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# Justice Coalition of Religious

Welcome to JCoR's monthly bulletin! Continue reading to learn more about our recent activities and opportunities to join us in acting for justice.

## GLOBAL UPDATES

### United Nations



From 11-22 November 2024, United Nations Member States, civil society, and other stakeholders will gather in Baku, Azerbaijan for the 29th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations

Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP29), also referred to as the UN conference on climate change. At this annual conference, governments' representatives come together to negotiate and agree upon actions to address climate change, such as limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius, helping vulnerable countries adapt to the effects of climate change, and achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. In addition to delegates from UN Member States, climate-concerned leaders from civil society, indigenous groups, academia, younger generations, and the private sector will also assemble to discuss how to accelerate a collective response to the climate crisis. At COP29, all of these actors will discuss the key priority of establishing a new goal on climate finance, ensuring every country has the means to take strong climate action, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and build resilient communities.

JCoR created a guide to COP29, including information about the conference and how you can participate. Visit the [JCoR website](#) to access this guide in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. We encourage you to use this resource and share it with your networks to add your voice to these important conversations. Join us in holding our governments accountable to transitioning to renewable energy, phasing out fossil fuels, strengthening climate resilience, and providing the financial resources to put climate solutions into action now.

## MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Welcome to JCoR's "Member of the Month" column, a space designed to facilitate relationship building between local-level voices and JCoR's members serving in the United Nations community. We invite all our readers to utilize this resource to learn more about one another and foster new connections. This month, we are excited to introduce [Despoina Atrodioti Milaki](#).



NGO at the United Nations:  
International Presentation Association

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## REGIONAL UPDATES

### East & Southern Africa



The JCoR Network of Zimbabwe submitted reports from different congregations to the UNFCCC - COP29. These reports addressed matters of social protection, human rights, and employment, in order to create a comprehensive statement about the reality of Zimbabwe that can be used for the meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan, from November 11-22, 2024.

In commemoration of Zimbabwe's National Tree-Planting Day (second Saturday in December), the national JCoR Network is also preparing to conduct a tree-planting in areas of Bulawayo with enough water. The effort will be made possible by donations and volunteers. In tandem with the planting, the group will provide sensitization on the need for trees in our rural areas, the danger of cutting trees without replanting, and which trees are best suited to the water conditions in that region. They emphasize in all their planting campaigns that their purpose is not only to beautify but also to support the survival of plants and animals alike in their local environment.

### India



JCoR Network - India will facilitate an upcoming workshop in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh on "Constitution, Social Justice, and Minority Rights," from 7-10 November 2024. In addition, JCoR's West India Coordinator is also planning a [workshop on rights-based advocacy](#) which will be held in Vadodara, Gujarat from 28 to 30 November. It will include an introduction to JCoR, to the work of Religious congregations in the UN system, to the Sustainable Development Goals, and to engagement in advocacy for systemic change in India. To register for this workshop, please complete [this registration form](#).

### Latin America and the Caribbean



From 21 October to 1 November 2024, representatives of UN Member States, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, and other stakeholders gathered in Cali, Colombia, for the 18th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16), also known as the UN Biodiversity Conference.



## Subscribe to receive:

- updates on our coalition's activities at the UN and around the globe
- guides for virtual participation in UN conferences
- invitations to submit your observations, insights, and good practices to future JCoR statements and events



# CURRENT CALL FOR ADVOCACY INPUT: JCoR WRITTEN STATEMENT for 64<sup>TH</sup> UN COMMISSION on SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Currently collecting input for a statement to be submitted by JCoR members to the annual UN conference dedicated to the resolution of social inequalities (CSocD64)
- Theme: “Coordination, equity, and inclusion” (collaboration among different groups to ensure all people are included in society and have their basic needs met)
- **Deadline for submission of input: 30 October 2025**
- Input forms:
  - ENGLISH: <https://forms.gle/QEBzpTkT6wQMcL7t9>
  - SPANISH: <https://forms.gle/4YnZpKtZ6Zp6ARbf9>
  - PORTUGUESE: <https://forms.gle/HipjBy6YZvyT4d5S9>
  - FRENCH: <https://forms.gle/3tdR5xHyUZCAVW4M9>

# JOIN a JCoR WhatsApp GROUP



## **Latin America & Caribbean:**

- Mesoamerica
- Andes-Amazon
- Caribbean
  - Spanish-speaking
  - English-speaking
- Southern Cone
- Brazil
- Cuba
- Venezuela

## **East & Southern Africa:**

- Zambia
- Zimbabwe:
  - Bulawayo region
  - Harare region
- Uganda
- Tanzania

## **India:**

- Karnataka & Kerala
- Tamil Nadu
- Maharashtra
- Goa
- Madhya Pradesh:
  - Indore region
  - Jabhua region
- Odisha
- Delhi/UP/Punjab/  
Haryana
- Gujarat

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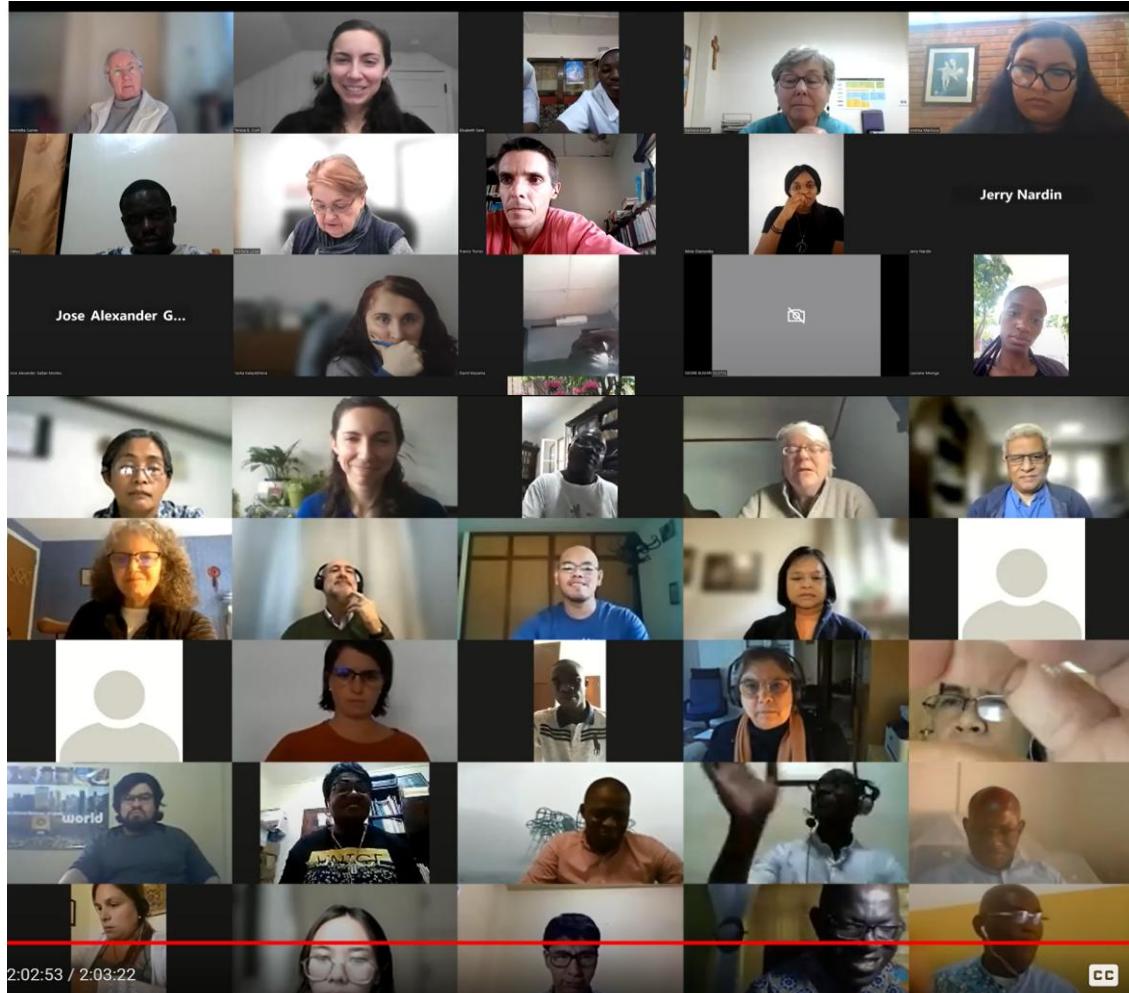
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# JOIN A FUTURE “DIGITAL DELEGATES’ TRAINING PROGRAMME” FOR THE HLPF ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

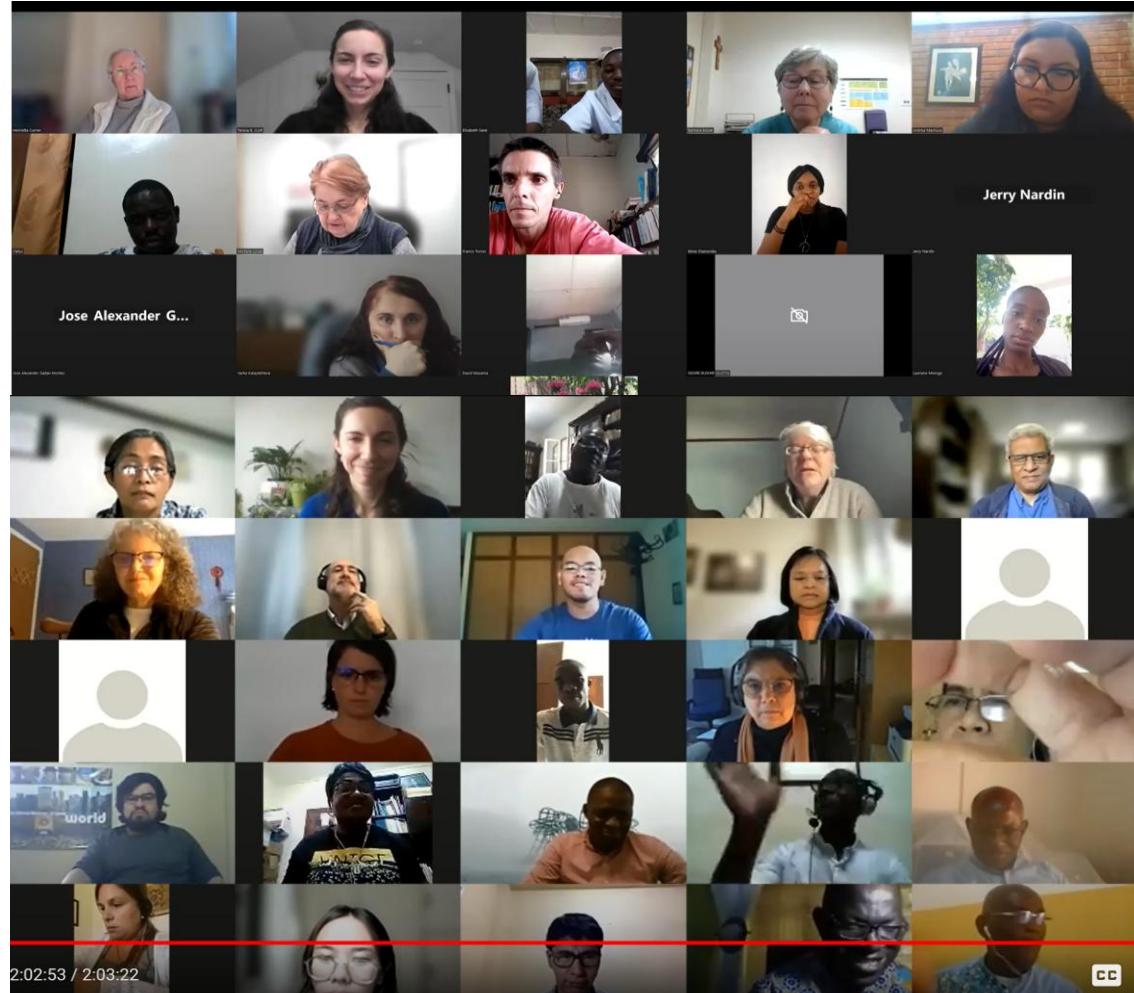


- Prepares JCoR network members around the world to follow or attend the UN's annual forum for review of progress toward SDG achievement
- Includes 8 months of training from January to August
  - 1-2 virtual meetings per month
  - Independent tasks & reflections between meetings
- Supports participants' participation in their own country's civil-society review of SDG progress
- Culminates in opportunity to make a virtual presentation for the JCoR community on your perspectives on progress and good practices in your country (i.e. be a speaker in the annual “JCoR SDG Lab”)

All members of the global JCoR network are invited & encouraged to join our programme in a year in which their national government is submitting a reports.



# JOIN the NEXT “DIGITAL DELEGATES’ TRAINING PROGRAMME” for the HLPF on SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



**Governments who have already committed to presentation of an SDG progress report next July:**

- Albania
- Algeria
- Bahrain
- Brazil
- Burkina Faso
- Burundi
- Cabo Verde
- Cameroon
- DR Congo
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Gabon
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Honduras
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Jordan
- Kiribati
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Marshall Islands
- Mozambique
- Norway
- Moldova
- Rwanda
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Tunisia
- United Arab Emirates
- Tanzania
- Uruguay

63RD SESSION OF THE  
**COMMISSION  
FOR SOCIAL  
DEVELOPMENT**

10-14 FEBRUARY 2025

Strengthening solidarity, social inclusion, and social cohesion



# READ & SHARE JCoR'S GUIDES TO MAJOR UN CONFERENCES



Published in **English, Spanish, French, and Portuguese**, in advance of UN conferences on:

- social inequalities
- gender equality
- rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Climate change
- SDG progress review

## High-Level Political Forum

On Sustainable Development



8-17 July 2024

# ATTEND JCoR'S GLOBAL COMMUNITY HOUR

- One-hour virtual gathering
- second Friday of each month (13:00-14:00 Universal Coordinated Time)
- Prayer on a justice-related theme
- Updates from JCoR at the UN and regional networks
- Sharing of concerns, good practices, and news from individual network members



***When spider webs unite,  
they can tie up a lion.***

***-Ethiopian proverb***

# Welcome to your new ministry!



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