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Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Environmental Pollution: How to Make Peace with Nature

Presentation and Discussion of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
Report "Making Peace with Nature"

22 March 2022, 4.30pm – 6.00pm (CET)

Online via Zoom



The relationship between humankind and nature is out of balance. The planet – and with it all of humanity – is facing several fundamental crises brought on by human actions. These include in particular the climate crisis, the loss of biological diversity and increasing environmental pollution.

UN Secretary-General António Guterres stated: "Making peace with nature is the defining task of the 21st century" in [his landmark speech on the state of the planet](#). He also explained that "humanity is waging war on nature" that increasingly puts our survival, sustainable development and peace at risk.

How can we end this "war" and stop the destruction of our environment and our climate? How can we truly make peace with nature and finally put into practice what we have known for a long time: that a life in harmony with our environment is a prerequisite for our future, for truly sustainable development and peaceful togetherness?

These are some of the questions at the heart of the UNEP report "[Making Peace with Nature](#)" that will be presented during the event by the lead authors, the former Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Robert Watson, and the Norwegian scientist Ivar Baste. The theme of the event will be introduced with a short keynote speech by Eckart von Hirschhausen, science journalist and founder of the Healthy Planet - Healthy People Foundation. Afterwards, we will discuss with experts about the report and about holistic approaches to solving the interconnected challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and environmental pollution within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The event will be held in German and English with simultaneous interpretation via Zoom.

PROGRAMME

Welcome

- Dr. **Lisa Heemann**, Secretary-General of the United Nations Association of Germany (DGVN)
- H.E. **Petter Ølberg**, Norwegian Ambassador to Germany

Keynote

- Dr. **Eckart von Hirschhausen**, Physician, science journalist and founder of the Healthy Planet - Healthy People Foundation

Presentation of the UNEP report “Making Peace with Nature”

- Prof. **Robert Watson**, Lead Author, former Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- **Ivar Baste**, Lead Author, Senior Advisor at the Norwegian Environment Agency

Panel Discussion

- Prof. **Robert Watson** and **Ivar Baste**, Lead Authors of the report “Making Peace with Nature”
- Dr. **Anne Monika Spallek**, Member of the German Bundestag
- **Christine von Weizsäcker**, President of the *European Network for Ecological Reflection and Action* (Ecoropa), longtime participant in the UN Biodiversity negotiations
- **Adina Arth**, German Youth Delegate for the UN Convention on biological Diversity

Moderation: **Annette Hornung**

REGISTRATION

Please register for the event at: <https://dgvn.de/aktivitaeten/anmeldung/frieden-schliessen-mit-der-natur>

The dial-in credentials for the Zoom webinar will be send to you via e-mail after registration.



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