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This pack contains a list of speakers in the ecumenical movement who can speak about climate change issues and are available for interview and comment during COP22.

Our speakers include leaders from churches and organisations with policy decisions on fossil fuels including divestment.

We have speakers from every continent, who can represent a broad range of experience on climate change.

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Ecumenical speakers on climate change and divestment

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Biruk Kebede  
Programme officer, Ethiopia Programme, LWF

Pascal Kama  
Lutheran World Federation delegate

Athena Peralta  
WCC Programme Executive for Economic and Ecological Justice

Rev. Henrik Grape  
Coordinator, WCC Working Group on Climate Change

Joy Kennedy  
Canadian Council of Churches, WCC Working Group on Climate Change
Ecumenical action on climate change is global and diverse.

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. Some media references to important decisions to divest follow here.

ACT Alliance works across the world on humanitarian responses to disasters that are related to climate change. Their massive ongoing response to Typhoon Haiyan is an example of this. 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. As part of the alliance’s advocacy work in the area of climate justice, ACT Alliance mobilised its members to carry out an ‘ACT NOW for Climate Justice’ campaign raising hundreds of thousands of signatures from across Africa and Europe calling for an ambitious climate agreement at the Paris COP21.

The Lutheran World Federation, as well as deciding to not invest in fossil fuels, has been instrumental in the global campaign called Fast for the Climate, promoting a monthly day of “Fast for the Climate”, building awareness and calling for individual and collective actions to stop climate change. Represented at COP 22 by its all-youth delegation from African 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 divestment stories in the media:

World Council of Churches

Church of England
http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/jul/14/church-of-england-governing-bodyapproves-divestment-policy

Episcopal Church
http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/03/episcopal-church-fossil-fuel-divestment

Methodist Church of Britain

United Methodist Church

United Reformed Church of Scotland

The Lutheran World Federation

United Church of Canada

Church of Sweden

United Church of Christ, US

Anglican Church of New Zealand and Polynesia
http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/News/General-Synod/Pledge

The Uniting Church in Australia

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

Churches and church-related groups around the world are already working 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 this picture a farmer walks along the riverbed of the Rio Grande, Nicaragua, dried up because of a prolonged drought in the region.
Planned ecumenical events at COP22 in Marrakech

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<td>Meeting: One for All Consultation and Strategy</td>
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<td>12 November: 15h00-17h00: “Camp Climate” Equity Point Marrakech Hostel</td>
<td>Roundtable meeting: Climate projects: mobilizing funding and resources</td>
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<td>“Making Peace with the Earth: Faith Communities for Water, Food and Climate Justice”</td>
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<td>CCFD, ACF, CIDSE</td>
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<td>Side event: Loss and damage and the Warsaw international mechanism – How to ensure climate justice? (with the participation of Bread for All)</td>
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