

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE CONFERENCE ON  
"RELIGIONS AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS):  
LISTENING TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND OF THE POOR"**

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[...] I greet all of you gathered for this International Conference on Religions and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Sustainability and Inclusion

When we speak of sustainability, we cannot overlook how important it is to include and to listen to all voices, especially those usually excluded from this type of discussion, such as the voices of the poor, migrants, indigenous people, the young. I am pleased to see a variety of participants at this conference bringing a wide range of voices, of opinions and proposals, which can contribute to new paths of constructive development. It is important that the implementation of the sustainable development goals truly respect their original nature, which is inclusive and participatory.

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