

FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth Updates on 4 May 2020



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is partnering with other Organizations to get people, including adherents of the world's religions, to revisit our relationship with nature and rebuild a more environmentally responsible world. UNEP's [Faith for Earth](#) initiative, today 4 May, joined forces with the [Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology \(FORE\)](#). We have agreed with the Yale Forum to unite our efforts and strengthen environmental advocacy, building on the Forum's extensive work over the past two decades.

Twenty-five years ago, religion and ecology were not a linked field of study, nor a force for transformation. But after a [series of conferences on religion and ecology](#) in the late 1990s at Harvard's Center for the Study of World Religions (organized by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim) things have changed. [Programmes and courses on religion and ecology](#) are being taught in colleges, universities, seminaries, and secondary schools around the world. You can access the Forum [directly here](#) or via the Faith for Earth Initiative [here](#). The Yale Forum—with many partners, and through thousands of projects—has played an active role in raising awareness and encouraging action. To read the full partnership launch article, [Click Here](#).

[United Nations Environment Assembly UNEA 5](#)

The [United Nations Environment Assembly](#) is the world's highest-level decision-making body on the environment, with a universal membership of all 193 Member States. The Assembly meets biennially in Nairobi, Kenya, to set priorities for global environmental policies and develop international environmental law. Through its ministerial declaration and resolutions, the Assembly provides leadership, catalyzes intergovernmental action on the environment, and contributes to the implementation of the [UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#). Accredited Major Groups and Stakeholders, including the 45 Faith-based organizations, can and should contribute to the ongoing discussions on the Ministerial Declaration that will be adopted at UNEA5. Interested Accredited FBOs are encouraged to provide input to the ministerial declaration of UNEA-5 presented [by a letter](#) from the President of UNEA and Minister of Climate and Environment of Norway, considering the following:

- 1) What would you, as government/organization/stakeholder, welcome as the most important elements and /or key messages from the ministers in the declaration to address the theme in an impactful manner?
- 2) How can the Environment Assembly make a significant contribution to *Strengthening Actions for Nature to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals* at a global scale?

In doing so, you may take into account the preparation for the meeting, its conduct and follow-up, as well as its relationship to other meetings and processes.

If you are an accredited FBO, or through an accredited FBO, please send your input to UNEP Secretariat (unep-sqb@un.org) and the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment (postmottak@kld.dep.no) by **12 May 2020**.

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