

UMMAH FOR EARTH'S ALLIANCE DEMANDS FOR FAITH LEADERS AT COP30

These demands are submitted in the name of 54 organizations and individual experts who unite under the banner of the Ummah For Earth Alliance. They are dedicated to faith leaders at COP30, and they represent steps towards ensuring the involvement and presence of Muslim communities, and other faith communities, within the Global Climate movement.



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Continued Leveraging of Islamic Finance for Climate Action

- Promote Islamic finance instruments such as green sukuk and waqf-based funds to finance renewable energy, adaptation, and community resilience projects. Faith leaders should work with financial institutions to scale ethical, interest-free climate finance that serves the public good and avoids exploitative practices.
- Direct funds (Islamic finance) toward climate disasters in muslim countries, in addition to post-war rehabilitation, thereby avoiding corruption on Earth
- Amplify faith-based leadership in calling out exploitative and destructive financing models that continue to enable the destruction of the natural environment
- Facilitate the establishment of funds that are fed by Islamic finance mechanisms, such as Zakat.
- Faith leaders must collaborate with experts and scholars to develop Islamic climate finance tools, foster transparency, and ensure equitable access to funds for the poor.
- Faith leaders must demand that Islamic financial institutions allocate at least %5 of their assets to renewable energy and climate solutions by 2030, unlocking \$400 billion for a clean transition.
- Advocate for tripling annual green sukuk issuances from the current \$15 billion to \$40 billion by 2027, with mandatory impact reporting and Shariah compliance verification.
- Require all Islamic financial institutions to provide comprehensive climate and sustainability training to their Shariah boards and scholars, ensuring religious authorities can properly evaluate environmental considerations in financial decisions.

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Incorporate Environmental Education as part of Islamic Education Systems

- Faith leaders must encourage incorporating environmental ethics, climate science, and sustainability values into Islamic education on all levels—starting with early religious education in mosques and continuing through higher education in Islamic universities, theology schools, and seminary programs. Include Al Mizan A Covenant the Earth (<https://www.almizan.earth>) as a backdrop to their discussions
- Climate education should not be segregated as a scientific or secular matter. It must be learned as a religious, moral, and divine obligation in accordance with the Qur'an, Sunnah, and Islamic law (fiqh). Islamic education yields a plentiful set of ecological virtues: moderation (wasatiyyah), belief and stewardship (amanah and khalifa), justice ('adl), and mercy (rahma) to all of creation.

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Call for a Just Transition Rooted in Faith and Equity

Faith leaders must advocate for a global phaseout of fossil fuels that is fair and inclusive, one that protects vulnerable communities, workers, and nations. This transition must be grounded in Just Principles and must prioritize energy access, decent livelihoods, and finance for the most impacted. We must end financing new fossil fuels and keep them in the ground.

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Support community-based initiatives



- Faith leaders must mobilize mass support for grassroots, community-driven climate action specifically by women, youth, and Indigenous people. These initiatives must focus on sustainability, dignity, and self-reliance through concrete projects like saving water, reforestation, renewable energy cooperatives, seed banks, climate literacy, and sustainable agriculture. Such programmes must be funded and sustained via Islamic finance tools like zakat, waqf, sadaqah, and contributions from local communities.
- Faith leaders must emerge as champions of bottom-up climate solutions, empowering their communities to restore the ecosystems, protect ancestral knowledge, and rebuild climate resilience from the ground up.
- From the village mosque to the refugee camps, from the smallholder farm to the city community, our religious institutions must support a climate movement that is decentralized, just, regenerative, and grounded in faith

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Integrate Indigenous Practices & Islamic Teachings for Sustainability



- Faith leaders must identify, promote, and integrate Indigenous environmental knowledge into Islamic ecological thought to create culturally appropriate, spirituality-based models of sustainability. This entails giving precedence to the land-based knowledge of Indigenous peoples, especially of the Global South, and determining commonalities between their practices and Islamic principles such as stewardship (khalifa), moderation (wasatiyya), and compassion for creation (rahma).
- Putting Indigenous and Islamic worldviews into dialogue offers a powerful counter to market-based climate action. It reconnects people with the land, with the Creator, and with one another.
- Faith leaders must stand with Indigenous peoples who are fighting for their land, water, and forests. That means rejecting so-called solutions to the climate crisis like carbon offsets and greenwashing rackets that displace Indigenous peoples.
- Reappropriate Islamic acts that honor Indigenous relationships with nature, such as duas for rain, dates, and water in iftar, and the teachings of the Prophet regarding animals and trees, and blend them with Indigenous seasonal ceremonies and storytelling.
- Religious and state leaders owe it to themselves and to others to confront how their institutions contributed to the erasure of Indigenous cultures and ecologies. Healing is listening, trust-building, and the protection of cultural heritage.

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Faith leaders must confront the injustices of the world to ensure climate justice

- Faith leaders must speak out publicly against all forms of violence that contribute to destroying the ecosystem. Faith leaders must refuse to be silenced on wars and ecocide that are happening around the world. Faith leaders must use Friday sermons, faith gatherings, and religious education to teach people about the environmental destruction that violates our duty of stewardship, which is Khalifa.

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Hold Governments Accountable for Ethical Climate Leadership

- Faith leaders must demand that governments and people in power be held accountable for every environmental destruction coming out of wars, including oil spills, deforestation, water contamination, and toxic weapons.
- Most climate policies are controlled by profit and short-term interests. The voices of faith leaders must be heard to hold the system accountable and see that climate action is guided by the principles of justice, care, and sustainability.
- Faith leaders need to speak truth to power, denouncing greenwashing, fossil fuel subsidies, and environmentally devastating projects. Instead, they need to advocate policies of care for the planet and justice for coming generations.

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Promote Interfaith Solidarity for Climate Justice



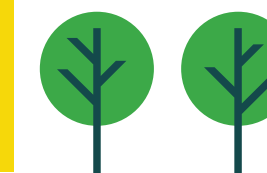
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Call for Faith-Based Climate Policy and Representation

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Foster a Worldwide Movement of Faith-Based Climate Action

- Faith leaders must work in solidarity across borders to build a values-led, grassroots climate movement rooted in spiritual teachings, cultural wisdom, and shared liberation. The movement must be youth-led, gender- inclusive, and anti-colonial in its orientation.