



DAY 1

COP26 ECUMENICAL DELEGATION

News from the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021

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The COP26 Ecumenical Delegation, led by *For the Love of Creation* and the United Church of Canada, will be bringing you highlights, impressions, stories, and hopes each day of the UN Climate Change Conference.

Notable quotes

"TOTAL INCLUSION MUST BE THE FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THIS PROCESS IS BUILT. WE ARE ALL FACING THE SAME CLIMATE EMERGENCY. WE MUST ALL BE PART OF THE SOLUTION."

PATRICIA ESPINOSA, UNFCCC

"US AND CANADA INDIGENOUS HAVE STOPPED OR DELAYED THE EQUIVALENT OF ONE QUARTER OF CLIMATE EMISSIONS. BACK US OR LET US LEAD ... GET IN LINE OR GET OUT OF THE WAY!"

INDIA LOGAN RILEY, INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATIVE, TE ARA WHATU, AOTEAROA

Day 1 Highlights

COP 26 Opening Ceremony:

The COP26 Opening Ceremony included the transfer of Presidency from Chile to the UK. A panel of representatives greeted the delegates and shared their hopes for the conference. Some noted a feeling that progress has been made in commitments to reduce emissions and increase finance to support countries in need for adaptation and mitigation. Others indicated a fear that we will not reach the targets to "keep 1.5C alive."



Notable quotes

“WE HAVE FAILED TO ACT WITH THE CONVICTION NEEDED AND WE HAVE RUN OUT OF EXCUSES - LET’S GET IT DONE.”

ABDULLA SHAHID, CHAIR, UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

“THIS IS A MOMENT TO DREAM BIG, TO RETHINK OUR PRIORITIES – WHAT WE VALUE, WHAT WE WANT, WHAT WE SEEK – AND RE-PLAN OUR FUTURE, COMMITTING TO ACT IN OUR DAILY LIFE ON WHAT WE HAVE DREAMED OF. THE TIME TO ACT, AND TO ACT TOGETHER, IS NOW.” #COP26
POPE FRANCIS

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COP26 Multifaith Talanoa Dialogue Panel:

This event, hosted by the Interfaith Liaison Committee to the UNFCCC, is a space for faith communities to share initiatives, hopes, and concerns in the spirit of Talanoa Dialogue. Talanoa dialogues are a method used by the Indigenous People of Fiji to solve problems with openness and inclusivity. Participants in this method respond to three questions: Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there? The event began with an opening panel and moved to small group discussions that were organized by theme and the Talanoa dialogue format. The event ended with a shared Interfaith worship.

Stories, Impressions, Reflections

At this opening day of COP26, I've been very moved to listen to people from around the world who care so deeply about this beautiful, sacred planet and all of creation. People speak of the land and the seas, the birds and the bears, the trees and plants, as our relations and as sacred. Voices of people from around the world are calling for climate action and climate justice grounded in love and hope. Will we be the last generation allowed to hope? Who will support the quest for not just abundant life, but for dignity? These are the questions being raised. Or as the Talanoa dialogue guides us, we ask “Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?” Will we learn to live differently? Will we be guided by Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous knowledge to find the right path of living in harmony? We pray that this cry from the Earth and from all people will take hold at COP26 and steer us to a future that allows us and the next generations to live in hope and in harmony with all of creation.

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