



Commitment Letter

Together for a more sustainable World Youth Day

The Holy Father has challenged us to build an event of youth, an event of strength. It is with this fresh and creative mind, as well as clearheaded and responsibility, that we look at WYD Lisbon 2023.

We will host unprecedented event August 2023. It is vital that we learn from past editions while fostering creativity and innovation.

WYD Lisbon 2023 will be attended by Pope Francis' encyclicals *Laudato si'* e [Fratelli Tutti](#), and by the apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit*. They invite us to take great care of our Common Home. The Holy Father says "everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society. (LS, 91). WYD Lisbon 2023 will bare in its very core the concept of "integral ecology".

It is our mission to build the WYD Lisbon 2023 upon the sustainability goals adopted globally, the [Laudato si' Goals](#) put forward by the Vatican, as well as the United Nations 2030 Agenda (SDGs), following the [orientations of the Holy See](#).

This commitment relies on our temperance regarding resource usage, as well as our goodwill and honesty towards giving our utmost best. Let WYD Lisbon 2023 challenge us, so that each and every one of us "leaves this gathering much better informed than when we arrived" (Pope Francis to all the Youth organising WYD Lisbon 2023, May 2022).

Inspired by these values and moved by the Holy Father's challenge that we live by the values of universal fraternity and care for our Common Home, together, we commit to:

Making sustainability a central goal in WYD Lisbon 2023!

We wish that WYD Lisbon 2023 becomes a reference in the global commitment towards sustainability and that it leaves behind a positive and long-lasting legacy for the general community, the organizing comity, the partners, the volunteers, and the pilgrims.

Our primary indicators and inspiration are the goals already mentioned.

Let's build together the most sustainable World Youth Day in history!