

Religion and Development at the Crossroads: Convergence or Divergence?

The Baha'i International Community's Statement to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

The Bahá'í International Community's statement to the World Summit on Sustainable Development, "Religion and Development at the Crossroads: Convergence or Divergence?" addresses the role the world's religions can and should play in fostering peace and unity among all peoples and in promoting sustainable development. It calls on the United Nations to take steps to involve religions substantively in the work of the UN and challenges religious leaders to prove themselves worthy partners in this work by rejecting fanaticism and embracing freedom of conscience for all peoples, including their own followers. The statement includes suggestions for action on all levels - by the UN, religious leaders, and the followers of the world's religions.

To access the statement in its entirety, go to <http://www.bic-un.bahai.org/02-0826.htm>