



CLIMATE & BIODIVERSITY WEEK


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EXPO ENQUIRY: How do we work together to better manage climate change and protect biodiversity?

We stand at the brink of a crucial moment in time, a moment in which we must take decisive collective action to protect our planet, and the life it sustains, for future generations. It is an opportunity for us to take our place in history as the generation that stepped up to halt climate change. By adapting human activity to operate within Earth's planetary boundaries, a sustainable future is within our grasp. A new global system, defined by circular economies powered by renewable energy, will ensure that polar regions can be protected against the effects of global warming, and life on land and in our oceans can be free from the threat of extinction.

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BUILD BRIDGES	Cultures in Conversation Climate Change in the Classroom, Living Room, Street and Beyond Date: 9 October, 2021. Venue: Terra Auditorium. Time: 12.00 – 16.00. Format: Open to public/Physical. We exist on the brink of an ecological catastrophe with unimaginable consequences. But there is yet to emerge a genuine global organic consciousness and political consensus to advance the agenda for a transformative pathway in the service of humanity. This event will highlight the urgent need to acknowledge the interconnectedness of biodiversity and climate change, and the requirement for a body of knowledge that can pave the way to avoiding worldwide devastation. The event dialogue is aimed at underlining the existence of this nascent and marginalised organic consciousness, its moral vitality, its political-economic essence, and the necessity of striving for global climate justice, equity and equality.	Expo co-curating with Peru
	Dignified Storytelling Working Together to Safeguard our Collective Future Date: 5 October, 2021. Venue: The Nexus for People & Planet. Time: 15:00 – 17:15. Format: Open to public / Hybrid A youth poetry slam that highlights the interconnectedness of people and planet, and sheds light on the importance of working together to safeguard our collective future. The event will feature youth poets who are using their art to address the pressing environmental issues of our times and engage in solutions that mitigate climate change and promote biodiversity. The poetry slam will be followed by a panel discussion and a Q&A session.	 Expo co-curating with Dubai Cares
	Women's Pavilion Programme Women in Arabia and Islam: Stories of Sustainability from the Arab and Muslim World Date: 7 October, 2021. Venue: Women's Pavilion. Time: 11:00 – 13:00. Format: Open to public / Hybrid Throughout the Arab world, Arab and Muslim women have been an essential part of the adaptation of historical and contemporary societies to climate change. This unique session will focus on the challenges of climate change, from antiquity to the 21st century, and through the lens of history, culture and the arts. It brings together female scientists, researchers and business leaders to help us understand the role of the Arab region and Muslim world as a formidable laboratory for our planet.	Expo co-curating with Louvre Abu Dhabi Research Programme Participants: Morocco, Oman, Spain
	World Majlis Nature's Game of Jenga: Getting Creative to Fight Biodiversity Loss Date: 3 October, 2021. Venue: Terra Auditorium. Time: 16.00 – 18.00. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid Close to one million animal and plant species are threatened by 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 communities closest to it, when planning for the future? What creative and innovative strategies exist for reforestation and sustaining biodiversity on the planet? This World Majlis session seeks to answer these questions, through a lively conversation that brings together diverse thought leaders, visionaries and changemakers.	Expo co-curating with Switzerland Participants: Brazil, Costa Rica, New Zealand, Slovenia, UK

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BUILD BRIDGES	<p>World Majlis Sustainability for All: Rewriting Our Narrative for Sustainable Living Date: 5 October, 2021. Venue: UK Pavilion. Time: 16.00 – 18.00. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid</p> <p>Living a sustainable lifestyle is often seen as a costlier, less convenient alternative to more mainstream choices. But can we afford not to make sustainability relevant and accessible to all? How can we impress on everybody that our future, and that of our planet, depends on our choices today? What innovative policy, technology or lifestyle solutions will enable us to live healthier, more affordable lives in balance with nature? What can we learn from best practices around the world? This World Majlis session will tackle these challenging questions by bringing together thought leaders, visionaries and changemakers to consider the arguments.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with UK</p> <p>Participants: Australia, Hungary, Italy, USA</p>
	<p>World Majlis Earth 2.0: Reengineering Planet Earth Date: 7 October, 2021. Venue: Terra Auditorium. Time: 16.00 – 18.00. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid</p> <p>How can we improve life in a warmer world, where droughts and heatwaves are becoming the norm? As we develop technology to alter the biosphere via climate manipulation, UV screening, terraforming, and more, what are the ethics, politics and economics of altering our biosphere? This World Majlis session seeks to answer these questions through a lively conversation that brings together diverse thought leaders, visionaries and changemakers.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with Maldives</p> <p>Participants: Italy, Portugal, USA</p>
LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	<p>SDG Reaching for the Stars: Sustainable and Climate Resilient Mountain Development Date: 7 October, 2021. Venue: The Nexus for People & Planet North and South. Time: 10:30 - 18:00. Format: By invitation only/ Hybrid</p> <p>Now, more than ever, as the climate crisis progresses, there is a pressing need to focus on and empower vulnerable mountain communities who are often left behind in policymaking and agenda-setting. This event will bring together mountain practitioners, policymakers, scientists, private sector actors, and grassroots representatives to showcase local knowledge and best practices in enhancing the resilience of mountain communities, their built environments, livelihoods and ecosystems, and galvanise action in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with AKDN, Italy, Mountain Partnership</p> <p>Participants: Bhutan, Oman, Serbia, Switzerland</p>
	<p>Expo Live Impact Series Reducing Our Footprint (and the Tech That Can Help) Date: 4 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 16:00 - 16:45. Format: Open to public/Hybrid.</p> <p>A panel discussion looking at how simple technologies can have a large impact on mitigating the negative effects of our footprint on the planet.</p>	<p>Expo-led</p> <p>Global Innovators from: Chile, China, Serbia</p> <p>Participants: Canon</p>
	<p>Expo Live Impact Series Powering up Communities with Clean Energy (and Easy Financing) Date: 5 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 16:00 - 16:45. Format: Open to public/Hybrid.</p> <p>A panel discussion focusing on rural communities gaining access to clean, affordable and reliable energy.</p>	<p>Expo-led</p> <p>Global Innovators from: Argentina, Chile, Portugal</p>
	<p>Expo Live Impact Series A Green Recovery Date: 5 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 17:30 - 18:15. Format: Open to public/Hybrid.</p> <p>A panel discussion bringing to light innovative solutions on reforestation and restoring the balance of nature.</p>	<p>Expo-led</p> <p>Global Innovators from: Netherlands, Norway, Russia</p>
	<p>Expo Live Impact Series Turning the Tide on Single Use Plastics Date: 6 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 16:00 - 16:45. Format: Open to public/Hybrid.</p> <p>A panel discussion highlighting innovative consumable alternatives to plastic and addressing behaviour change for large-scale adoption.</p>	<p>Expo-led</p> <p>Global Innovators from: India, Russia, South Africa, Sweden</p>

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LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND	Expo Live Networking Date: 6 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 18:00 - 18:45. Format: By invitation only/Physical A casual gathering bringing together all Expo Live Global Innovators present during this week, as well as members of the greater start-up and social impact ecosystem in the region. A brief introduction by the moderator will be followed by short interventions from key attendees.	Expo-led Global Innovators from: Armenia, Bahrain, Chile, China, India, Italy, Kenya, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, Sweden Participants: Argentina, Serbia, UK, DulSCO
	Expo Live Impact Series Recycling That Makes a Difference Date: 7 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 16:00-16:45. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid. A panel discussion on circular economies, decentralised waste management solutions, and the impact they have on communities and cities	Expo-led Global Innovators from: Armenia, India, Morocco
	Expo Live Impact Series Collaborate with Nature Date: 8 October, 2021. Venue: The Hub, The Good Place. Time: 16:00-16:45. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid. A panel discussion focusing on the power of working with nature to find ways to safeguard our planet and our future	Expo-led Global Innovators from: Bahrain, Italy Participants: Slovakia
	Women's Pavilion Programme Women's World Majlis: Mother Nature First Defenders: Women Leading the Fight to Save our Planet Date: 4 October, 2021. Venue: Women's Pavilion. Time: 15.00-16.30. Format: Open to public/ Hybrid While the impacts of climate change are known to affect women more severely than men, women 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 rarely officially recognised. 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 do we recognise and promote the role of women, be that 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? This Women's World Majlis session seeks to answer these questions through a lively conversation that brings together diverse thought leaders, visionaries and changemakers.	Expo-led Participants: Bahrain, Costa Rica, Cyprus, L'Oréal, UK
THRIVE TOGETHER	Climate & Biodiversity Business Forum Date: 4 October, 2021. Venue: DEC Hall 2A South. Time: 9:00 - 17:00. Format: Open to public / Hybrid This Business Forum will be a platform to highlight non-traditional business opportunities, cutting-edge technologies, and progress achieved by the UAE, participating countries and Expo Partners relevant to climate and biodiversity. The Forum will also be an opportunity for Partners to have meaningful conversations that foster knowledge transfer and business opportunities.	 Expo co-curating with Dubai Chamber/Estonia Participants: Accenture, Andorra, Belgium, Brazil, China, Comoros, DP World, Ethiopia, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Mace Consultancy, Mastercard, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, New Zealand, North Macedonia, PepsiCo, Poland, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Seychelles, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, UAE, UPS

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LIVE IN BALANCE	<p>Coming Full Circle People's Promise for Climate Impact (Flagship) Date: 3 & 4 October, 2021. Time: 12:00 – 18:00. Venue: The Nexus for People & Planet North and South. Format: Open to public / Hybrid Be inspired and empowered to tackle climate change in this two-day celebration of youth-led climate action from across the globe. This event will help you understand your personal impact, with a focus on how you can act to help secure a climate-safe future for all. A global gathering of young changemakers and climate-leaders from the spheres of science, policy and business, this event will provide a range of perspectives on how to collectively scale positive action.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with UK</p> <p>Participants: Accenture, Argentina, Bahrain, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy, L'Oréal, Mastercard, Morocco, New Zealand, Nissan, Rwanda, SAP, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia</p>
	<p>Conservation for Hope Advancing Best Practice in Wildlife and Biodiversity Conservation Date: 6 October, 2021. Venue: DP World Pavilion. Time: 10:00 – 17:15. Format: By invitation only / Hybrid Biodiversity underpins our societal and economic health. The private sector has an immense opportunity to support and expand conservation efforts to build economic resilience, reverse devastating biodiversity loss, and safeguard our future. This event brings together expert conservationists and private sector representatives to highlight effective, replicable and scalable interventions and solutions to protect global biodiversity. Through sessions exploring deforestation, ocean conservation, combatting illegal wildlife trade and financing conservation, you will gain an understanding of how you personally can effect positive change.</p>	<p>ZSL LET'S WORK FOR WILDLIFE</p> <p>Expo co-curating with DP World, Mozambique, Zoological Society of London</p> <p>Participants: Algeria, Bahrain, Brazil, Costa Rica, KSA, New Zealand, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Slovenia, Trinidad and Tobago, UK, UNEP, USA</p>
	<p>Sustainability @ Expo Restoring Balance Date: 9 October, 2021. Venue: The Nexus for People & Planet North. Time: 10.00 – 13.00. Format: Open to public / Hybrid This event will explore sustainability and climate action, with a focus on restorative and regenerative solutions across sectors that produce environmental, social and economic benefits, and restore balance with nature. It will also highlight Expo 2020 Dubai's efforts to integrate sustainability into the planning, design, construction and operations of the Expo site, as well as sustainability initiatives by International Participants and Partners.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with Malaysia</p> <p>Participants: Austria, Jacobs, New Zealand, Sweden</p>
UAE VISION 2071	<p>Reaching the Last Mile Transforming Energy in Small Island Developing States Date: 5 October, 2021. Venue: The Nexus for People & Planet North and South. Time: 10.00 – 16:30. Format: By invitation only / Hybrid An event that brings together key stakeholders who have championed the clean energy transition by developing renewable energy solutions in Small Island Developing States (SIDS). It will spotlight best practices in the sector.</p>	<p>Expo-led in collaboration with ADFD, IRENA, Masdar</p> <p>Participants: Australia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Chile, Costa Rica, Italy, New Zealand, Portugal</p>
	<p>Spotlights on Africa Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Date: 13 October, 2021. Venue: Terra Auditorium. Time: Full day. Format: Open to public / Hybrid In coordination with the African Union and its member states and partner organisations, this event will assess the progress on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and showcase innovative solutions for early warning systems in Africa.</p>	<p>Expo co-curating with African Union</p>
	<p>Ministerial Dinner Date: 4 October, 2021. Time: 19.30 – 22.30. Format: By invitation only / Physical Facilitated conversations among high-level, influential players on specific topics related to advancing the UAE's international cooperation agenda on climate and biodiversity, and to mark the UAE's Golden Jubilee celebration.</p>	<p>Expo-led</p>

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BEST PRACTICE AREA PROGRAMME	Best Practice Area Programming Slots Effective Climate and Biodiversity Solutions Date: 5 & 7 October, 2021. Venue: BPA Speaker's Corner (Opportunity Pavilion). Time: 5 October 18:30 - 19:30 & 7 October 15:00 - 16:00. Format: By invitation only/Physical Spotlighting development solutions that have demonstrated impacts for increased climate and disaster resilience.	Expo-led

