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Enhancing knowledge of natural resource conservation and alternative sustainable energy models through faith-based organisation networks

BEARING IN MIND the cultural and spiritual significance of faith-based organisations found in many people's daily lives;

CONSIDERING the opportunity to share and spread sustainable living practices through interactions between faith leaders and people of faith and their communities;

NOTING existing relationships between traditional, local and cultural knowledge in natural-resource conservation, whether it be through sacred texts or in practice;

DEVELOPING information sessions, capacity-building programmes, interface dialogues and other methods for correlating aspects of spirituality, religion and culture with sustainable living practices;

RECOGNISING efforts being made by different groups, thinkers and social activists, concerning environmentally-friendly practices; and

HIGHLIGHTING the emergence of organisations which could address the root causes of climate change through religious traditions, leaders and institutions;

The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, at its session in Marseille, France:

CALLS ON the Director General, Council and Members to:

- a. support cooperation between faiths and relevant stakeholders while working towards common goals of natural-resource conservation and sustainable living practices; and
- b. encourage relations between faith-based organisations and environmental groups, as the latter may provide guidance to facilitate the knowledge and practice already present in faith-based groups.