

Ecumenical Organizations at COP23

Speakers are available for interview and comment



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146 churches and church-related organisations working together on humanitarian, development and advocacy work.

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Ecumenical groups and climate change

Ecumenical action on climate change is global and diverse. Churches and church-related groups around the world are already dealing with the effects of climate change, from extreme weather events like typhoons and floods to long-term droughts and the failure of agriculture and fisheries.

In recent years ecumenical groups have been deeply involved in advocacy and action on climate change and have taken part in every Conference of Parties. The **World Council of Churches** and related groups have taken strong moral positions on the fossil fuel industry that generates emissions that cause climate change. Putting their money where their mouth is, they have divested from fossil fuels, withdrawing a pool of billions of dollars from the industry.

ACT Alliance works across the world on humanitarian responses to disasters that are related to

climate change. ACT Alliance members also undertake long-term development initiatives that promote low-carbon development and adaptation with the many communities around the world already suffering the impacts of climate change.

The **Lutheran World Federation**, as well as deciding to not invest in fossil fuels, has run global campaigns building awareness and calling for individual and collective actions to stop climate change. Represented at each Conference of Parties by an all-youth delegation from Lutheran churches and climate projects, the LWF calls for intergenerational justice at the climate negotiations and to be in solidarity with those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. One thematic approach to its commemoration of 500 years of Lutheran Reformation is the theme "Creation - not for sale".

Ecumenical groups and churches represented at COP23 that are no longer investing in fossil fuels:

- World Council of Churches
- The Lutheran World Federation
- Church of England
- Episcopal Church
- Methodist Church of Britain
- United Methodist Church
- United Reformed Ch of Scotland
- United Church of Canada
- Church of Sweden
- United Church of Christ, US
- The Uniting Church in Australia
- Presbyterian Ch of New Zealand
- Anglican Church of New Zealand and Polynesia

Ecumenical speakers available at COP23

Here is a small selection of delegates who will be available for interview in Bonn.



Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit
General Secretary
World Council of Churches



Rudelmar Bueno de Faria
General Secretary
ACT Alliance



Caroline Bader
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The Lutheran World Federation



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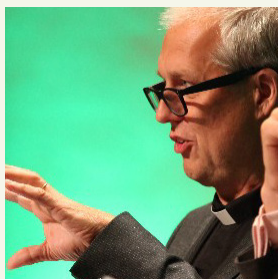
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