

Management Response: Implementation Plan for Evaluation Recommendations

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Implementation Plan

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1	The initiative has achieved a high level of success in attracting organizations to the initiative but is still evolving its structures and its modes of engagement with policy processes.	UNEP should commit a sufficient level of multi-year funding to maintain secretariat support to the Faith for Earth Coalition for 3-5 years to further establish the interactions between global policy processes and faith actors.	Critical	Project	UNEP	3-5 years	Accepted		Extend the project and financing for three years until 30 November 2026 as per DED memo Reference: UNE-2023-01964 dated 12 October 2023.
2	Faith for Earth is not able to exist independently of UNEP's technical and policy support as it is still evolving. Agreed structures of the Faith for Earth Coalition offer a prospect of greater future	UNEP should continue to support the institutionalization of the Faith for Earth Coalition, including advocating for financial, technical, and	Critical	UNEP-wide	UNEP/Faith for Earth Secretariat	5 years (ongoing)	Accepted		UNEP has secured funding for the project to continue for 3 years. UNEP will support the project during this period to work with partners and member

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	autonomy with a reduced role for UNEP staff. The Initiative is able to leverage partner funding for activities, and has seen interest from a number of Member States, but currently requires ongoing technical and institutional accompaniment by UNEP staff. Further support is needed in the medium term to develop institutional structures and sustainability.	political backing from a range of UN Member States							states to secure funding for institutionalizing the initiative. If no funding is made available, then UNEP will adopt the mainstreaming strategy.
3	There is untapped potential to integrate faith-sensitive approaches across a range of UNEP policy and programming contexts and in institutional systems.	UNEP leadership should foster an organization-wide reflection on how to embed faith-sensitivity and FBO engagement across different policy and programme levels, and what institutional mechanisms may be needed to enable this.	Important	Project	UNEP Leadership / Faith for Earth Secretariat	2 years	Accepted		Mainstreaming Faith for Earth as a strategy for engagement by divisions and offices.
4	It is widely understood that gender roles influence how individuals interact with their environment and their abilities to respond to address threats. Indeed, Faith for Earth held a dialogue explicitly on this and has created structures to increase the representation of women across different activities. Faith for Earth has also developed a well-considered gender equality strategy and requires time to implement this.	UNEP should support efforts of the Faith for Earth Coalition through its designed Interfaith Women Council to consciously identify gendered dimensions of ecological threats being considered and of the potential responses to these, including how women are being enabled to play active roles within Faith for Earth itself.	Important	Project	Faith for Earth Coalition – informed by UNEP/Faith for Earth Secretariat	Ongoing	Accepted		Support the Gender work of the project