

Faith for Earth Updates September 12, 2018



Dear Friends, Brothers and Sisters;

The Environment Parliament of the World, officially known as the <u>UN</u> <u>Environment Assembly</u> (UNEA 4) will hold its Fourth session in March 2019 with the overarching theme of "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production".

During the high level segment as well as the back-to-back fora and innovation expo, world leaders, environment ministers, civil society, scientists, private sector and faith-based organizations and the UN will meet to discuss and adopt global resolutions related to the theme of this year's Assembly.

While non-accredited invitees can attend some open sessions, accredited organizations will have a consultative status at UN Environment within the <u>rules of procedure</u> of the <u>UN Environment Assembly</u>. This means that accredited organizations of Major Groups have the opportunity to:

- Receive unedited working documents of the UN Environment Assembly first-hand and at the same time as the Committee of the Permanent Representatives,
- Submit to UN Environment written contributions to these unedited working documents
- Participate in all public meetings of the UN Environment Assembly subsidiary organs such as the Committee of Permanent Representatives, and
- Make oral and written contributions to these meetings.

While I will be sharing with you later some of the ideas that we have aligned for the engagement of Faith-Based Organizations, I'd like to share with you today the procedure to have your organization accredited to UN Environment Assembly.

The criteria for accreditation are derived from Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure of United Nations Environment Assembly (see https://goo.gl/cKMIZN). In order to be granted accreditation, an organization needs to:

- Be a not-for-profit Non-Governmental Organization with an international scope of work;
- Be formally registered as a legal entity in at least one country;
- Have an interest in the field of environment;
- Be in existence for at least 2 years at the time or the application.

An accreditation application form is accessible at: <u>http://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/13294</u>. In addition to the filled out application form, the request for accreditation should include the following documents:

- Letter requesting accreditation on the organization's letterhead, signed and dated;
- Certified copy of constitution/charter and/or statutes/bylaws and amendments to those documents, and list of partners if any;
- Certified copy of certificate of registration which must include a stamp of the government authority that issued it;
- Proof of non-profit-making status, e.g. registration certificate or audited financial reports;
- Proof of engagement in the field of environment e.g. annual reports; conference and seminar reports; recent press releases and copies of media statements; newsletters and other periodicals;
- Account of the international scope of its activities; such as headquarters and regional offices in different countries, evidence of engagement in more than one country, evidence of engagement with International Organizations, activities that have impact beyond one country.

The documents should be sent in electronic version to the address below:

unenvironment-accreditation@un.org

Kindly note that the documents should be submitted in English preferably, and if any document was translated, a certificate of translation should be submitted with the application.

For further clarification and information please find our accreditation flyer here: <u>http://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/20737</u>

Or visit our webpage: <u>https://www.unenvironment.org/civil-society-engagement/accreditation</u>

Please note that <u>the deadline to get accredited in order to participate in</u> <u>the fourth session of the UN Environment Assembly taking place in</u> <u>March 2019 is 30 November 2018.</u> We cannot guarantee that accreditation requests received after this date will be processed in time to participate in the fourth UN Environment Assembly.

If you may have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us at <u>unenvironment-accreditation@un.org</u>

Looking forward to welcoming as many of you to the UN Environment Assembly as accredited organizations.

Warm wishes Iyad

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