

PRESS RELEASE



In New York, USA on the 23rd of March, 2023; Dr💧p of Hope will host an official and interactive interfaith dialogue Side Event session at **the UN 2023 Water Conference for the Midterm Comprehensive Review of Implementation of the UN Decade for Action on Water and Sanitation**. This side event titled *"Interfaith Actions for Water: Challenges and Opportunities,"* will bring together water actors, youth leaders, supporters, funders, and stakeholders to discuss, share experiences, and propose avenues for collaborations and partnerships with the world's major faith groups to improve water, sanitation and hygiene for vulnerable communities through the provision of clean water for widespread community impact.

After the first Water Conference that held 50 years ago, the United Nations has provided an opportunity for organizations to bring input to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The United Nations is asking for networks and support with on-the-ground stories of success and failures in the Water challenge that is facing the world. Dr💧p of Hope's session will focus on the importance of interfaith collaborations in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) # 6 and other water-related goals and targets.

"Dr💧p of Hope has a goal to create an interfaith platform for policy influencing, awareness creation, and resource mobilization for providing water, as we believe everyone can act to make safe and accessible water available to those who need it most." said a spokesperson for Dr💧p of Hope. "Focusing on faith leaders and faith communities allows us to draw upon the networks and power that comes from different faith beliefs and practices to bring about positive change."

The session will include presentations, a panel session, discussions, exchanges, experience sharing, and networking. The agenda includes a presentation of research and highlights of qualitative analysis by Dr💧 of Hope, a demonstration of stories from those in water-vulnerable regions by Denis Miki Foundation, a panel discussion with interfaith leaders involved in water conservation efforts by Dr💧 of Hope, Faith For Our Planet, Network for Religious and Traditional Rulers, Needlab, ASWEDO, Policy Center for Interfaith Alliance and a presentation of policy brief to be sent to the United Nations in preparation for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by Dr💧 of Hope.

Dr💧 of Hope was created by Faith For Our Planet (FFOP) and Duke Divinity School Climate Change Fellows that participated in the global Youth Interfaith Fellowship for Climate Change at Duke University, USA in January, 2023. Led by young, interfaith leaders the Dr💧 of Hope team is committed to bringing their skill sets to broadcasting and raising awareness of the diversity of those that are impacted by water vulnerability. Their mission is to highlight the key factors that lead to success and failure in combating this global crisis by conducting research and qualitative analysis of the policy decisions and interpersonal stories of those that are in water-vulnerable regions. Focusing on interfaith relations, Dr💧 of Hope is committed to raising the commitment of Faith leaders around the globe and calling them to action in dealing with the water crisis.

Drop of Hope's work is made possible by kind donations, grants and partnerships. If you would love to make a donation to support the work done by Drop of Hope you can do so at <https://globalgiving.org/projects/water-fund>. For more information about Dr💧 of Hope and their work towards providing access to clean water, visit their website www.dropofhopewater.org and email us at info@dropofhopewater.org

Event Registration Link: To join the Side Event in person in New York register to attend at; <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-actions-for-water-challenges-and-opportunities-tickets-571133153637> and share with your network.