



FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth

ENGAGING WITH FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE SDGs

UN strategic capacity-building

In Collaboration with the UN Task Force on Religion and Development

NAIROBI, 17-19 DECEMBER 2019

AGENDA

Overall objective

Participants are more aware of the potential contribution of faith-based actors to realizing the 2030 agenda, especially regarding environment sustainability, and more qualified to strategically engage with FBOs at the local, regional and global levels. Participants are provided with technical, conceptual and practical knowledge to achieve the main goals of Faith for Earth Initiative.

Specific Objectives

Objective 1: *Participants will better understand and can articulate clearly the linkages between faith and environmental sustainability in contemporary contexts. They should be able to appreciate religious and spiritual dimensions of the framing of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.*

Objective 2: *Participants will be able to identify and articulate opportunities and challenges, strengths, weaknesses, entry points and modalities for:*

- *Partnership with faith leaders, religious communities and faith-based organizations (FBOs) on environmental issues in the frame of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;*
- *Internal cultures of environmental organizations, e.g. strengthen working with religious organizations as part of a response to environmental challenges;*
- *Challenges and opportunities of new partnerships (government relations, NGO/CSO dynamics, etc.); and,*
- *Strategies and activities to strengthen such partnerships and address some of the challenges associated with them.*

Objective 3: *Based on the reflections and knowledge shared over the preceding two days, participants will have identified skills and approaches to strengthen UN, inter-governmental and development/humanitarian agencies' collaborative partnerships with FBOs, in particular to achieve a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities encountered in efforts to strengthen capacity, engage in advocacy, and enhance national ownership processes. Participants will be able to identify project ideas for partnerships between UN and FBOs.*

DAY I – Tuesday, 17 December 2019

Objectives: Participants will have, by the end of the day:

(i) A clearer understanding of the linkages, opportunities, challenges, principles, world views and entry points for partnership between FBOs and UN (from both UN and FBO perspectives).

(ii) Identified possible ways in which partnerships have been or might be introduced/strengthened in their respective areas of work.

(iii) A greater understanding of the availability, methodologies and impact of 'evidence' on the work of FBOs and FBO-UN working on environmental issues.

9:15 – 10:00	OPENING REMARKS
10:00-11:30	INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS

11: 30-12: 00	GROUP PHOTO & Coffee/Tea Break
12: 00- 13: 30	<p>INTRODUCTION & OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP “FAITH FOR EARTH INITIATIVE” UN Task Force on Religion and Development</p> <p>Presentations on mission, objectives, achievements, lessons learned, an illustrative collaboration between UN and FBOs at different levels</p>
13:30- 14:30	LUNCH
14:30-16:00	<p>QUOTATIONS EXERCISES – WHY ARE WE HERE/WHAT MOVES US? “Agenda 2030 and faith beliefs”: connections, common grounds, commonalities of ethics.</p>
16: 00- 16:30	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>
16: 30-18:00	<p>INTERACTIVE PANEL I: DEFINITIONS, FRAMING PARTNERSHIPS - SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES: UN Perspectives “Engage with FBOs”: Why? highlight the leading role of FBOs as actors of change in the society in supporting sectoral advocacy and promoting sustainable development + cultural, social and economic drivers who? Definition of criteria, principles and guiding frameworks</p> <p>INTERACTIVE PANEL II: DEFINITIONS, FRAMING PARTNERSHIPS - SOCIAL AND POLITICAL REALITIES: Faith-based/Faith-inspired Perspectives</p>

DAY II – Wednesday, 17 December 2019

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DOES FAITH INTERACT OR INTERSECT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL WORK?

Objective: The exchange of experiences and lessons learned through a series of case studies on different models and approaches to partnership between FBOs and the UN. Participants, following the interactive discussions, will have identified potential ideas, methods or strategies they could use to strengthen partnerships or address partnership challenges in working with FBOs in their own setting around environmental work.

9:00 – 9:15	RECAP OF DAY I & INTRODUCTION TO DAY II OBJECTIVES AND ORGANIZATION
9:15-13:00	<p>WORLD CAFÉ (CASE STUDIES) [Themes and groups will be determined per participants’ own expertise and case studies submitted] Including Coffee/Tea break</p>
13:00- 14: 00	LUNCH
14: 00-15:30	Resume groups
15:30-16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00-17: 30	<p>FEEDBACK IN OPEN FORUM/PLENARY <i>Method tbd</i> Innovative approaches used</p>

	Trends emerging – common approaches “Parked” Issues: Tough/Outstanding questions: “things we may have to learn to live with”
17: 30-17:45	SUMMING UP and Preparation for Day 3

DAY III – Thursday, 19 December 2019

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SKILLS DO WE NEED TO ENSURE WE HAVE AND WHAT ARE OUR TAKE-AWAYS FROM THESE DAYS?

<p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <p><i>i) Participants have identified some of the skills needed to understand the key challenges and elements needed to strengthen UNEP and faith-based environmental collaborative partnerships to strengthen capacity, engage in advocacy, and enhance national ownership processes.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Participants know which tools are available, and how some of these may be used to assess religious dynamics, as well as FBOs and their respective structures. Participants will also be able to view the practical resource tool made available to them beyond this Exchange.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) Participants partake of an exercise to visualize and understand the skills needed to work on and with religious dynamics and partners in environmental contexts.</i></p>
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9:00 – 9:15	RECAP OF DAY II – MAIN REFLECTIONS
9:15-11:30	PRESENTATION OF EXISTING TOOLS (Assessing religious landscape/FBO Mapping, Religious/ Environmental Literacy courses, etc.) Space to identify joint initiatives. By the end of this session participants will have identified joint projects with risks and challenges.
11:30-12:00	Coffee/Tea break
12:00-13:00	PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS
13:00-13: 30	Feedback and General Comments
13:30	LUNCH