

# Faith For Our Planet's Regional Workshop



**8th December 2022**  
Banjul (The Gambia)

TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	COUNTRY	BIO	DESCRIPTION
10:00 AM	Opening Statements	<b>Speaker:</b> Farwah Gulamali Khataw	Pakistan	Global Program Coordinator, Faith For Our Planet	
		<b>Speaker:</b> Azmaira Alibhai	Global	Faith & Ecosystems Coordinator, UN Environment Programme's Faith for Earth Initiative.	
10:15 AM	Faith and Environmentalism	<b>Moderator:</b> Joseph Hammond	United States of America	Journalist and iDove Fellow of the African Union. Moderator and Board Member of the Commonwealth Africa Initiative.	This session will invite prominent faith leaders and policymakers to discuss moral frameworks anchored in faith as a basis for climate action in Africa. Identifying the gaps in the current climate action approaches, and challenges in carrying out these plans, the speakers will make the case that the impetus required to galvanize communities can be found in world religions and their principles and scriptures; essentially exploring climate action through a values-based, spiritual paradigm.
		<b>Speaker 1:</b> Hon. Abdoulie Nijai	The Gambia	Member of the National Assembly; Delegate for COP 27; Head Parliamentarian for the COP Inter-Parliamentary Network of The Gambia	
		<b>Speaker 2:</b> Reverend Agostao Zitha	Mozambique	Pastor; National Program Director of the Christian Council of Mozambique.	
		<b>Speaker 3:</b> Yusha'u El-Sunais Sani	Nigeria	Founder and Leader, Islam for Green Climate; National Youth Climate Ambassador, National Council on Climate Change (Nigeria); National Youth Delegate at COP27;	
11:45 PM	Systems Thinking Lecture (Followed by Q&A)	<b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Nafeez Ahmed	United Kingdom	Founding Director, System Shift Lab; Former Director of Global Research Communications, RethinkX; systems theorist, change strategist, and investigative journalist. Special Investigations and Global Trends Reporter at Byline Times. Advisor on System Change at the Global Assembly	This session will introduce the concept of 'systems thinking', positioning climate change as part of a systemic crisis. Participants will explore crucial questions pertaining to how we have arrived at this point, and how worldview (ethical and moral paradigms) has shaped our relationship with the environment. The session will also briefly touch upon technology disruptions in the climate space and their implications.
1:45 PM	LUNCH				
3:00 PM	Systems Thinking Workshop	<b>Speaker:</b> Dr. Nafeez Ahmed			The second part of this session will be used to reflect on what religious leaders bring to the climate action movement through context they operate in.
5:00 PM	Closing Statements	<b>Speaker:</b> Hon. Minister Rohey Manjang	The Gambia	Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources; Republic of The Gambia	