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Dresden Nexus Conference 2022: Biodiversity and the Stewardship for Vital Resources – Programme Online

Under the theme “Biodiversity – Stewardship for Vital Resources”, the fourth Dresden Nexus Conference (DNC2022) from 23 to 25 May is dedicated to one of the most pressing questions worldwide – how can biodiversity be protected and preserved, and how can the many associated challenges be overcome? The United Nations University (UNU-FLORES), the Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden), and the Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) invite you to the international online conference. The conference programme is now online. In addition to keynote speeches by renowned experts, around 20 thematic sessions will provide space for intensive exchange across disciplinary and national borders. Early bird registration is still possible until 15 April.

Dresden, 12 April 2022. – Just one day after the International Biodiversity Day on 22 May, the important topic of biodiversity will also be in the foreground at the DNC2022. The protection and conservation of biodiversity is not only a central task for society; it is also linked to a series of other current challenges. For it is not only the interaction in nature, between habitats and species, that is complex. The way we live, do business, and shape our environment also has a major influence on how biodiversity can develop. The Resource Nexus, i.e. integrated perspectives on the management of vital resources, plays an important role, to which the international conference series Dresden Nexus Conference (DNC) is dedicated every two years.

At the DNC2022 happening from 23 to 25 May 2022, around 20 thematic sessions will address a wide variety of relevant Resource Nexus issues under the theme “Biodiversity – Stewardship for Vital Resources”. Questions of climate change, agri-food, and water management will be addressed as well as aspects of urban and regional development, the circular economy, or the economic valuation of biodiversity.

Keynote Speeches by Renowned Experts

The keynote lectures by renowned experts will provide food for thought. They will provide insights into biodiversity research as well as global efforts to conserve and protect biodiversity. The following experts will enrich the DNC2022 programme:



- **Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- **Hien T. Ngo**, Expert on Biodiversity and Pollination, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Prof. Tan Puay Yok**, Dean's Chair Associate Professor, Programme Director of the Master in Landscape Architecture and Cluster Leader of the Landscape Studies group, National University of Singapore (NUS), also Director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens, a UNESCO World Heritage site
- **Prof. Brigitte Baptiste**, Director of the Universidad Ean in Bogotá/Colombia, former director of the Alexander von Humboldt Research Institute of Biological Resources, Colombia,
- **Dr Bram Edens**, Head of the Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services project, United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD)

Registration for DNC2022 at discounted early bird rates is open until 15 April 2022. Regular registration is open until 6 May 2022.

Detailed information on the programme: <http://2022.dresden-nexus-conference.org/programme>

Early bird registration until 15 April 2022 at:
<http://2022.dresden-nexus-conference.org/participation>

About the Dresden Nexus Conference

The Dresden Nexus Conference (DNC) is an international conference series. It focuses on the discussion of current research and real-world cases that contribute to the further development of a nexus perspective in dealing with natural resources. Since its inception in 2015, DNC has been a meeting point for academics, UN agencies, decision- and policymakers from UN Member States, businesses, and civil society from the local to the global levels. DNC aims to bridge the gap between research and practical implementation through the lively exchange of all participants.

More information on DNC2022: <http://2022.dresden-nexus-conference.org/>

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An Overview of the Organisers

United Nations University Institute on the Integrated Management of Material Fluxes and of Resources (UNU-FLORES)

UNU-FLORES develops strategies to resolve pressing issues in the sustainable use and integrated management of environmental resources such as water, soil, waste, energy, and other geo-resources that are of concern to the United Nations and its Member States – particularly in developing and emerging economies. Based in Dresden, Germany, the Institute engages in research, capacity development, postgraduate teaching, advanced training, and knowledge dissemination to advance the Resource Nexus. <https://flores.unu.edu/>

Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER)

The Leibniz Institute of Ecological Urban and Regional Development (IOER) is a non-university research centre and a member of the Leibniz Association. We contribute to a spatial development that enables humanity to thrive within ecological boundaries while ensuring planetary justice. Our research aims to accelerate and achieve deep and encompassing transformations that shape sustainable and resilient regions, cities, and neighbourhoods. <https://www.ioer.de/en/>

Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden)

The Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden) is one of Germany's eleven universities of excellence. Strong in research and considered first-class with respect to the range and quality of the study programmes it offers, it is also closely interconnected with culture, business, and society. As a modern university TU Dresden applies its institutional strategy "The Synergetic University" to change and further develop its vision, structures, and organisational culture. With awareness for urgent global challenges and regional responsibility together with international and local partnerships TU Dresden strives to become a progressive university for the 21st century. <https://tu-dresden.de>

Organisers



The three organisers are members of DRESDEN-concept - an alliance of research institutions from the world of science and culture. The network strives to bundle synergies and jointly develop the Dresden science hub into a DRESDEN-concept Science and Innovation Campus. www.dresden-concept.de