academy and prominent Engineering colleges in the country. At Nishan-E-Sikhi, he is assisting Baba Sewa Singh ji in upgrading infrastructure, inspiring and motivating youth, public relations and others initiative of the organization.

Ravneet Pal Singh, EcoSikh

Ravneet Singh is South Asia Project Manager at EcoSikh (www.ecosikh.org). He trained as an agricultural engineer and studied Landscape Irrigation Design, with a strong base in water conservation. EcoSikh began in 2009 as a Sikh response to the UN call for faith action to combat the global environment crisis. EcoSikh collaborates with thousands of Sikh Gurdwaras and institutions all over the world including India, Pakistan, USA, UK, and Norway. At EcoSikh he has played a major role in establishing March 14 to be celebrated as Sikh Environment Day. Today, over 2,000 Sikh organizations in 18 nations celebrate this day each year and it has laid a foundation of environment awareness and action in Sikh communities around the world. In 2012 Ravneet worked to launch Eco-Amritsar, helping citizens move towards a sustainable city. He has developed guidebooks on *Seven Steps to Greening Religious Processions* and *How to Celebrate Sikh Environment Day*. He represented Sikhism at the Green Pilgrimage meeting in Trondheim, Norway in 2013 and was one of the young faith leaders invited to Rome in June 2015. @ecosikh

Tripat Deep Singh

Dr. Tripat Deep Singh is an academician, researcher, author and innovator. He holds a Ph.D in Computer Application and a Master's of Computer Application. His current position is Managing Director of IDIPIA (I Dream I Plan I Achieve), where he helps guide students toward fulfilling educational and career paths using online tools. His vast network of 600 students hailing from numerous universities and colleges plays a crucial role in providing tailored personal career reports and advice to students and youth.

Prof Dr Din Syamsuddin

Prof. Dr. KH. Sirajuddin Muhammad Shamsuddin is the Chairman of Muhammadiyah and Chairman of the Indonesian Council of Ulema (MUI). He is also the Chairman of Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation among Civilizations and a Professor of Islamic Political Thought at the National Islamic University in Jakarta.

Tomoaki Takahashi, Great Forest Wall Project

Tomoaki Takahashi was born in Kesen-cho, Rikuzentakata City, Iwate Prefecture, as the second son of Masaki Araki, senior priest of Gassan Shrine. After he graduated from the Faculty of Shinto Studies, Kokugakuin University, he worked for Jinja Honcho, the Association of Shinto Shrines. In 2002 he was adopted by the Takahashi Family of Setatamagawa Shrine. Since 2012 he has been serving in the Great Forest Wall Project Foundation. The project aims to build a five-meter high embankment utilizing soil and debris from the earthquake and plant trees to create a forest. (Japan)

Reverend Adam Russell Taylor, World Bank

Rev. Adam Taylor is an Adviser and Lead for the Faith Initiative at the World Bank Group, which seeks to strengthen engagement and partnerships with faith-inspired organisations and religious communities in order to end extreme poverty and boost shared prosperity. He formerly served as the Vice President; Advocacy at World Vision U.S., where he led World Vision's policy, advocacy and campaigns to combat injustice facing children. He was a White House Fellow in the White House Office of Cabinet Affairs and Public Engagement and formed an organization called Global Justice, with the vision of educating and mobilising students around global human rights and economic justice). Before that he worked as an Associate at the Harvard University Carr Center for Human Rights and as an Urban Fellow in the Department of Housing Preservation and Development in New York City. He is a graduate of Emory University, the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, and the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology. He wrote *Mobilizing Hope: Faith-Inspired Activism for a Post Civil Rights Generation* and is ordained in the American Baptist church. (USA) @Adam_RTaylor)

Bishop Walter Thomas, New Psalmist Baptist Church, Baltimore

Bishop Walter Scott Thomas, Sr. has been serving as the pastor of the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland for the past 40 years. Under his leadership the church body has grown from 200 to more than 7,000 active members, and operates from a new, 4,000-seat state-of-the-art church building. Bishop Thomas also is the Presiding Prelate of the Kingdom Association of Covenant Pastors, overseeing 85 pastors throughout the USA. He was called to be pastor in 1973 (as part of the New Shiloh Baptist Church) and has more than 30 years of experience working with church leaders, pastors, church staff members, and building effective ministry teams. Through the New Psalmist Baptist Church Network, he created the first African American long-term faith plan on the environment. This arose from the New Psalmist Baptist Church's involvement in faith schools, empowerment and water issues, especially in East Africa, and has led Bishop Thomas to create within the New Psalmist Baptist Church and in partnership with UNICEF a whole programme on WASH and faith-based schools. He is author of *Spiritual Navigation for the 21st Century* and *Good Meat Makes its Own Gravy*. He is the editor of *Outstanding Black Sermons Volume 4* in which he is also a contributor. (USA) @BishopWSThomas

Caterina Tino, UNICEF

Caterina Tino works as Partnerships Specialist for UNICEF Civil Society Partnerships in New York. In this capacity, she works to strengthen, expand and monitor UNICEF work with religious communities to promote and protect children's rights. In particular, she supports the management of UNICEF global partnerships with Scholas, the World Council of Churches and Religions for Peace. Prior to her appointment with UNICEF, Ms. Tino served as Civil Affairs Officer in the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Kosovo, as Researcher at the Mediation Support Unit of the UN Department of Political Affairs, as Adviser on Disarmament and International Security at the Spanish Mission to the UN during Spain's EU Presidency, and as the UN Representative of the International Action Network on Small Arms.

Catherine Veillet-Michelet, Bayard Press

Catherine Veillet-Michelet is the general secretary of Bayard Media International and Investment. Bayard is a Catholic company and is one of the leading publishers in France, issuing *La Croix*, France's third most popular daily national newspaper as well as magazines and books for children, young people, adults and the older generations. In 2015 she project managed the Why Do I Care Initiative, bringing hundreds of people, including religious and cultural leaders, together in Paris for an event hosted by the Elysee Palace, opened by French President Francois Hollande and attended by many key people and also the media. As a result, before the Paris COP21 in December the French Government will ask all delegates to the COP to ask themselves the simple question: Why Do I Care about the Planet? In recognition that the solution to climate change can only come if it is recognised to be a moral issue. (France) @WhyDoICare

Karl Wagner, ValuesQuest

Karl is a biologist by training (Masters in freshwater biology); part of the environmental movement since end of the 70's; campaigner, entrepreneur and fundraiser by profession. Karl has conceptualized, developed and managed successful large environmental campaigns, nationally and internationally, mainly for WWF. Examples of the latter include the global "Living Planet Campaign" and European campaigns, targeting EU legislation on fisheries and chemicals (REACH). He has over the last 25 years developed, masterminded, supervised or contributed to many campaigns for a number of international organisations around the world. Karl has moved on to systemic issues and root causes and acted between 2009 and early 2015 as Director of External Relations for the International Centre of the Club of Rome. Karl is now developing and fundraising for global and European projects with partners on values, new economy, conservation and EU politics. @valuesquest

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, The Shalom Center

Rabbi Arthur Waskow, Ph.D., founded (1983) and directs The Shalom Center (<https://theshalomcenter.org>). In 2014 he received the Lifetime Achievement Award as Human Rights Hero from T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights. In 2015 the *Forward* named him one of the "most inspiring" Rabbis in the US. Among his 22 books are *Down-to-Earth Judaism*, *Godwrestling — Round 2*, and *Torah of the Earth*. See also Waskow, "Jewish Environmental Ethics: Adam and Adamah," in *Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics* (Dorff and Crane, eds.; Oxford Univ. Press, 2013). He is a member of the Steering Committee of Interfaith Moral Action on Climate (IMAC). @RabbiArthur

Master Yang Shihua, China Taoist Association

Master Yang Shihua is the Vice Secretary General of the China Taoist Association and President of the Jiangsu Taoist Association. Master Yang is passionate about reviving the Daoist tradition on Maoshan, one of the most famous Daoist Sacred Mountains, in Jiangsu Province in Central China. At one point it had more than 900 temples and today it receives more than a million visitors each year. For the past five years he has restored four temples with facilities to host a large pilgrimage population and infrastructure to organize camps and workshops on Daoist health preservation. Work was done to minimise ecological damage: streetlights use solar energy, protection of trees and large rocks is prioritised. Maoshan hosted the Daoist Ecological Temple Workshop in 2009 and joined the Green Pilgrimage Network in 2013. (China)