

The 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights”: [www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FaithForRights.aspx](http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FaithForRights.aspx)

<p><b>1</b> ...to stand up and act for everyone’s right to <b>free choices</b>, particularly for everyone’s freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief</p>	<p><b>2</b> ...to use the declaration on “Faith for Rights” as a <b>common minimum standard</b> of interaction between theistic, non-theistic, atheistic or other believers</p>	<p><b>3</b> ...to promote constructive engagement on the <b>understanding of religious texts</b> through critical thinking and debate on religious matters</p>	<p><b>4</b> ...to prevent the notions of “<b>State religion</b>” and “<b>doctrinal secularism</b>” from being used to discriminate or reduce the space for diversity of religions and beliefs</p>	<p><b>5</b> ...to ensure non-discrimination and <b>gender equality</b>, particularly regarding harmful stereotypes and practices or gender-based violence</p>	<p><b>6</b> ...to stand up for the rights of all persons belonging to <b>minorities</b> and to defend their freedom of religion or belief, particularly in cultural, religious, social, economic and public life</p>	<p><b>7</b> ...to publicly denounce all instances of advocacy of <b>hatred that incites</b> to violence, discrimination or hostility in the name of religion or belief</p>	<p><b>8</b> ...to monitor our own interpretations, determinations or other <b>religious views that manifestly conflict</b> with universal human rights norms and standards</p>
<p><b>18</b> ...to use technological means more creatively and consistently in order to <b>produce capacity-building and outreach tools</b> and make them available for use at the local level</p>	<p><b>We commit...</b></p> <p><b>Faith for Rights</b></p>						<p><b>9</b> ...to condemn any <b>judgemental public determination</b> by any actor who in the name of religion disqualifies the religion or belief of another individual or community</p>
<p><b>17</b> ...to develop sustained partnerships with specialised <b>academic institutions</b> to promote interdisciplinary research, programs and tools on the implementation of the 18 commitments</p>	<p><b>16</b> ...to leverage the <b>spiritual and moral weight</b> of religions and beliefs in order to strengthen the protection of universal human rights and develop preventative strategies</p>	<p><b>15</b> ...not to coerce people in <b>vulnerable situations</b> into converting from their religion or belief, while fully respecting everyone’s freedom to have, adopt or change a religion or belief</p>	<p><b>14</b> ...to ensure that <b>humanitarian aid</b> is given regardless of the recipients’ creed and that aid will not be used to further a particular religious standpoint</p>	<p><b>13</b> ...to engage with <b>children and youth</b>, who are either victims of or vulnerable to incitement to violence in the name of religion</p>	<p><b>12</b> ...to <b>review the curriculums</b> and teaching materials wherever some religious interpretations seem to encourage or tolerate violence or discrimination</p>	<p><b>11</b> ...not to oppress <b>critical voices</b> on religious matters in the name of “sanctity”, and to advocate for repealing any anti-blasphemy and anti-apostasy laws</p>	<p><b>10</b> ...not to tolerate <b>exclusionary interpretations</b> on religious grounds which instrumentalize religions, beliefs or their followers for electoral purposes or political gains</p>

1 Conscience	2 Interaction	3 Interpretation	4 Secularism	5 Gender	6 Minorities	7 Hatred	8 Monitoring
18 Tools	<p><b>We commit...</b></p> 						9 Disqualification
17 Research	16 Spirituality	15 Non-coercion	14 Neutrality	13 Youth	12 Education	11 Criticism	10 Instrumentalization