



## **Multi-sector collaboration to accelerate the achievement of climate goals**

The values, trust, influence, asset base, north-south global positioning and ongoing climate related interventions of faith actors can accelerate achievement of climate action goals. But coordinated, global-scale engagement between faith and secular ‘worlds’ through collaboration on areas of specific common interest is required to fully leverage the potential of faith-based contributions.

By end-2023, following a successful launch at COP27, a global-scale Multi-Faith/Multi-Sector Alliance for Climate Action will have emerged from existing collaborations and partnerships. The Alliance is a coalition of the willing working under a banner title which captures our shared aspirations for people and planet addressing the challenges of climate change and adaptation. This network of networks will be a catalyst for increased collaboration between secular and faith entities on climate action and through the existing communications and programmatic work of the partners will bring faith networks and attention to ongoing initiatives, to scale up and accelerate their impact on global climate goals.

In 2023, the Alliance will have enabled at least three specific initiatives:

- a Faith-based Just Climate Transition Fund led by Faith Invest in collaboration with the Climate Investment Funds,
- Joint Clean Energy Access communications and advocacy campaign led by Global Alliance for Clean Energy Access and Faith for Earth,
- Project Dandelion, a Women and Youth led global campaign to meet the carbon emissions target, led by Mary Robinson, with Religions for Peace Women of Faith Network)

The network of networks will develop a unique cross-cutting programme of actively researching the huge reach of faith-based media which has never been undertaken before. This will be designed to lead to active interaction between secular media to explore around people and planet and especially climate, who need to get their views and ideas out to a far wider audience, and faith as both potential vehicle for these topics as well as the stories of faith climate and sustainability work to be shared and taken up by the secular press.

The Multi-faith /Multi-Sector Alliance for Climate Action and related joint initiatives is an outcome of the work of “Room 17”, a diverse group of secular and faith experts<sup>1</sup>, which worked under the umbrella of the Rockefeller Foundation/Brookings Institution’s [17 Rooms process](https://www.brookings.edu/project/17-rooms/)<sup>2</sup> to explore new ways to accelerate the SDGs.

New institutional partners are cordially invited to participate in the Alliance and seed funding is being sought to support the initial key initiatives outlined above. For more information, please contact Rudelmar Bueno de Faria [rudelmar.buendefaria@actalliance.org](mailto:rudelmar.buendefaria@actalliance.org) or Jean Duff [jeanduff@pfaithdev.org](mailto:jeanduff@pfaithdev.org)

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.brookings.edu/project/17-rooms/>