



LAUDATO SI' IMPLEMENTATION: THE ASSOCIATION OF RELIGIOUS IN UGANDA (ARU)

The Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU), through its Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) desk, continues to promote the implementation of Laudato Si' by encouraging religious congregations to actively participate in integral ecological, ecological conversion and climate action.

Recognizing the urgent call to care for our common home, congregations under ARU engage in various activities such as ecological education, tree planting, sustainable living practices and Climate Justice advocacy.

Through workshops, trainings, partnerships, and awareness creation, ARU continues to strengthen the Church's response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Response to the Cry of the Earth

ARU installed a 30kva hybrid solar system and solar water heaters as part of efforts to reduce dependence on non-renewable energy. The secretariat has completely switched off conventional electricity and adopted 100% solar energy system.



Response to the Cry of the Poor

The Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU), through its different programs has responded to the Laudato Si' goal of “hearing the cry of the poor”. ARU creates awareness about Trafficking in Persons, supports survivors through counseling and accompaniment, and with other partners participate in influencing policies that reduce exploitation of the vulnerable groups.



Sr. Immaculate with some survivors of human trafficking before a Radio program on the eve of World Day against Trafficking in Persons



ARU through its sister-led youth program, with the help of likeminded partners responds to the cry of the poor by empowering vulnerable young people with life skills, education, career guidance, and sustainable livelihood opportunities that promote dignity, self-reliance, and social transformation within communities.



Distributing start-up kits to young people who have been skilled in different fields

Ecological Economics and Adoption of Simple lifestyle

ARU among other things does small scale urban farming using organic methods, harvest rainwater which reduces dependence on external water supplies and promote reusable water drinking bottles. Apart from separating garbage waste, ARU uses biodegradable waste in the garden and produces organic pesticides from it.





Sisters of ARU Secretariat weeding their maize



Part of ARU's Kitchen garden



Organic pesticide being made from the kitchen waste

Planting fruit tree sidling at ARU secretariat in collaboration with CYNESA. The sisters who come to ARU for different workshops are free to take them and plant in their communities



Ecological Education

ARU carries out ecological education through workshops and seminars that provide priests and religious with knowledge and practical insights on Laudato Si', encouraging environmental stewardship, care for creation, sustainable living, and a deeper response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor



Sisters from ARU giving an input on Care for Creation to priests celebrating 25 years in the Archdiocese of Kampala



During a session on Laudato Si at ARU Secretariat

Ecological Spirituality

ARU has organized online and in-person prayer services and reflections that promote eco-spirituality, encouraging religious communities and the wider community to deepen their spiritual connection with creation and embrace care for the environment as an essential part of their faith and mission.



Outdoor prayer services at ARU Secretariat during the season of creation

Sisters from different
congregations
attending a guided
eco spirituality
retreat at
Namugongo Retreat
Center



Community Resilience and Empowerment

ARU has contributed to community resilience and empowerment through climate change awareness creation and collaboration with other partners by organizing capacity-building workshops.



The Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU) in partnership with Ecocide International Invite you for a Webinar

PROTECTING THE EARTH THROUGH ECOCIDE LAW: A FAITH PERSPECTIVE



SUE MILLER

Speaker

Chief Networks & Alliances Officer,
Stop Ecocide International



REAGAN ELIJAH

Speaker

Uganda Diplomatic Liaison,
Stop Ecocide International



SR. IMMACULATE

Moderator

Communication Manager
Association of Religious in Uganda



**30TH OCTOBER
3:00PM - 4:30PM**

**STOP
ECOCIDE
International**

Media Engagement

ARU engages in media as part of its communication and advocacy work especially through Radio Maria and Uganda Catholic Television to create public awareness and to share messages on ecological responsibility inspired by Laudato Si'.



With other partners having a conversation on Radio Maria during Laudato Si Week

UNCCCLA **Uctv**

TOPIC:
**The Season of Creation:
A call to care for our
COMMON HOME**

TIME:
6PM
EAT

DATE:
**THURSDAY
25TH
SEPT. 2025**

UNCCCLA is inviting you to a scheduled
ZOOM MEETING
Meeting ID: **821 4726 3108**
Passcode: **UNCCCLA**

Presenter
**Rev. Sr. Immaculate
Tusingwire, MMS**
ARU Communications Manager
and Member_Laudato Si Movement
Global Membership Council

: @UnccclaUG : @UNCCCLA We shall also be **LIVE** on **Uctv** & **YouTube**

ARU has collaborated with partners and organizations to commemorate important environmental and Church moments such as the Season of Creation, Laudato Si' Week, and related ecological campaigns.



During the celebration of Laudato Si at 10 with other partners which ARU Co-organized with the Archdiocese of Kampala and John Paul Justice and Peace Center



ARU co-hosted a Laudato Si encounter with the Archdiocese of Kampala which brought together 17 Laudato Si implementing organizations and created a consortium at the end of the encounter.

Laudato Si Encounter “Marking 10 years and its Impact”

Purpose

To pray, listen and share on the fruits of the first 10 years of Laudato Si and dialogue on the hopes and action required now and in the coming years.



DATE

**Friday
May 16, 2025**



VENUE

**Munyonyo
Martyrs Shrine**



TIME

9AM - 1PM

Organised by Archdiocese of Kampala

**In Conjunction with Association of Religious in Uganda (ARU) &
John Paul II Justice & Peace**



Participating in the Laudato Si Africa Conference organized by Bethany Land Institute as they Marked Laudato Si @ 10





Joining in the celebration of the Season of Creation at Nsambya Parish – Planting a tree to mark the day



Laudato Si Nsambya community after a prayer that marked the end of Laudato Si Week

Participating in the 2025 Season of Creation Symposium

organized by the Laudato Si Center, Comboni under the theme;
Peace with Creation: Promoting Sustainable Policies and
practices for plastic waste disposal in Uganda



Engaging other stakeholders

ARU engaging with the Plant Based Treaty on the possible partnership during their courtesy visit at ARU Secretariat.



Marking special Days



SEEDS OF HOPE

Sharing fruits of the seeds that have been
planted in Uganda since 2015 as we celebrate
Nine years of Laudato Si Encyclical

Join us on: <https://youtube.com/live/P4FKPdNz1IE?feature=share>



SEASON OF CREATION Celebration

PEACE WITH CREATION

Reflection after Mass

SR. IMMACULATE TUSINGWIRE, ARU

SR. RUMBI, LAVERNA

ALFRED, LAUDATO SI COMBONI

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
THE SEASON OF CREATION AT NSAMBYA PARISH!



7 SEPTEMBER
2025



10:00 AM -
12:00 PM



Nsambya
Parish

Please bring a fruit to
share and join in the fun.





Recognizing the Church as part of the global community, ARU through its JPIC coordinator has participated in international and regional platforms such as Conference of Parties, the Climate Reality Project, and African regional development forum to contribute to dialogue on climate action, sustainable development, and ecological justice.

Attending COP 30



Participated in the 11th Africa Forum on Sustainable Development which was hosted in Kampala. A unique opportunity to actively participate in continental discussions on climate action, ecological sustainability, and community development



Attending the Climate Reality Project Training which took place in Nairobi. The training provided an opportunity to learn from climate experts, interact with regional and international participants, and gain practical approaches to addressing ecological challenges affecting communities



Attending the 5th World Meeting of Popular Movements (WMPM) organized by the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development to discuss global social justice issues, responding to the cry of the poor. It brought together workers, Indigenous peoples, migrants, and faith communities. This gathering was the idea of Pope Francis



Participating in a side event of the gathering



With the Ugandan Delegation