Faiths for a Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels and Climate Justice

Date: Wed, 18 Nov 2026, 11:30-13:00

Room: Side Event Room 4 - AŞIK VEYSEL

Background

As we approach COP31, we firmly believe that both technical and political discussions must be rooted in deep ethical, moral, and spiritual principles. The cry of the earth and of the poor cannot be met by policy alone; instead, a transformation of heart and an unwavering commitment to justice are inevitable. We declare our unwavering support for a just transition and strong call on governments to the world to adopt the treaty to stop the proliferation and abandon fossil fuels as a moral and political imperative.

Current Objective

Sharing on outcomes from the First TAFF Conference, Connection to the COP30 Presidency roadmap and other UNFCCC processes, and the Second JTAFF expectations. Faith leaders will share about the Faith leader's Manifesto and local experiences to deepen our understanding of the impacts of fossil fuel dependency and explore faith-led solutions that can contribute to the Second JTAFF conferences, and UNFCCC processes such as the COP30 Roadmap, for a more sustainable future.

Event format

In-person side event. Panel Discussion

Speakers:

Faith-based organization representatives and Government delegates from Tuvalu, and Ireland.

Target audience:

- Government Representatives from Tuvalu, and/or Ireland.
- Faith-based NGOs and Civil society organizations advocating for a just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels.
- Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels experts, practitioners, and negotiators.

Duration: 90 minutes

Agenda

11:30	**Welcome & Introduction** by Moderator (Gina Castillo)
11:40	**Setting the Scene** 1. Framing the moral approach on the impacts of fossil fuel dependency - Madeleine 2. Faith leader's Manifesto – Southern Bishop. Mn Barreto
12:00	**Vision and outlook towards the Second Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels Conference (JTAFF2)** 3. Expectations for the Second Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels Conference on the Faith process (interfaith Representatives) 4. Government Response (Party delegates from Tuvalu, and Ireland).
12:30	**Q&A session**
12:50	**Closing remark** – emphasize the long-term process beyond COP31 with the connection to COP32 in Ethiopia.
13:00	**The End** by moderator (Gina)

Expected Outcomes

1. Faith Manifesto and Policy recommendations for Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels (JTAFF).
2. Strengthened faith actors and governments' commitment, alliances and momentum on Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels between COP31 and the Second JTAFF conference.
3. Increased moral commitment from faith communities for climate justice.

Organizers:

- Lead applicant: Cooperation Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité (CIDSE), by Ms. Lydia Machaka.
- Co-applicant: Institute of Studies on Religion (ISER), by Ms. Isabel Pereira.
- Co-applicant: Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers (CFMSA), by Ms. Lisa Sullivan.
- Co-applicant: Maryknoll Sisters of Saint Dominic Inc., by Ms. Lisa Sullivan.
- Co-applicant: PROCLADE International, by Mr. Terence Rohan Dominic.
- Co-applicant: Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries (SCMM), by Sister. Mary Jane Caspillo.
- Co-applicant: VIVAT International (VIVAT), by Mr. Roy Thomas.