



Side Event Program
The Global Catholic Letter on Climate Change
to the COP28 Presidency

Side Event (SE) #5, Blue Zone, COP 28
 Dec 5th, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm local time

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Overall Goal

- Public policy requirements and recommendations about climate actions.
- Assessment of advances, setbacks, and gaps and setting up demands, according to the Catholic Social Teaching climate justice concerns.

Concept

Social Catholic Teaching (SCT) calls us to “accelerate the just energy transition” in the key of Integral Ecology, changing international policies. This event is part of a series of Catholic advocacy actions on governments to make bold decisions about climate change mitigation, just energy transition, and integral human development. Under Pope Francis’ leadership and previous global grassroots manifestos, we will deliver a joint letter to the COP 28 Presidency.

OPENING

06:30

Lindlyn Moma (LSM), moderator 1
 “Welcoming words, concept and meaning of the side event”

06:33

Jean Quinn (UNANIMA), moderator 2
 “Welcoming words, setting up of the side event”

06:36

TO SEE

Archbishop Peter Chong (Asia Pacific)
 “Climate Change impacts in Asia-Pacific territories, the need to abandon the Fossil Fuel era.”

06:44

Fr. Jean Germain Rajoelison (Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar - SECAM)



“On the Africa’s Statement for COP28.”

06:52

Bishop Lizardo Estrada (Latin America and the Caribbean Catholic Bishops Council - CELAM)

“A Just Energy Transition must guide COP28 negotiations on fossil-fuel phaseout.”

TO JUDGE

06:58

Lorna Gold (FaithInvest, LSM Chair Board)

“Climate Change Financing, to what extent COP27 has tackled the issue.”

07:08

Tzaporah Berman (Chair of the FFNPT initiative; Stand.earth)

“How a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty will help us meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.”

TO ACT

07:16

Roy Ibrahim (IYCS-JECI Program Coordinator, Paris)

“Climate Change related to Loss & Damage.”

07:26

Liana Almony (UNANIMA International)

“Climate Change related to Women, gender and displacements.”

07:36

Julia Devoy (Boston College)

“Textile pollution and environmental justice”

07:46

Q&A

Q&A from the floor led by Jean/Lindlyn

07:52

THE GLOBAL CATHOLIC LETTER

Presentation of the Global Catholic Letter.

A Call to Action (LSM)

Concluding remarks and farewell.



PARTICIPANTS' BIOGRAPHIES

Lindlyn Moma



She is a human rights lawyer and environmental activist with over 20 years of experience challenging human and environmental rights violations in Africa. She has a rich history of leadership roles within the environmental justice sector. Currently, she serves as the Global Advocacy Director of the Laudato Si Movement, mobilizing people of faith to protect our common home. Lindlyn holds a Bachelor of Law obtained at the University of Buea, a Matric (French Postgraduate Diploma) en Science Juridique et Politique from Universite Catholique de l'Afrique Centrale and a Master of Law in Human Rights and Democracy in Africa from the University of Pretoria, and is ready for a P.h.D on "A human rights mandate to ensure the right to a clean and healthy environment" at the University of Pretoria Law Faculty.

Jean Quinn



She is a member of the International Congregation of the Daughters of Wisdom. She is a Nurse by Profession who studied Family Therapy, Addiction Studies, and Social Housing Studies with the Irish Council for Social Housing. She also studied Theology and Philosophy at Milltown Institute in Dublin. Since joining the UNANIMA International Team as the Executive Director in 2017, Jean's passion for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation has continuously been utilized in her international advocacy. Through this role, she is the Co-Chair of the NGO Working Group to End Homelessness and a Member at Large of the NGO Committee of Social Development.

Archbishop Peter Loy Chong



He is a Catholic Archbishop of Suva, Fiji. He holds a doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, California, United States. Since 2018, he has been the President of the Federation of Catholic Bishops' Conferences of Oceania.



Jean Germain Rajoelison



Father Jean Germain Rajoelison is the Deputy Secretary General Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM). He has called for a new Africa invigorated and shaped by the Gospel and a new inculturation of the Good News in the family, schools, universities, politics, and economics. He has also emphasized the need for pastoral strategies to launch a new missionary momentum.

Bishop Lizardo Estrada Herrera



He is a Peruvian Catholic Augustinian priest, auxiliary bishop of Cusco, and General Secretary of the Latin American and Caribbean Catholic Episcopal Council (CELAM) from 2023-2027. He obtained a master's degree in Moral Theology from the Pontifical Alphonsian Academy in Rome and a Bachelor's in Education from the Catholic University of Trujillo. He obtained a Doctorate in Education in Peru and a Doctorate in Pastoral Theology in Colombia.

Lorna Gold



She is the Chief Executive of FaithInvest, having previously held the position of Director of Movement Building. She joined FaithInvest in 2020 and has over two decades of experience engaging faiths on environmental, climate, and economic justice. Lorna worked at a senior level in Trocaire, the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. She is a leading voice on faith-consistent investing in the Catholic Church and supported the Irish Bishops' Conference to divest from fossil fuels in 2018. She is Chair of the Laudato Si' Movement (formerly the Global Catholic Climate Movement) and a member of the Vatican's Covid Commission Economics Taskforce.

Tzaporah Berman

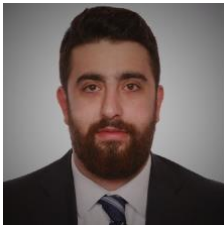


She is currently the International Program Director at Stand.earth and the Chair of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative. She is the former co-director of Greenpeace International's Climate and Energy Program and co-founder of ForestEthics. In 2016, Tzaporah was appointed by the Alberta Government to co-chair the Oil Sands Advisory Working Group, tasked with making



recommendations to implement climate change and cumulative impact policies, and was listed as one of the 35 most influential women in British Columbia by BC Business Magazine. In 2015, she was awarded the YWCA Women of Distinction Award in British Columbia, and in 2013, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of British Columbia.

Roy Ibrahim



He is the International Programme Coordinator at IYCS-JECI. He holds a Master's degree in Development Economics and International Development from the Université Gustave Eiffel and an International Economics Master's degree from the Université Paris-Est Créteil (UPEC).

Liana Almony



She graduated from New York University in 2023 with a Master's degree in International Relations and a concentration in International Law. At NYU, she contributed to research on forced migration and feminist foreign policy, acted as President of the International Relations and Politics Association, and published numerous articles in the Journal of Political Inquiry as Deputy Editor-in-Chief. She is the Executive Assistant at the UNANIMA in New York. She also interned at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., writing articles for Ambassador Mark Green's blog Stubborn Things.

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MBA Oxford, MTS Harvard, PhD Boston College. She is Associate Dean of Undergraduates Programs and Students at Boston College, LSEHD, and Director of the Experience, Reflection & Action (ERA) First-Year Program. DeVoy focuses on environmental and health justice concerns and social entrepreneurship as innovation interventions. In her ERA-FYP course, embedded with design-thinking, environmental and restorative justice, social impact projects, core reflection practices, Planet Restorative Justice courses, and in others, she uses human-centered, design-informed, sustainability principles to explore ethical interventions for environmental and health initiatives.