

Ethics, Religion, and Sustainable Development

The sustainable development agenda entails a shift not only in goals but also in values. By embracing social inclusion and environmental sustainability as well as economic progress, this agenda offers a holistic vision of human flourishing in the context of the modern global economy. Accordingly, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals will require not just technical solutions but also the actualization of vital ethical principles such as human dignity, social justice, the common good, and shared well-being. And the source of these values and ethical principles can often be found in the world's religious traditions. The purpose of this panel is to bring some of these values and principles to light, and demonstrate how they can support the implementation of the sustainable development agenda.

Moderator: Dr. Anthony Annett, Columbia University and Religions for Peace

Presentations:

“Shared Well-Being as a Multi-Religious Key for Sustainable Development”
(tentative title)– Dr. William Vendley, Secretary General, Religions for Peace.

“Integral Human Development as a Moral Framework for Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals” – Dr. Scott Appleby, Dean of Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame.

“Solidarity, Development, and Catholic Social Thought: A Framework for Just Partnerships” – Dr. Meghan Clark, Assistant Professor of Theology, St. John's University.

“A Jewish Vision of Sustainable Development” (tentative title) – Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President, Union for Reform Judaism.

“An Islamic Vision of Sustainable Development” (tentative title) – Speaker TBD.