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Religions for Peace

WORKSHOP ON

"PROTECT THE EARTH, DIGNIFY HUMANITY" THE MORAL DIMENSIONS OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

CASINA PIO IV • VATICAN CITY • 28 APRIL 2015

Participants

Vatican officials plus over 100 high-level invitees, including science, business, diplomatic, and development experts; religious leaders; academicians and scholars.

Goal

To help strengthen the global consensus on the importance of climate change in the context of sustainable development. Global climate change adversely affects every aspect of our civilisation and thus should be a matter of serious concern across all world religions. Their effect on the poor is even more severe. We wish to elevate the importance of the moral dimensions of protecting the environment in advance of the Papal encyclical and to build a global movement to deal with climate change and sustainable development throughout 2015 and beyond.

Outcome

A joint statement on the moral and religious imperative of dealing with climate change in the context of sustainable development, highlighting the intrinsic connection between respect for the environment and respect for people – especially the poor, the excluded, victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, children, and future generations.

Agenda

10.30-11.00	Welcome by **H.E. Msgr. Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo** *Chancellor of the PAS* Opening addresses by **Ban Ki-moon** *UN Secretary General* **H.Em. Card. Peter Turkson** *President, Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*
11.00-11.30	Brief statements by **Prof. Jeffrey Sachs** *Director of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network* **Dr. William Vendley** *Secretary General of Religions for Peace* **Prof. Veerabhadran Ramanathan** *Pontifical Academy of Sciences* **President Margaret Archer** *Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences*
11.30-12.50	**Panel 1:** Technical aspects. Evidence on social exclusion and climate science **Moderator**: Peter Raven **Panelists**: Partha Dasgupta, John Schellnhuber, Martin Rees, V. Ramanathan, Y.T. Lee
12.50-1.45	Lunch at Casina Pio IV
2.00-3.30	**Panel 2:** Justice and Responsibility. Leading representatives from the major religions **Moderator**: William Vendley **Panelists**: Rabbi David Rosen, Olaf Tveit, Metropolitan Emmanuel, Din Syamsuddin, Vinu Aram, Kosho Niwano
3.30-5.00	**Panel 3:** Practical aspects from local to global. Proposed solutions and follow up **Moderator**: Jeffrey Sachs **Panelists**: President Rafael Correa, Hans Vestberg, Laurence Tubiana, Cardinal John Onaiyekan
5.00-6.00	**Panel 4:** Eliminate Human Trafficking and Resettle its Victims: Next Steps Towards Sustainable Development **Moderator**: Margaret Archer **Panelists**: Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, Pierpaolo Donati, Stefano Zamagni
6.00-6.30	Discussion of joint statement
6.30-8.00	Reception and refreshments, Casina Pio IV

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