

SIDE EVENT

Advancing climate justice with faith-based renewable energy projects

Description:

In order to cope with climate change, populations in rural Africa need to be empowered. This is especially true for poor and vulnerable women and girls. This session explores how decentralised renewable energy projects conceptualized, implemented and run by faith-based actors in rural Africa can be a means to greater empowerment to achieve climate justice for vulnerable groups.

Date:

at UNEA 4 between March 11 and 15, 2019

Time:

90 Minutes

Speakers:

- Philipine Kidulah, Director, Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika
- Rabbi Yonatan Neril, Founder & Executive Director, The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development
- Matthias K. Boehning, Director, World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center

Hosts:

- **Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika's** mission is to empower vulnerable women and their households for resilience to poverty and the adverse impacts of climate change in West Pokot County in Kenya. Through three empowerment programs (targeted at Girls, Farmers and partners) Jitokeze Wamama Wafrika serves women farmers as well as marginalized and landless girls that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.
- The **Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD)** reveals the connection between religion and ecology and mobilises faith communities to act. ICSD works on a global basis, with current engagement in Africa, the Middle East, North America, and Europe. The mission of ICSD's "Faith Inspired Renewable Energy Project in Africa" is to care for people and creation through rapid deployment of solar and wind energy in order to bring renewable electricity to Africans, curb climate change, and enable current and future generations to live sustainably.
- The **World Evangelical Alliance Sustainability Center (WEASC)** connects 600 million evangelical Christians around the globe with global efforts to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (Sustainable Development Goals), provides impetus for broader engagement of evangelical church communities and individual Christians around the globe to care for creation and illustrates the diverse contributions to sustainable development made by evangelical churches around the world through their faith and practical action.