

Statement on the SAFCEI No Faith in False Solutions Exhibition and World Cafe Discussions

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The Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI) was proud to participate in the 17th Annual Alternative Mining Indaba (AMI), held at St. George's Cathedral from 9–11 February 2026. The event, themed "Alternative Stories of Mining", provided a vital space for faith-based organisations, communities, and civil society to challenge dominant narratives around extractive industries and explore just, sustainable alternatives.

As part of AMI, SAFCEI led an exhibition and a World Cafe discussion showcasing our No Faith in False Solutions Campaign. These platforms highlighted the critical work of faith leaders and green champions in Saldanha and Worcester, who are challenging false solutions to the climate crisis and advocating for a just transition that is truly inclusive, affordable, and grounded in equity.

The World Cafe engaged participants in examining five key false solutions:

- Oil and gas expansion
- Nuclear energy and uranium mining
- Extraction of critical minerals
- Industrial agriculture, including AGRA and GMOs
- Animal injustice and factory farming

Through these discussions, participants shared practical strategies to counter false solutions, explored sustainable alternatives, and strengthened collaboration across communities and civil society.

Key takeaways included:

- Prioritising a just and inclusive transition, placing people and frontline communities at the centre
- Amplifying community-led solutions, from agroecology to decentralised renewable energy
- Strengthening unified action to challenge corporate power and influence policy

SAFCEI remains committed to fostering solutions that prioritise people and the planet over profit, supporting faith leaders and communities in driving systemic change.



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