

15 Years of Faith in Action – Milestones & Growth

For fifteen years, Faith to Action Network has been on a transformative journey—bringing together faith leaders, organizations, and advocates to advance health, justice, and dignity worldwide.

What began as a bold initiative to engage faith actors in global development conversations has grown into a vibrant interfaith movement working across regions, traditions, and policy spaces.

As we celebrate this milestone, we reflect on key moments that have shaped the network's growth and impact. The journey of the network reflects three phases of growth.

Phase 1: Laying the Foundation

Faith to Action Network was born from a shared vision among faith leaders who recognized the critical role of faith communities in advancing family health and wellbeing.

One of the earliest milestones was the **Nairobi Declaration** on Family Health and Well-being, which called for stronger collaboration among faith actors and the creation of a global interfaith platform.

During this foundational phase, the network:

- **Established its Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya**
- **Developed governance structures to guide leadership and decision-making**
- **Created its first strategic plan**
- **Began building partnerships with faith-based organizations and development partners**

These steps laid the groundwork for what would become a global movement of faith actors working together for health, dignity, and justice.



Meeting in 2011, Nairobi, Kenya, of Faith leaders that resulted in the Nairobi Declaration



In December 2012, FBO leaders from diverse regions and faith traditions convened in Addis Ababa, where they agreed to establish and coordinate the global interfaith network, Faith to Action Network.



The delegates elect the Steering Council members in Ethiopia, where the first strategic plan and governance structures were established.

Phase 2: Expanding the Movement

With its foundation in place, Faith to Action Network expanded its membership and partnerships, it also strengthened the presence of faith actors in global and regional policy discussions. The network helped elevate faith perspectives in conversations on family health, gender equality, and development by engaging with major international advocacy platforms.

Faith to Action Network has been actively represented at key global forums, including the **International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)**, the **UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**, the **Commission on Population and Development (CPD)**, and **Women Deliver** conferences.

Beyond participation, the network has also taken on leadership roles that help shape these global conversations. Faith to Action Network has served as a member of the **International Steering Committee of the International Conference on Family Planning (ICFP)** and **co-chaired the Faith Subcommittee** across multiple conference cycles (2011, 2013, 2016, 2022, and 2025).

The network has also contributed to regional and global policy platforms, including:

- **Co-chair of the East African Community (EAC) SRHR Regional Working Group**
- **Member of the UNESCO Regional Advisory Group**
- **Member of the FP2030 Faith & Family Planning Working Group**
- **Member of the Partnerships for Sustainable Family Planning Goals (PSFG)**

Through these engagements, Faith to Action Network has helped ensure that the voices and experiences of faith communities are reflected in policy dialogue and collaborative initiatives shaping health and development outcomes globally.



Faith to Action Network together with partners and Network members at the the International Conference on Family Planning 2016 & 2025 Respectively



Faith-base Side Event at the UN Commission on Population Development (CPD) 2017



Pan-African interfaith consultations on the new African Union Gender Strategy, 2017



Interfaith peace march in Muyinga, Burundi 2019



Family Planning Summit in London, 2017



AU Draft Gender Policy Network contributions, 2009



June 2020, Faith to Action Network briefing with the Permanent Representations of Finland, Portugal, Latvia and Germany on faith and SRHR, with technical assistance on faith-based arguments in support of SRHR and how to address sensitive issues in the framework of EU policy making processes



Interfaith dialogue on sexual and reproductive health and rights with participants from 6 Southern African countries, Johannesburg 2019



November 2019, INSPIRE conference, F2AN hosted an interfaith panel on advancing SRHR



Interfaith caravan encouraging healthy timing & child spacing, November 2019



The Network supported faith actors in the East African Community (EAC) to engage in the development of the regional SRHR legislation, 2019, 2020, 2024, 2025



Interfaith advocacy in Indonesia, 2022



Interfaith dialogue on Welcoming the Stranger, in Geneva, 2022



8th International Da'wah Conference 2024 (IDACON), contribution of religious communities in achieving SDGs



Network Representatives at the 15th Network Of African Parliamentary Committees of Health (Neapacoh) 2024



Africa Faith Leaders' Summit on Sustainable Development and Post 2015 Development Agenda



The Network together launches the Women's Rights In Islam Book in Indonesia, 2024



The Network Engages at the 2025, UN Food Systems Summit in Africa



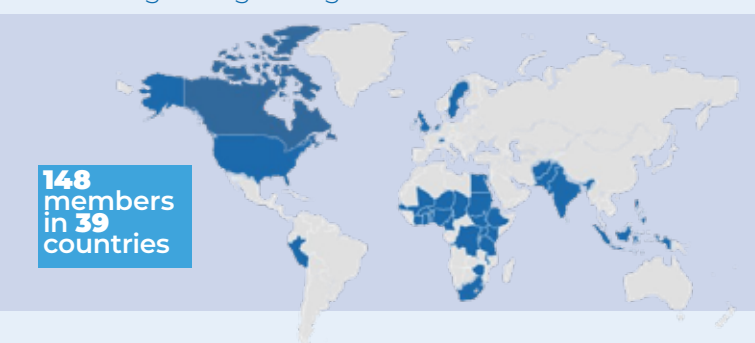
Advancing Gender Equality through interfaith collaboration at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 2025

Phase 3: Scaling Impact

In recent years, Faith to Action Network has significantly expanded its global reach and impact.

Founded in June 2011, the Network started with about **12 members**.

Today, the Network boasts of **148 member organizations** and collaborating partner organizations across **39 countries** in **Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas**; reflecting the growing strength of the network.



The network has also continued to convene faith leaders through global interfaith conventions, reinforcing the role of faith actors as stewards of social change.



Interfaith convention 2019



Interfaith convention 2021

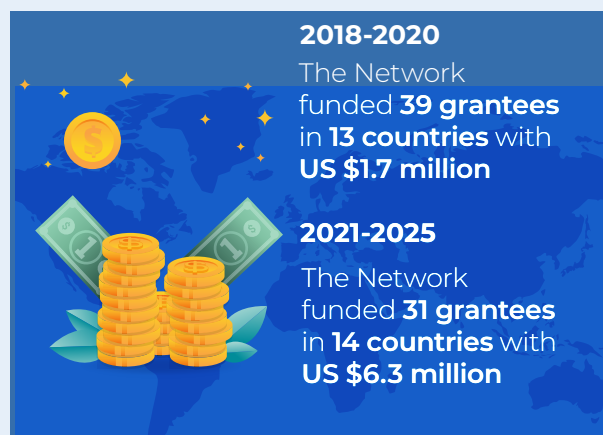


Interfaith convention 2023



Interfaith convention 2025

Faith to Action Network has also scaled its role in supporting faith-led initiatives through grantmaking programs.



15 Years At A Glance

12

Initial member organizations of the network in June 2011.

148

Member and collaborating organizations that make up the network today.

39

Countries represented across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas.

4 Regional Hubs

Strengthening collaboration and partnerships.

70 Faith-based organizations supported through the network's grantmaking programs. **US\$8 Million Total grant** funding mobilized for faith-led initiatives

4 Global Interfaith Conventions

Convened to strengthen collaboration and collective advocacy among faith actors.

Multiple Global Advocacy Platforms

Faith to Action Network members have represented faith voices at major international platforms

15 Years

Of mobilizing faith leaders and organizations to advance family health, gender justice, and peaceful, inclusive societies.