

# **WCC churches urged: Address climate change: One of humanity's most dire threats**

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Saying climate change represents one of humanity's most dire threats, the top official of the World Council of Churches has appealed to denominations around the world to speak with one voice to alert political leaders to tackle the issue.

"Just as atomic weapons changed the very way we thought about life, so too the potential of major climatic changes puts life as we know it in danger," WCC general secretary Samuel Kobia said in his principal report on the second day of the organization's February 14-23 assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

"This is not an issue for the future: severe consequences are already being experienced by millions of people," said Kobia. "We can prevent catastrophic climate change if we find effective ways of combining the voice of the churches with others who can make a difference." -*Ecumenical News International*