

The Multi-Faith Sustainable Living Initiative

A Global Campaign to be launched at COP23

Overview

The Paris Agreement affirmed limiting temperature rise to well below 2°C, while pursuing a far safer 1.5°C limit. However, we are dangerously far behind where we need to be to reach this goal. This challenge is urgent and calls for a response from us all.

At COP23, diverse faith-based and spiritual organizations and networks are coming together to embark on a journey towards lifestyles of compassionate simplicity for the sake of the climate, the human family, and the community of life. Through commitments in the areas of energy use, diet and transportation, we will create a global community of conscience and practice that will help reduce emissions to the level needed for a 1.5°C future. These commitments, which will augment increasing levels of multi-faith climate advocacy, will elevate awareness of lifestyle change as a vitally important facet of our response to climate change.

After announcing the initiative at COP23, a community of multi-faith partners will work together through a program of support and action which will take shape over the coming year to invite sustainable living commitments from spiritual and faith leaders and people of faith globally. These commitments will be announced at a 2018 global day of commitment through dozens of high-visibility, globally-distributed events and thousands of grassroots events. These events will lay the foundation for a growing sustainable living movement, and empower spiritual communities as models and ambassadors for the lifestyle changes needed for a 1.5°C future.

Join us in Bonn

We will be launching the initiative in Bonn during COP23 and invite you to participate in two events.

9 November, 9:30 – 17:30: Multi-Faith Compassionate Simplicity Convening

Wissenschafts Zentrum, Ahrstrasse 45, Bonn

Live-streamed throughout the day

Join us for a day of learning and engagement that will draw on your input to shape the direction of this initiative. Not a normal conference, the day's agenda will include a description of the initiative's strategy and theory of change, expertly-crafted inputs from experienced practitioners, stories by participants from diverse traditions and locations, frank conversation about the emotional and spiritual challenges and opportunities involved in fostering sustainable lifestyles, and in-depth discussion and reflection on how best to empower people to make and keep sustainable living commitments. [Register now](#) - use password *Compassionate Simplicity*.

10 November, Morning: Delivery of [Multi-Faith Sustainable Living Statement](#) to COP23

Starting-point TBD

Faith leaders and people of faith will deliver a statement to COP23 on foot and by bicycle, with over 50 bicycles planned to symbolize our commitment to putting our shared beliefs into action for Earth. We will depart from a Bonn house of worship close to the COP venue, with banners and flags showcasing the colorful diversity of our spiritual and faith traditions. All are welcome!

Get Involved

We welcome new partners. To learn more, email GreenFaith's Rev. Fletcher Harper at fletcher@greenfaith.org.

Partners to date include Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, The Bhumi Project, Franciscan Action Network, the Global Catholic Climate Movement, the Global Muslim Climate Network, GreenFaith, Hazon, One Earth Sangha, Friends World Committee for Consultation, the World Evangelical Alliance, and the World Council of Churches.