



ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors

Background

The ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors emerged from the collective engagement of diverse faith-based and faith-affiliated organizations during the process leading to the United Nations Summit of the Future (2024). Recognizing the critical role that moral, religious and spiritual leadership can play in shaping global governance, the coalition was conceived as a coordinated platform for faith communities to contribute meaningfully to international dialogue and policy development.

Formed in preparation for the UN Civil Society Conference in 2024, the coalition contributed to the outcome which fed into the Zero Draft of the Pact for the Future. During the Summit Action Days, the coalition organized an offsite side event where a joint statement [“From Greed to Deeds—A Call to Action from the Faith Community to Global Leaders”](#) was issued. We provided input and made statements during consultations on the Pact, which initially referenced faith actors and religions in a negative light. The coalition emphasized the positive role of faith actors, as part of the solution. This advocacy effort resulted in a change in the adopted text.

Building upon this foundation, the ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors continues to act and ensure that the moral and human dimensions of sustainable development, peace, and justice remain central to international discourse.

Rationale

In a rapidly changing world characterized by increased polarization, geopolitical tensions, technological transformation, and widening inequalities, faith actors remain some of the most trusted, locally embedded, and globally connected networks with extensive reach. Their moral authority and deep community roots make them indispensable partners in advancing dialogue, justice, and cooperation.

The ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors seeks to facilitate spaces where faith leaders, networks, and organizations across all religions, faith traditions, and spiritual practices can reflect collectively on global policy shifts and jointly advocate for solutions grounded in human dignity, compassion, and shared responsibility.

Purpose and Objectives

The overarching purpose of the ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors is to provide a platform for joint engagement of the faith community on global topics within UN and international policy circles.

Specific objectives include:

- Facilitating communication and coordination among faith-based actors to strengthen their collective voice in global policy debates.
- Mobilizing joint statements, advocacy efforts, and dialogue contributions to influence UN processes and global governance reforms.
- Providing faith-informed insights on issues such as global peace and security, human rights, sustainable financing, and climate justice.

Conclusion

The ImPACT Coalition for Faith Actors stands in solidarity and through shared commitment in reaffirming the essential role of faith in shaping a just, peaceful, and sustainable future. Guided by shared moral values and core principles of: human rights, human dignity, human security, cooperation, compassion and inclusivity, it seeks to influence systemic change at the highest levels while remaining deeply connected to the lived realities of communities worldwide.