Appeal from interreligious forum  
on the occasion of the World Day to Combat Desertification

“Believers of all religions, men and women of good will, sons and daughters of our dear country Burkina Faso, of our dear African continent and of the world, acting together to safeguard the environment, ‘our common home’.”

On the occasion of the global observance, organized as a part of the World Day to Combat Desertification, held in Ouagadougou the 15 June 2017,

- Having convened an interreligious forum on the margins of the international meeting;
- Deplore the rapid degradation of our environment, ‘our common home’ by climate change;
- Wishing to leave to future generations, to our children and great-grandchildren, a better habitable world in which to live, a world, which is preserved from the nightmare of the climate disaster;
- Deplore the heavy toll our Continent is paying for climate change;
- Aware, according to our wisdom, that “we do not cut the branch we are sitting on”;
- Believing, that combatting the degradation of the environment is a struggle, in which everyone must be engaged;

We, traditional chiefs and religious leaders involving all confessions,

Call on everyone – governments, sons and daughters of our Country, of our Continent and of whole world – each at his or her level, in the name of their hope, of their faith and of their love of life, to urgently collaborate in safeguarding and the restoration of our environment, ‘our common home’.

Also,

We, in the name of our respective believers and through all initiatives in our fields of competence, will engage in supporting and accompanying all the actions by our governments and states aimed at tackling this challenge of climate change, which threatens the survival of our planet.

May God bless Burkina Faso!

Ouagadougou, the 15 June 2017

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