Where to Learn More about the UN and the Ministry of Being a UN Representative

How to Access What's Happening at the UN

- **UN JOURNAL**

This site lists all the meetings of the day at the UN

- Official Meetings
- Informal Consultations
- Forthcoming Meetings
- List of Documents
- Press Conference
- Other events



- **UN WEB TV**

Platform for watching livestreamed and recorded meetings held at UNHQ and other UN offices around the world



- **UN BLUE BOOK**

Directory of personnel and contact information of the Permanent Missions of all Member States

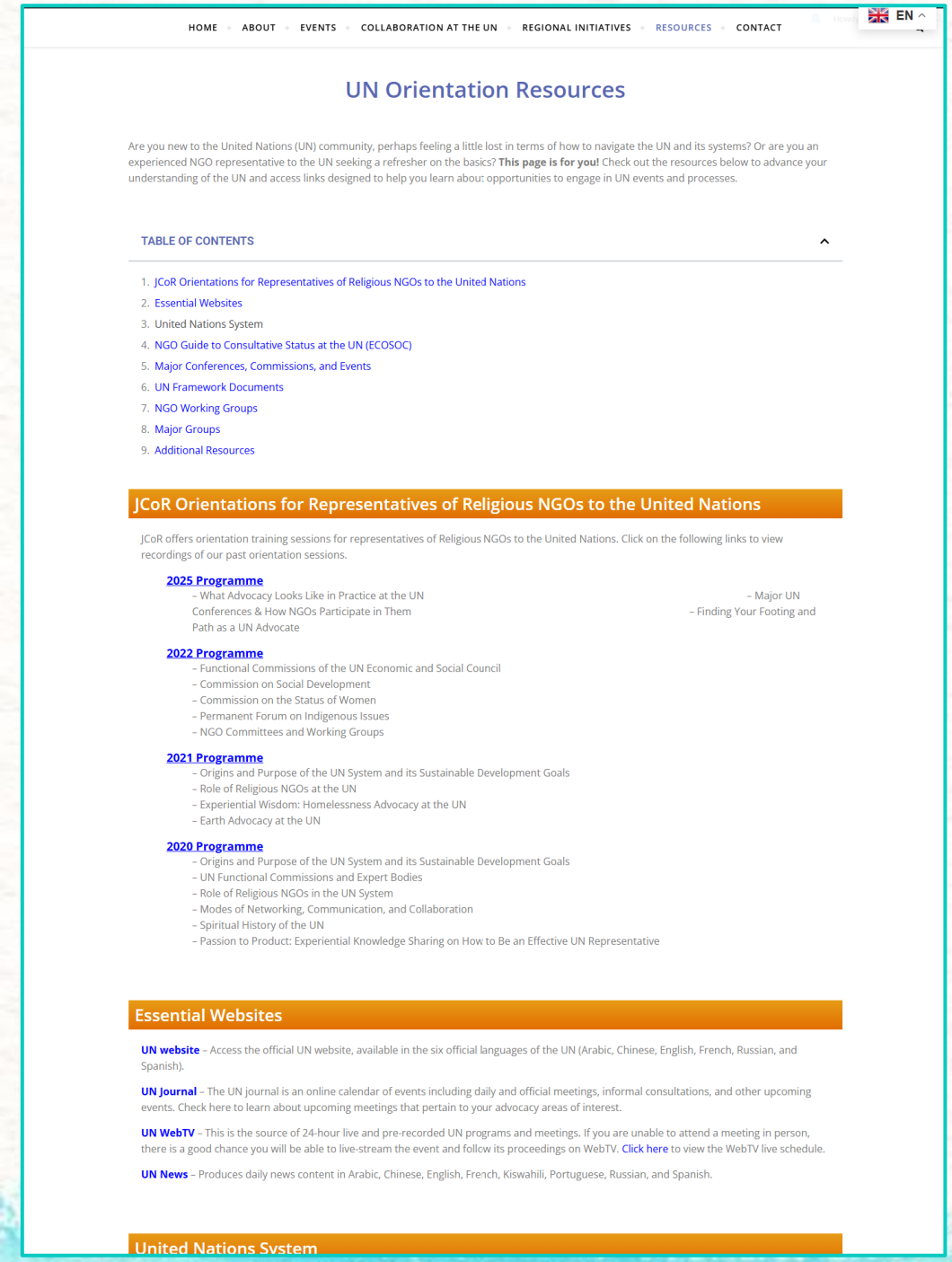
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Useful Mailing Lists

- **NGO Committees & Working Groups**
  - Social Development (complete this form or e-mail this address)
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  - Migration (subscribe here)
  - Financing for Development (complete this form or e-mail this address)
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  - Homelessness (e-mail this address)
  - Religious NGOs (e-mail this address)

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UN Orientation Resources

Are you new to the United Nations (UN) community, perhaps feeling a little lost in terms of how to navigate the UN and its systems? Or are you an experienced NGO representative to the UN seeking a refresher on the basics? **This page is for you!** Check out the resources below to advance your understanding of the UN and access links designed to help you learn about opportunities to engage in UN events and processes.

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JCoR Orientations for Representatives of Religious NGOs to the United Nations

JCoR offers orientation training sessions for representatives of Religious NGOs to the United Nations. Click on the following links to view recordings of our past orientation sessions.

2025 Programme
- What Advocacy Looks Like in Practice at the UN
- Major UN Conferences & How NGOs Participate in Them
- Finding Your Footing and Path as a UN Advocate

2022 Programme
- Functional Commissions of the UN Economic and Social Council
- Commission on Social Development
- Commission on the Status of Women
- Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- NGO Committees and Working Groups

2021 Programme
- Origins and Purpose of the UN System and its Sustainable Development Goals
- Role of Religious NGOs at the UN
- Experiential Wisdom: Homelessness Advocacy at the UN
- Earth Advocacy at the UN

2020 Programme
- Origins and Purpose of the UN System and its Sustainable Development Goals
- UN Functional Commissions and Expert Bodies
- Role of Religious NGOs in the UN System
- Modes of Networking, Communication, and Collaboration
- Spiritual History of the UN
- Passion to Product: Experiential Knowledge Sharing on How to Be an Effective UN Representative

Essential Websites

UN website – Access the official UN website, available in the six official languages of the UN (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish).

UN Journal – The UN journal is an online calendar of events including daily and official meetings, informal consultations, and other upcoming events. Check here to learn about upcoming meetings that pertain to your advocacy areas of interest.

UN WebTV – This is the source of 24-hour live and pre-recorded UN programs and meetings. If you are unable to attend a meeting in person, there is a good chance you will be able to live-stream the event and follow its proceedings on WebTV. Click here to view the WebTV live schedule.

UN News – Produces daily news content in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Kiswahili, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

United Nations System

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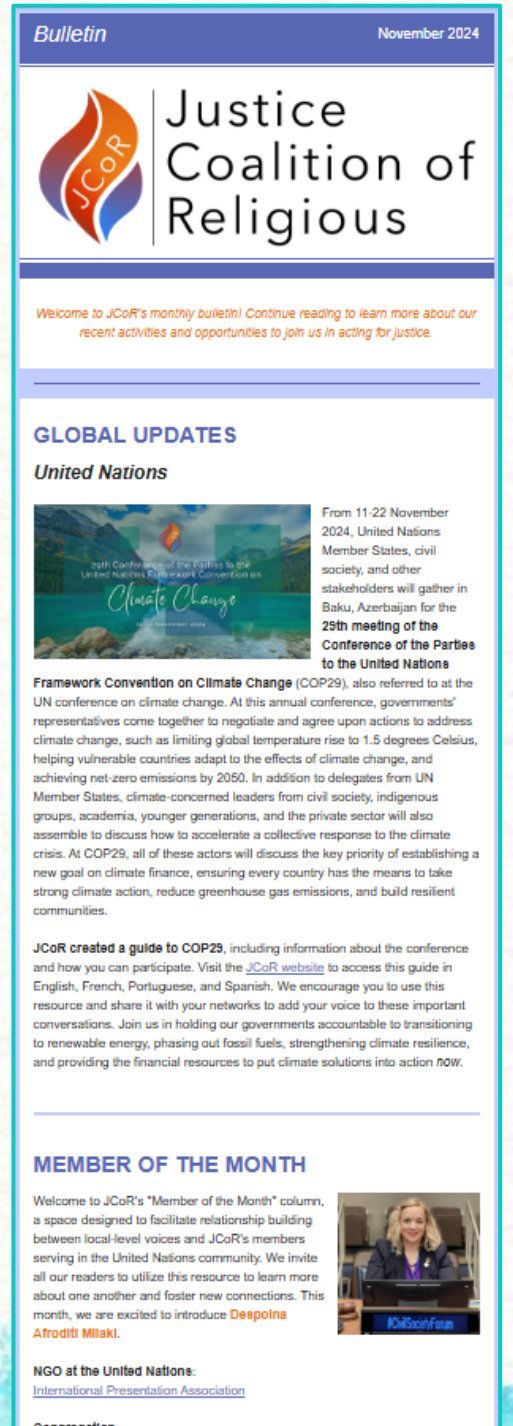
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- rights of Indigenous Peoples
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- SDG progress review







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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 at 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 Afroditi Milaki**.

NGO at the United Nations:
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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 the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (COP16), also known as the **UN Biodiversity Conference**.



Discussions were guided by the theme of "**Peace with Nature**," and participants included representatives from the JCoR Network - Latin America and the Caribbean, JCoR's board, the Latin American Confederation of Religious (CLAR), the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (REPAM), the Holy See, Caritas Internationalis, the Laudato Si Movement, and more. The unprecendented robustness of civil society's presence at the conference was an encouraging counterbalance to the relatively underwhelming participation of high-level government officials who hold the authority to finance conservation of biodiversity.

At COP16, the Latin American Church

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