

New Opportunities for Boosting Planetary Health and Resilience

Launch of Massive Open Online Course: Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience

Friday 22 January
16:00 - 17:30 CET



Agenda

Opening remarks

Launch of the course

Welcome messages

Now is the time for Nature: Visions

Panelists discussion on green recovery and opportunities for scaling-up Nature-based Solutions

Now is the time for Nature: Strategies

Q&A

Concluding remarks



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UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) start the new year with a new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC): **Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Disaster and Climate Resilience**.

To launch our new MOOC, panelists from UNEP, European Commission, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), Wetlands International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) will discuss:

- How a post-COVID-19 world provides new opportunities for pursuing more sustainable development pathways;
- How a green recovery is a necessity for health and resilience;
- How Nature-based Solutions can be part of these opportunities and strategies for increasing disaster and climate resilience.

Panelists will answer this important question: **how can we all contribute to making 2021 the start of a truly new, green era?**

Our new MOOC is part of this answer as it was developed to increase understanding and awareness about how NbS are applied for increasing disaster and climate resilience.

Join us to mark the opening of the MOOC and be part of a global community working to boost planetary health and resilience.



Moderator



Gary Lewis

Director
Disasters and Conflicts
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Gary is Director of Disasters and Conflict in UNEP Geneva. Prior to this role, he served as UNEP Director of Policy and Programme. Gary has over 30 years of experience at the UN in various duty stations across the Middle East, Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

Launch Presenter



Karen Sudmeier-Rieux

Senior Advisor
Disaster Risk Reduction
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Karen is Senior Advisor of Disaster Risk Reduction at UNEP. She has over a decade of experience with ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction and has developed numerous training materials. Karen is also the lead course developer of this online course on Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience.

Speakers



Carla Montesi

Director
Green Deal, Green Agenda
Directorate-General
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European Commission

Carla is currently Director at the European Commission's Directorate General for International Partnerships (INTPA) (formerly known as DG DEVCO). She has been responsible for the Directorate "Planet and Prosperity" since 2018 and is also in charge of the investment facilities and of the implementation of the external dimension of the EU's Digital agenda and the Green Deal.



Jane Madgwick

Chief Executive Officer
Wetlands International

Jane has been CEO of Wetlands International since 2004 where she leads a network of 20 offices operating in over 100 countries. Jane is an ecologist with 30 years of experience of working internationally on the science, policy and practice of wetlands and water management. Previously Jane worked for WWF in Europe and Australia.



Pascale Meige

Director
Disasters, Climate and Crises
International Federation of Red
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Pascale is Director of Disasters, Climate and Crises at the IFRC, where she oversees IFRC's coordination, surge and support roles for disasters and crises worldwide. Her portfolio includes the forecasting of multi-hazards events, preparedness of the Red Cross Red Crescent 192 National societies, response, recovery, and community resilience.



Radhika Murti

Director
Global Ecosystem
Management Programme
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Radhika is IUCN's Director of Global Ecosystem Management Programme, where she oversees IUCN's work on ecosystem-based approaches, agriculture and the Red List of Ecosystems assessment tool. Most recently, she has led the design and consultation processes for developing IUCN's global standard on Nature-based Solutions.



Susan Gardner

Director
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Susan is Director of UNEP Ecosystems Division with over two decades of experience in science and environmental policy working for both the Mexican and United States governments. Prior to this position, she was a senior official at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs.