



CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY WEEK

3-9 OCTOBER 2021

What if solutions for healing our planet were within reach?

Prospects for humanity

With our increased impact on the environment and its ability to support life, what are our future prospects for a healthier people and planet as we combine advanced engineering and technologies with a deeper understanding of the natural environment rooted in both science

FOCUS	WORLD MAJLIS TOPIC	DESCRIPTION	DATE
PEOPLE	The Good Life for All Rewriting our narrative for sustainable living <i>Co-curated with UK</i>	Trying to live a sustainable lifestyle today is often seen as a more expensive or less convenient alternative to your usual choices. But can we afford not to make sustainability relevant and accessible to all? How can we make everybody realise that our future and that of our planet depends on our choices today? What innovative policy, technology or lifestyle solutions can enable us to live a healthier and more affordable life in balance with nature? What can we learn from best practices around the world?	Tuesday 5th Oct '21
PLANET	The Green Rush Getting creative to fight biodiversity loss <i>Co-curated with Switzerland</i>	Close to 1 million animal and plant species are threatened with extinction within the coming decades, more than ever before in human history. Nature is a complex web of interconnections; the loss of even one species impacts multiple systems. How can we gain a deeper understanding of the complexity and interconnectedness of our ecosystems? How do we give a voice to nature and to the people that are closest to it, and listen, in planning the future? What creative and innovative strategies exist for reforestation and sustaining biodiversity on the planet?	Sunday/ Thursday 3rd/7th Oct '21
INNOVATION	Earth 2.0 Reengineering Planet Earth <i>Co-curated with the Maldives</i>	How can we improve life in a warmer world, where droughts and heatwaves become more and more frequent? As we develop technology to alter the biosphere via climate manipulation, UV screening, terraforming, and more, what are the ethics, politics, economics, and even everyday life of altering our biosphere?	Sunday/ Thursday 3rd/7th Oct '21
NEXT GEN	Getting the News Out Communicating new priorities for Planet Earth	With people more skeptical than ever of authority figures, official pronouncements, and news media, in what new ways could we make the sustainability story more relevant to everyone? How can we all think like climate activists?	Sunday/ Thursday 3rd/7th Oct '21
WOMEN	Mother Nature First Defenders Women leading the fight to save our planet	While the impacts of climate change are known to affect women more severely than men, they are still underrepresented in decision-making processes on climate change and biodiversity issues at all levels. In addition, women's knowledge in managing and protecting resources is hardly ever officially recognised and remains as a side conversation. How do we better integrate women's perspectives in the decision-making processes on environmental issues, and across various international instruments? How do we ensure that financing is gender responsive? How we recognise and promote the role of women whether in having a smaller carbon footprint or in helping communities to mitigate the effects of, and adapt to, climate change and biodiversity loss? How can we advance gender equality in the access and protection of natural resources?	Monday 4th Oct '21