

Biennial “Hope in Action ” – 2026 Conference Preliminary Agenda

| Wd, Aug. 19, 2026 | Thursday, August 20, 2026 | Friday, August 21, 2026 | Saturday, August 22, 2026 | Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 2026 |
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| | 7:30 – 8:00 Meditation | 7:30 – 8:00 Meditation | 7:30 – 8:00 Meditation | 7:30 – 8:00 Meditation |
| | 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast | 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast | 8:00 – 8:45 Breakfast | Breakfast |
| | <p>9:00 – 9:30 Welcome</p> <p>9:30 – 11:00 Hope in Action: Igniting Communities, Inspiring Change Introduction and Icebreakers</p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 Integral ecology as hope in action (Keynote) Emmanuel Katongole: Bethany Land Institute, Uganda. (45’ presentation, 45’ discussion)</p> | <p>Communities of Practice</p> <p>9:00 – 10:00 Seeds of Hope. Learning with Indigenous Communities in Times of Ecological Crisis Gabriela Franco & Mario Patron, Ibero Merida (30’ presentation, 30’ discussion)</p> <p>10:30 – 12:30 Communities of Practice Chaired by I Stewart, Santa Clara University and Melodie Honen-Delmar, JWL (Jesuit Worldwide Learning).</p> <p>Strengthening Hope through Community-Engaged Research: Leveraging Networks and Partnerships to Advance Solidarity and Environmental Justice: Iris Stewart and Allan Baez-Morales (SCU) (25’)</p> <p>Community Voices: Maitha Mathias (Uganda) and Anita Anita Yogarajah (Sri Lanka) (JWL graduates and community leaders) (30 min)</p> <p>Discussion and Breakout Sessions (60’)</p> | <p>Parallel Sessions II</p> <p>9:00 – 10:30 Integral Ecology, Ethics, and Theological/ Philosophical Foundations</p> <p>11:00 – 12:30 Governance, Institutions, and Socio-Technical Transformation</p> | <p>8: 30 - 9:30 Good byes</p> |
| | 12.30 - 1:30 Lunch | 12.30 - 1:30 Lunch | 12.30 - 1:30 Lunch | |
| Arrivals | <p>Parallel Sessions I</p> <p>14:00 – 15:30 Community-Based Climate Action and Practices of Hope</p> <p>16:00 – 17:30 Environmental Justice, Inequality, and Vulnerable Communities</p> | <p>14:00 - 18:00 Excursion to the Uetliberg. Hike to a local mountain top and panoramic view of the sunset. Easy, even for Non-Swiss 😊: We will take a cable car up and a mountain gondola down the hills.</p> | <p>14:00 – 15:30 Social Justice, Education and Sustainability (Keynote) Myriam Radhouane, University of Geneva (online) (45’ presentation, 45’ discussion)</p> <p>16:00 – 18:00 Workshop: Reflection and Strategies</p> <p>18:00 – 19:00 Eucharist (optional),</p> | |

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| 18:30 Dinner | 18:30 - 19: 30 Dinner | 18:30 - 19: 30 Dinner | 19:00 - 20: 30 Farewell Dinner |
| 19:45 – 20:30 Welcome | 19:30 – 20:30 Where clear water meets alpine views. Promenade walk through Zürich | 19:30 – 21:00 Cultural evening | |