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ONE EARTH
MANY RELIGIONS
ONE GOAL

Launching a Steering Committee for Accredited FBOs; and UNEPs "Perspectives" Publication

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Dear friends,

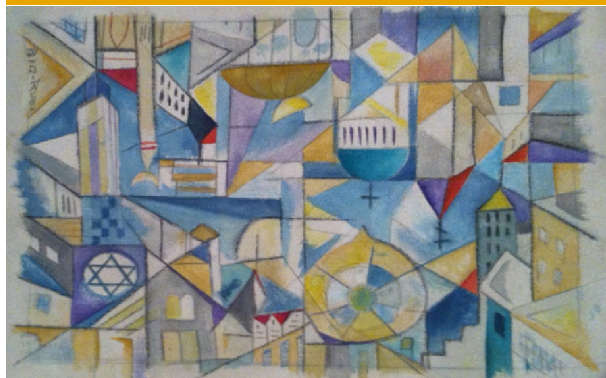
UNEP Faith for Earth is pleased to announce that in July 2022, a **Steering Committee of UNEA-Accredited FBOs** was formed following a call for expressions of interest to join the same on 22 June 2022.

At the 'Faith for Earth Dialogue at UNEA 5.2' and through the Regional Multistakeholder Consultations of Stockholm+50, Faith-based Organization (FBOs) called for greater integration and coordination among accredited FBOs and between Major Groups and Stakeholders.

UNEP Faith for Earth was therefore requested to facilitate the effective engagement of accredited FBOs before, during, and after UNEA and to harness the collective power of FBOs in environmental sustainability.

The **Steering Committee** presents FBOs with a platform to also coordinate engagement and messages made via civil society mechanisms across the UN System, noting that they are active in several spaces, relevant to **UNEP Faith for Earths strategic objectives** .

[Read the Terms of Reference](#)



"Perspectives" Publication

UNEP's Civil Society Unit manages the " **PERSPECTIVES** " publication series which provides an opportunity to Major Groups and Stakeholders to present their views (and not necessarily UNEP's views) on issues they find important.



UNEP Faith for Earth, through the Steering Committee of Accredited Faith-based

Organizations formed in July 2022 would like to invite you to **suggest topics / titles and authors** for the "PERSPECTIVES" publications for the 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 cycles. Please send your suggestions to Azmaira Alibhai (azmaira.alibhai@un.org).

Topics could be related but not limited to: ***the triple environmental crisis (climate, pollution, loss of biodiversity), environmental impact of conflicts, renewable energy, outcomes of UNEA 5, the role of certain stakeholders, emerging issues, how to achieve more implementation of decisions, new approaches to environmental governance, Principle 10, the Plastic Treaty, mobility, migration and environment etc.***

**Vote: Regional Facilitator for Africa to
UNEP**

Voting deadline is **15 August 2022**

For details about the list of nominees and voting guidelines, please [click here](#) .

Find out who the outgoing **Regional Facilitators** are.

Mr. David Munene is the Programs Manager at the Catholic Youth Network for Environmental Sustainability in Africa (CYNESA). Below is his appeal from him to the African UNEA-Accredited Organisations:

"I am writing to kindly request your vote for the African Major Groups and Stakeholders' Regional Facilitator role. A vote in my favor will ensure that the first ever faith-based leader is on the UNEP global Major Groups Facilitating Committee."

Vote DAVID MUNENE

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✓ In AMCEN spaces since 2016 (Libreville, Gabon) to 2019 (Durban, SA)

✓ Drafting & Presenting MGS Statements & discussion papers since 2016

✓ Programs Manager, CYNESA
✓ Board Member, SAFCEI
✓ Obama-formed Young African Leadership Initiative (YALI) Fellow (Cohort 5)

✓ Kenya's 1st National President Ecosystems-based Adaptation for Food Security Assembly (EBAFOSA)

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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MY 3-POINT Agenda

INVOLVE. DEVOLVE. EVOLVE.

INVOLVE : Current Africa MGS to develop a governing & engagement structure. Initiate a continental conversation with Africa Major Groups and Stakeholders to develop a governing & engagement structure. This way, we can map out and have contextual and relevant expert representation in regional, continental and global platforms.

DEVOLVE: Establish 5 regional blocks to form steering team. The regional facilitators SHOULD NEVER work ALONE. Let us

discussion papers

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have REGIONAL BLOCKS and WORKING GROUPS to ensure adequate, fair, and equitable representation in our engagements. Facilitators should FACILITATE and build leadership within.

EVOLVE : Into a fully-fledged consortium with REGIONAL influence. Our African MGS comprise people of influence, expertise and UNSTOPPABLE power. We MUST EVOLVE into an UNSTOPPABLE movement that MUST be on the decision-making table.

Addendum : Being based in Nairobi, I offer the advantage of representing you and negotiating for you in person without the risk of connection and technical failures.

*Each organization has two votes and can only cast ONE in my favor via [this link](#)."

Please contact David for further information (dnmunene@cynesa.org).



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