



PMU ^{AT} STOCKHOLM

31st of May-5th of June, 2022

+50

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The Stockholm+50 conference marks 50 years since the very first global UN-conference on environment was held in Stockholm in 1972. This is a unique chance for multilateral cooperation and joint efforts to accelerate the transition to sustainable societies. World leaders, civil society organizations, people of faith, businesses and researcher will be there.

PMU will listen in and contribute with a Pentecostal perspective on the topics related to sustainability and the future world we want. Beneath are the core messages that PMU will raise in any conversation. We are looking forward to engaging with and learn together with all delegates coming to this gathering.

KEY MESSAGES BY PMU

topics that the PMU delegation will listen for, promote and elaborate on

- 1. Faith-based actors are vital for a just and swift transition to sustainable societies**
- 2. The most vulnerable in our world must be at the core of any development discussion, their voice and perspective is prioritized**

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ENGAGEMENT

YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Prior to the main conference (31/5 - 1/6) there will be a Youth assembly, where PMU will be represented digitally and on site by two youth delegates.

PMU has also contributed to the Global Youth Policy Paper prepared by the Stockholm+50 Youth Task Force. A youth perspective is vital in all development discussions – it's their future we are discussing and creating.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

While the official conference at Älvsjömässan requires an accreditation/ticket, the People's forum is an open arrangement hosting a large number of events and seminars with contributors from all over the world.

The environmental advisor at PMU, Johannes Widlund, will be one of the speakers at an event titled "Faith Actors and Policy Making - How and why should we include faith voices within climate policy?"

ABF Huset, Sveavägen

**WEDNESDAY 1st
June, 12:00-13:45**

OFFICIAL UN SIDE EVENT

Faith in Earth - A deep conversation on religious perspectives on the way forward for a healthy planet.

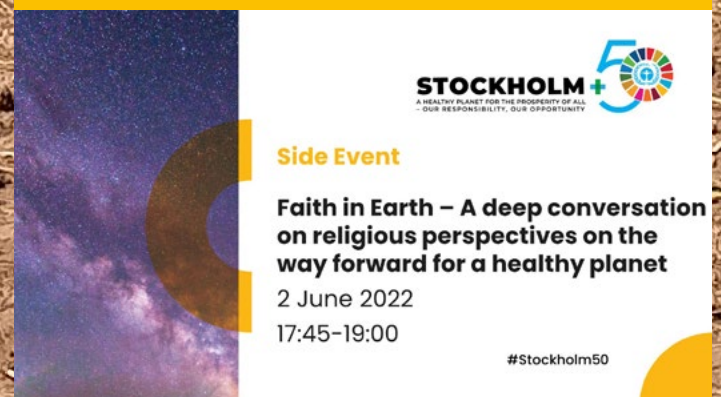
LINK TO THE FULL
DESCRIPTION
OF THE EVENT:
[Faith in Earth](#)

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The poster features a vibrant image of a galaxy on the left. On the right, the Stockholm+50 logo is displayed with the tagline 'A HEALTHY PLANET FOR THE PROSPERITY OF ALL - OUR RESPONSIBILITY, OUR OPPORTUNITY'. Below the logo, the text reads: 'Side Event', 'Faith in Earth – A deep conversation on religious perspectives on the way forward for a healthy planet', '2 June 2022', '17:45-19:00', and the hashtag '#Stockholm50'.

**THURSDAY 2nd
June, 17:45-19:00**
Room 4 at Älvsjömässan

Organizers:
PMU, SMC-faith in Development, LM International, Faith for Earth Initiative within UNEP

MARCH

On the 3rd of June there will be a large Fridays For Future march starting at Odenplan 13:00 before departing for Norrmalmstorg. PMU is inviting everyone to join a "Faith Bloc", where faith driven organizations can coalesce and march together. Join the group of faith-driven people and send the message that today's environmental policies are inadequate and that we need creation justice now.

The faith bloc will meet up outside Gustav Wasa Church at 12:45.

FRIDAY 3rd June, 12:30



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OTHER EVENTS BY PARTNERS

- Overview of Faith-based Engagement at Stockholm+50: [UNEP](#)

- Pilgrimage walk: [Walk in Nacka June 1st!](#)

- [Memorial service for extinct species](#)

- LM International: [Communities for Stockholm+50](#)

- Link to official UN program for the conference: [Events](#)

THE PMU DELEGATION

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STATEMENTS

PMU HAS CONTRIBUTED TO 4 STATEMENTS LEADING UP TO STOCKHOLM +50

1. Stockholm +50 must demonstrate progress towards environmental and climate justice

LINK: [Statement - Stockholm +50](#)

2. Stockholm +50 Interfaith Statement "Faith Values and Reach - Contribution to Environmental Policy"

LINK: [Statement](#)

3. Why religious literacy?

LINK: [See beneath as well as www.smc.global or www.pmu.se](#)

4. Nordic and Baltic Youth Policy Paper for Stockholm+50

LINK: [Statement](#)



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POLICY BRIEF

Why Religious Literacy?

Input to Stockholm+50



Why Religious Literacy?

Religious actors and systems of beliefs are complex, dynamic; sometimes conservative, sometimes progressive. They often follow their own ethical drumbeat, not always heard by the secular bystander. The world is religious. A vast majority of the world's population, +80%, define themselves as adherents of a religion. Religious beliefs influence how people think, act, and understand the world. They are integrated into values, cultures, and social structures.

Religious literacy is the ability to understand how religious beliefs influence a society and its development. It refers to the ability to see and understand how religious beliefs, for better or worse, interact with other factors and agents in people's lives.

Religious literacy is essential to everyone who works with social change, regardless of whether they themselves live faith-based lives or not. Religious literacy will guide people so they can understand, navigate, and act in a relevant way in a complex world. We describe religious literacy as a necessary professional capacity for everyone working with people.

Religious actors bring essential contributions in facing our common human challenges as described in the Sustainable Development Goals.

They can contribute with existential meaning, ethical thinking, comfort, and hope. But equally important, they are agents formulating the ethical narratives with potential to create behavioural change within large parts of the world's population. They are extremely important development actors: owning land, managing funds, running education, healthcare and other social services. Religious actors are almost everywhere involved in development and shaping human life. Particularly among people living in poverty, and what is sometimes referred to as marginalized people, religious actors are present, are trusted, and carry knowledge of the situation.

Policymakers, trade and industry and civil society organisations need religious literacy:

- ***to understand and work closely with religious actors***
- ***to be efficient change makers in cooperation with religious actors***
- ***to reach common goals with religious actors***
- ***to do their job well***

When faith-based organisations were asked how they could contribute to climate justice prior to COP 26 they described **three overarching functions: mediating dialogue, advocating and protecting, and driving behavioural change.**

Knowledge forum of Religion and Development is Swedish faith-based network promoting religious literacy. Member organisations: ACT Church of Sweden, Diakonia, Islamic Relief Sweden, PMU and SMC-faith in Development. For further information please contact petter.jakobsson@smc.global

