



Terms of Reference ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors

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Background

The ImPACT Coalition for Faith-based Solutions was established during the UN Civil Society Conference in Nairobi in April 2024, in connection with the process leading up to the UN Summit of the Future (2024). The Coalition organized a side event during the Summit's Action Days and issued [a statement on the role of faith in future UN structures](#). The Coalition comprises a broad group of faith-based and faith-affiliated actors, representing diverse religions, faith traditions, and spiritual practice. This new setup complements other existing structured faith engagements related to the UN system. We, the engaged faith actors, view the continuation of this group as a means for faith communities to jointly provide leadership and inclusive and value-led input on “big picture” topics discussed within the UN system, in the spirit of the collaboration related to the UN Summit of the Future—a truly “big picture” event and process. We consider the continuation of the coalition valuable for maintaining dialogue on the Pact for the Future and as a vehicle for discussing its content. The world is changing at a phenomenal speed, and we therefore do not intend to limit the scope of this Coalition solely to the Pact for the Future, despite its already overwhelming agenda. The Coalition will take an agile approach and independently decide on which “big picture” topics to engage with.

Examples of “big picture” topics could be *post-Agenda 2030, the future of the Security Council, Financing for Development (FfD), major changes in the Human Rights framework, UN80 Initiative* and similar issues.

Role

- Provide a platform for joint engagement from the faith community on “big picture” topics discussed within UN circles.
- Facilitate internal communication among faith-based actors about relevant dialogue opportunities.
- Mobilize for joint statements and dialogue inputs.
- Provide global coordination of a broad range of faith actors to engage in UN processes, and work to inform and involve the faith community in the UN agenda and relevant global debates.
- Serve as a faith perspective in collaboration with civil society networks and other stakeholders.

Core Focus

- COORDINATION and COMMUNICATION - Ensure that faith communities are informed about and engaged in dialogues as early as possible.

Membership

- Open to any faith-based and/or faith-inspired individuals and/or organizations that engage with the United Nations process, whether directly or indirectly, regardless of ECOSOC status.
- Individuals and/or organizations must adhere to human rights-based standards as established within the United Nations mechanisms.

Suggested Engagements 2025-2026

- November 2025: Joint engagement at the Second World Summit on Social Development in Doha, identified by the UN Secretary-General as one of the key gatherings for the year, to share solutions from a faith perspective and make linkages to initial conversations on post-Agenda 2030.



- April 2026: At FfD, we could collaborate on the “faith input.” For instance, some faith actors are already heavily engaged in topics such as taxation and debt.
- July 2026: Convene a hybrid meeting in the margins of the HLPF, to fine-tune the purpose and organisation of the Coalition and coordinate with other global civil society networks working on Agenda 2030 and the Pact for the Future.
- Ongoing: raise awareness of the Coalition to broaden engagement and build membership, and strengthen the organisation of the Coalition as an effective tool for influencing the UN and Member States.