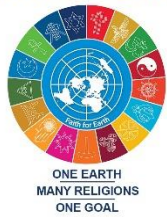


FAITH FOR EARTH



Faith for Earth Updates on 6 July 2020



The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is in the process of developing its next Medium-Term Strategy for the period 2022-2025. The development of the Strategy comes at a critical time for global environmental action. As we face enormous environmental challenges and collectively battle a global pandemic that is a symptom of the ailing health of our planet, it is clear that we need to make a transition towards building back a healthier, greener and more resilient world. The planetary challenges of climate change, nature loss and pollution – the centerfold of such vision – will require broad systemic shifts, particularly in our global consumption and production patterns, coupled with sound policy changes that will create the necessary structure and enabling conditions to support it.

The overall goal of the Faith for Earth Initiative is to strengthen the engagement with Faith-based organizations (FBOs) and faith communities in policy making as they introduce different value-based perspective to environmental sustainability. UNEP recognizes that Major Groups and Stakeholders, including FBOs, play a critical role in this transition, being strong advocates for change that can drive our world towards more sustainable outcomes.

It is in this context that I am honored to invite you to a special session as transformative partners from the faith community to play an important role under the current global climate; to engage in an exchange of views over your role as change agents to achieve the systemic transformations that support UNEP's emerging vision for the planet, including in a post-pandemic context, discuss your related needs and enabling conditions; and ultimately feed the resulting inputs into the development of the MTS. The virtual conversation around our next Strategy, to be held on **27 August 2020 at 15:30 Nairobi time.** UNEP's Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Joyce Msuya will kick start the discussions along with UNEP's team on transformation and strategy development.

In this 3 hours session, we will discuss where UNEP stands with regard to the environmental challenges we face, and the role that you and your organization can play to enable UNEP provide global environmental

leadership and catalyse action that can improve the quality and direction of the health of the planet.

To register interest, all you need to do is go to <https://indico.un.org/event/34635/registration/> and enter:

- your full name
- your email addresses
- which organization you represent
- city and country, you will connect from
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Registration will be open from **today to 27 July**. Please note that participation is limited and will be on a first-come-first-served basis. More information on the process can be found on the registration page. Further information on the digital platform we will be using, and the specific agenda will follow in due course.

It is a true opportunity to have your views into the policy making and visioning of UNEP.

We look forward to welcoming you to the session!

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