



FAITH FOR EARTH



ONE EARTH  
MANY RELIGIONS  
ONE GOAL



# Faith for Earth Councilor Training Program 2021

# 2021 Training Roadmap and Activities Timeline

- ▶ **Phase 1 (February): Data collection (survey).**
  - ▶ Collating of the good work on the environment by Faith Based Organizations.
- ▶ **Phase 2 (March): Offline in-person cluster meetings in Delhi.**
  - ▶ Faith Based leaders and UNEP colleagues will establish the top environmental priorities by weaving together faith teachings, the UN's SDGs, and location-specific environmental concerns.
- ▶ **Phase 3 (April): Online convening and training.**
  - ▶ The Faith for Earth Councilor training will create an informed and well-prepared team of individuals ready to support and organize their communities in becoming aware of what's at stake for humans and Nature in the short term, and to take life-affirming action for the long term.

# 2021 Training Roadmap and Activities Timeline

## Continued

- ▶ **Phase 4 (April, May): Planning, Initiating action and sharing the proposed program.**
  - ▶ Newly trained participants will be encouraged to plan for grassroots environmental action in their communities (as determined in the training and using the tools provided) and encourage the number of engaged people working to reduce global warming and to care for Creation. Submit their plans by 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- ▶ **Phase 5 (June): Recognizing Faith Based Organizations as Faith for Earth Counselor on World Environment day.**
- ▶ **Phase 6: In the later part of 2021, Faith for Earth Councilors from each project happening concurrently in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), India and Lebanon will share 90 minutes online gathering to exchange best practices and stimulate even greater success in each region and beyond. India shares its reports on the complete actions(November).**

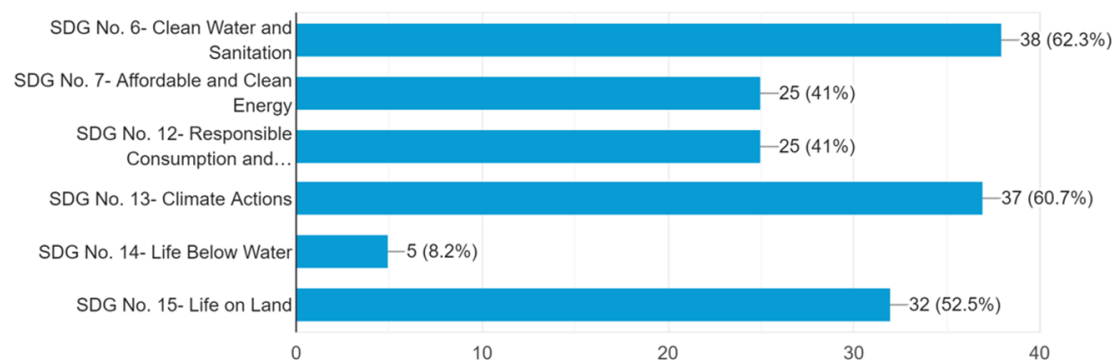
# Stage 1- Survey Results



# Top Sustainable Development Goals

Please select the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) your organisation focuses on:

61 responses



## Key Findings:-

*Sustainable Development Goal No.6- Clean Water and Sanitation(Water Conservation)-* stands as the top priority upon which majority of organizations have focused

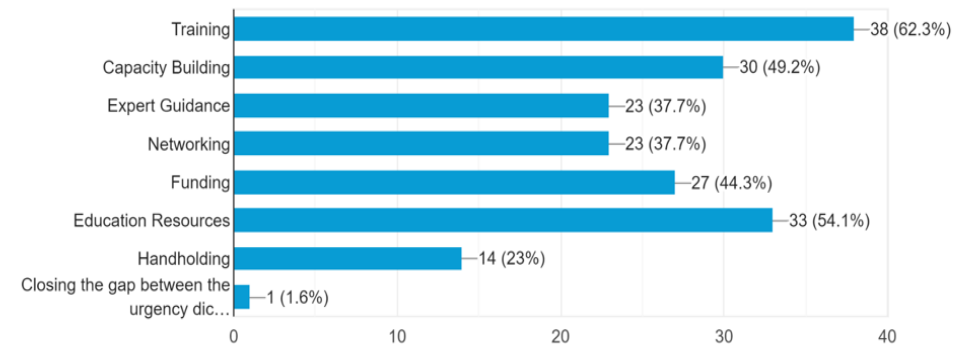
*Sustainable Development Goal No.13- Climate Actions(Climate Change)-* stands as the second priority upon which majority of organizations have focused

*Sustainable Development Goal No.15- Life on Land(Responsible Consumption/Waste Management)-* stands as the third priority upon which majority of organizations have focused

# TOP ACTION STEPS

Which of the following seem most important for creating awareness, action and meaningful change regarding the environmental crisis?

61 responses



## Key Findings:-

**Training** stands as the most preferred way of creating awareness and meaningful action in the society

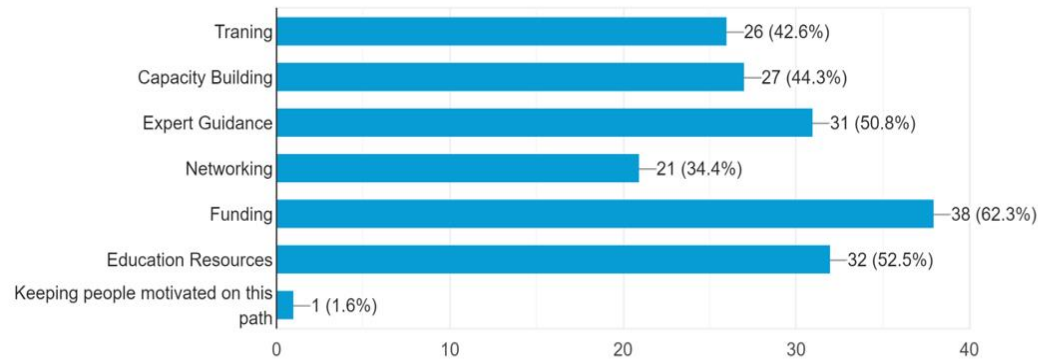
**Educational Resources** stands as the second most preferred way of creating awareness and meaningful action in the society

**Capacity Building** stands as the most preferred way of creating awareness and meaningful action in the society.

# TOP CHALLENGES

When you think about increasing environmental awareness and creating opportunities for your organization/ community to take action, what are your top 3 challenges?

61 responses



## Key Findings:-

**Training** stands as the top challenge when it comes to increasing awareness and creating opportunities for organizations.

**Educational Resources** stands as the second important challenge when it comes to raising awareness and creating opportunities for organizations.

**Capacity Building** stands as the third important challenge when it comes to raising awareness and creating opportunities for organizations.

# Aim

**Build a network of faith-based organizations that take leadership in their communities to address environmental urgencies.**



# What is a Faith for Earth Councilor and Who should become one?

- ▶ A **Faith Based Organization (FBO)** that is committed to caring for Creation, inspiring change at the community level to address environmental urgencies and is inviting others to get involved.
- ▶ **Your Faith for Earth Councilor(s)** Your Faith Based Organization would be recognized as the participant of the Faith for Earth Councilor program. And the participant that would successfully undertake the program would be called the Faith for Earth Councilor ONLY for the year 2021.
- ▶ The recognition and position will be reviewed again in 2022 by UNEP.

# A Faith for Earth Councilor agrees to perform all related activities while engaging in the Faith for Earth principles:

- ▶ Commitment to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- ▶ Respect for all spiritual and religious beliefs
- ▶ Transparency in governance structure and decision-making
- ▶ Interfaith collaboration with mutual acceptance and respect
- ▶ Focus on the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs
- ▶ Building bridges between existing knowledge and experience scientifically and spiritually
- ▶ Perform Actions that respect individual and communal beliefs
- ▶ Aim at Transforming people's behaviors through their spiritual values.

# What are the benefits of being a Faith for Earth Councilor?

- ▶ The councilors get a chance to become a part of the support mechanism for the UNEP: Faith for Earth initiative in formal and informal ways.
- ▶ The Faith for Earth Councilors will have the support of their Faith for Earth Councilor peers, as well as resources provided throughout the training, and recognition for their best practices.
- ▶ The program offers hands-on training that unites FBOs and collective action for the protection of our Mother Nature.
- ▶ Build and document the success stories and good work done by Faith Based Organizations that have created impact on the ground. Best practices from their work will be recognized and shared on many platforms such as UNEP, URI, Religion World etc.
- ▶ In their work together, Faith for Earth Councilors will meet and work collaboratively with many stakeholders, creating valuable relationships
- ▶ It seeks to equip faith leaders with the tools and an engagement plan, so they effectively communicate with, and inspire others, to respond quickly and effectively to care for Creation.

## Are there any financial bearings for participation?

- ▶ **No.** There are no financial commitments involved in this program. This is based on the voluntary participation of Faith Based Organizations and Faith Leaders.

# Once nominated, what will the Faith for Earth Councilors be expected to do?

- ▶ Commit to advancing the [vision and mission statements](#) of the Faith for Earth initiative
- ▶ Faith for Earth Councilors will be a resource and point of contact for their FBOs, schools and/or local communities.
- ▶ Like a “train the trainer” model, the Faith for Earth Councilors will be supported with knowledge resources to grow grassroots environmental action in their communities and increase the number of engaged people working to reduce global warming and to care for Creation.
- ▶ Participate in national, regional and global webinars.
- ▶ Co-create, with other Faith for Earth Councilors, a Faith for Earth network
- ▶ Use their social media, if possible, to promote the Faith for Earth Initiative in their location.

# Goal

- ▶ Our goal stands to remove all the externalities when it comes to the agenda of preserving our environment and construct a clear and united plan of action to tackle the immediate concerns of climate change.
- ▶ Despite our unique differences and similarities, you get a chance to be a part of this collective action to save mother nature.

# What's next:

- ▶ Nominate 2-3 participants from your organization who meet the criteria detailed today to participate in a 6-hour Online Training meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Translate and transform the learnings from the meeting in April into action/action plan at the location of your choice and at a scale suitable to you by May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ The action must address one or more environmental urgency from the top three priorities identified in the survey and presented today by UNEP
- ▶ Document and report at least Phase 1 of your work plan by first week May as a written report, photographs, video clips etc.
- ▶ Join us for the ceremony on 5<sup>th</sup> June!

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