

Multi-Religious Statement of Commitment

19 December 2023 | Colombo, Sri Lanka

We, the members of The Sri Lanka Council of *Religions for Peace*, an interreligious body composed of the four major religious traditions, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims and Christians, joined by other religious leaders and partners, have gathered on December 19, 2023, at the Hotel Galadari in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to express our unity and cooperation in building a cohesive and peaceful Sri Lanka through multi-religious collaboration and action.

The Sri Lanka Council of *Religions for Peace* commits to:

- Interfaith dialogue that leads to multi-religious action for the deeply held and widely shared common good and well-being of all people in our country, region, and around the world.
- Promoting and protecting child rights, wellbeing and development through continued collaboration among faith communities and other stakeholders including the Government of Sri Lanka, UNICEF and other Faith-based Organisations working for children.

We affirm the commitment made at the South Asia Regional Faith Engagement Conference held in Kathmandu, Nepal, in 2022 under the Faith and Positive Change for Children Initiative ([FPCC Katmandu Statement](#)) that “religion is at the heart of people’s values and identities. Religious beliefs are deeply rooted in the people's daily life, influencing their views of family and community practices.”

We commit to working in solidarity among our various constituencies including religious leaders, women and youth on issues of shared interests in the spirit of compassion to cooperate effectively for peace, justice, and human dignity through concrete common action.

We commit to working with government, non-governmental organizations, and all people of good will on areas consistent with our shared values.

Sri Lanka Council of *Religions for Peace*, in partnership with [Religions for Peace Asia](#) and [Religions for Peace International](#), is committed to developing strategies to implement identified common actions of multi-religious action and the protection of children.