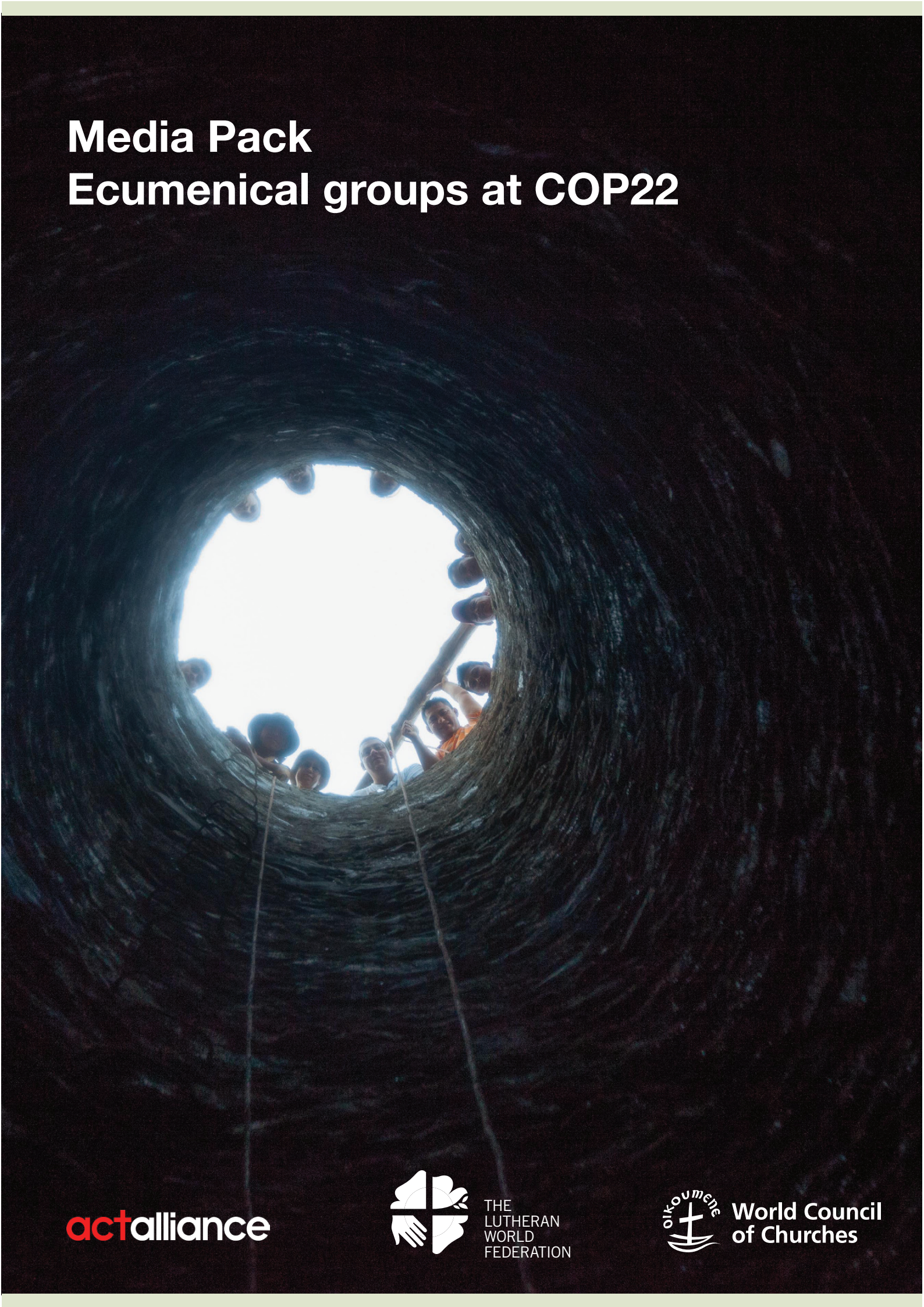


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Ecumenical groups at COP22



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WCC is a worldwide fellowship of 349 churches. The organization's members collectively represent some 590 million people in about 150 countries.

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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.

Images are available free of charge here:

www.oikoumene.org/cop22photos

To arrange an interview with anyone listed in this pack, please contact us.

Ecumenical speakers on climate change and divestment



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Ecumenical groups act, withdraw investment from fossil fuels

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 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

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2014/jul/11/world-council-of-churches-pulls-fossil-fuel-investments>

Church of England

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/jul/14/church-of-england-governing-body-approves-divestment-policy>

Episcopal Church

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

Methodist Church of Britain

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/may/01/methodists-new-climate-policy-signals-move-away-from-dirtiest-fossil-fuels>

United Methodist Church

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/united-methodist-pension-fund-issues-new-guidelines-1421945354>

United Reformed Church of Scotland

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2015/mar/27/united-reformed-church-of-scotland-to-divest-from-fossil-fuels>

The Lutheran World Federation

<http://www.ecumenicalnews.com/article/world-lutheran-body-votes-not-to-invest-in-fossil-fuels-30843>

United Church of Canada

<http://www.nationalobserver.com/2015/08/11/news/unit-ed-church-canada-divests-fossil-fuel-assets>

Church of Sweden

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/16/business/international/churches-go-green-by-shedding-holdings-of-carbon-emitters.html>

United Church of Christ, US

<http://www.ucc.org/gs2013-fossil-fuel-divestment-vote>

Anglican Church of New Zealand and Polynesia

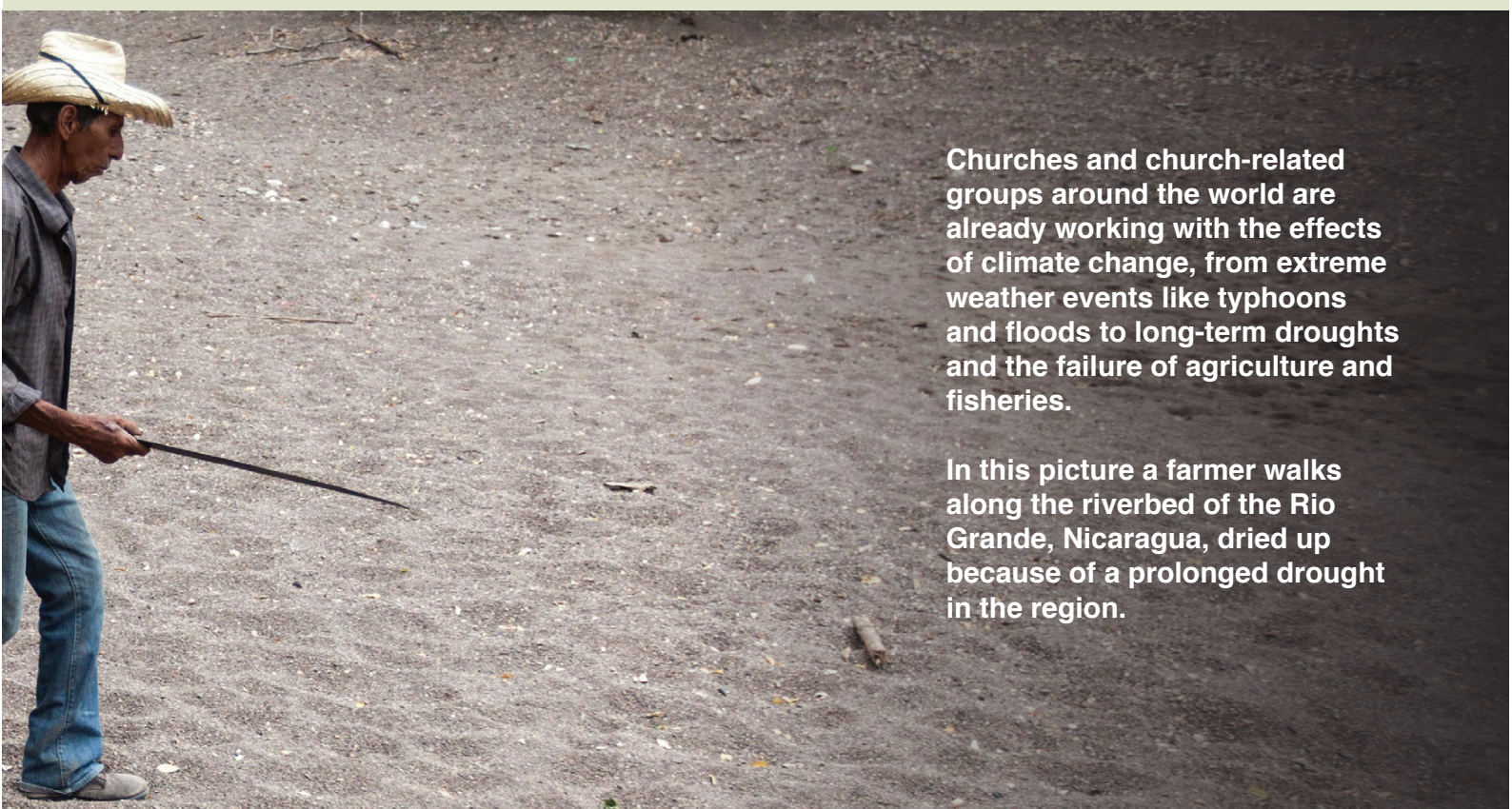
<http://www.anglicantaonga.org.nz/News/General-Synod/Pledge>

The Uniting Church in Australia

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/latest/uniting-churchs-assembly-to-divest-from-fossil-fuels/story-e6frg90f-1227044025553>

Presbyterian Church of New Zealand

<http://gofossilfree.org/the-presbyterian-church-of-new-zealand-joins-a-chorus-of-faith-based-action-down-under/>



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

Date/time/place	Activity	Organizers
6 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Civil society march	
7-18 November	Photo exhibit: The future we want (including a photo submitted by the WCC)	Green Cross
7-18 November	Booth: Big shift to renewable energy	Christian Aid, ACT
07 November: 15h00-16h30: venue tbc	Panel debate: Education, youth, and climate change	LWF, YMCA
08 November: 16h10-17h30: Indonesia Pavilion	Side-event: Interfaith Dialogue : Faiths for Climate Actions (with WCC participation)	Green Faith, Indonesia Ministry of Environment
08 November: 19h30-20h30: Church of Saints Martyrs	Worship: Ecumenical worship service on the occasion of the opening of COP 22	The Catholic and Evangelical Church in Morocco
10 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: "Get finance out of fossil fuels!" and/or "Clean energy/dirty energy"	
10 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Delivery of interfaith statement	Green Faith, GCCM, ACT, WCC, etc.
10 November: 16h45-18h15: Pacific (150)	Side-event: Zero carbon transition - shifting investment towards renewable energy & achieving energy for all	Christian Aid, CAN
12 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Moroccan civil society march	
12 November: 14h00-16h30: Venue tbc	Meeting: One for All Consultation and Strategy	Green Faith, etc
12 November: 15h00-17h00: "Camp Climate" Equity Point Marrakech Hostel	Roundtable meeting: Climate projects: mobilizing funding and resources	LWF
13 November: 11h00-16h00: venue tbc	Meeting: ACT strategy meeting	ACT
13 November: 14h00: El Harti Stadium	Action/stunt: International climate march	



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14 November: 16h00-19h00: venue tbc	Workshop: How do we achieve a renewable energy future for all?	ENGO, CAN
15 November: 9h00-11h00: UCA Marrakech Faculty of Technical Sciences, Salle 4	“Making Peace with the Earth: Faith Communities for Water, Food and Climate Justice”	WCC
15 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Support for 100% renewable energy	CAN
15 November 15h00-16h30: Bering (150)	Side-event: Understanding agriculture in relation to industrial food systems, compensation and food security	CCFD, ACF, CIDSE
15 November: 17h00-18h30: Green Zone, Salle 2	Side event: Loss and damage and the Warsaw international mechanism – How to ensure climate justice? (with the participation of Bread for All)	Rosa-Luxemberg Foundation
16 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt/workshop: Celebrating renewable energy in Africa	PACJA
17 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Interfaith FAST for the climate and break FAST	Islamic Relief
17 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Unbranded climate vulnerabilities handheld exhibition and “1.5 is key” key-rings	
18 November: 11h30-13h00: Austral (300)	Side-event: Trust and peace-building approaches for ambitious climate action	WCC, Quaker Earth-care Witness, etc.
18 November: 11h00-13h00: Arabian (150)	Side-event: Addressing loss and damage in developing countries – need for global agricultural insurance mechanism	ACT, CSE
18 November: time and venue tbc	Action/stunt: Don’t gamble with our future	





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