



The Stockholm +49 Summit

**PATHWAY
TO THE 2022
DECLARATION**

Make 2022 a Game Changer Draft Program



For 49 years, since the 1972 Stockholm Conference where the UN Environment Program was established, the world has struggled to understand and accept how we must transform our relationship with the Planet if we are to survive and thrive. While thousands of excellent solutions to the environmental threat are on the table – **something is missing** – something that would enable the convergence of solutions, for collective action to become possible, and a shift from our extractive and destructive economy to a regenerative and more equitable world. The High-Level Political Declaration foreseen for 2022, (Res 73/333) is a unique opportunity to open a pathway to answer the existential question on everyone's mind today:

The Stockholm+49 Summit

Can the 2022 Declaration be a *Game Changer* to protect our Planet?

LIVE-STREAMED ONLINE GLOBAL CONFERENCE DRAFT PROGRAM

Building a Global Coalition for the promising Declaration

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2021

Keynote Speakers sessions

Opening remarks: 5 Keynote Speakers

2:00-2:50pm (CET)

Opening remarks from Inger Andersen - Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme

Laurent Fabius – Former President of COP21/Paris Agreement

Maria Fernanda Espinosa - President of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly and former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Johan Rockström - Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and Professor in Earth System Science at the University of Potsdam

Johanna Lissinger Peitz - Ambassador for Stockholm +50 and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of the Environment/Swedish Government Offices

Initial Interventions of 15-min talks

2:50-4:05pm (CET)

1. Science of urgency

Will Steffen – Emeritus Professor at the Australian National University; Senior Research Fellow at the Stockholm Resilience Centre

2. The role of Law in the Anthropocene

Louis Kotzé - Research Professor of Law at the North-West University, South Africa

Makane Moise Mbengue - Professor of International Law at the University of Geneva

3. Regulation Economy/Building for a Better Economy

Sandrine Dixson-Declevé - Co-President of the Club of Rome

4. Institutions of Global Environment Governance

Izabella Teixeira - Co-Chair of the United Nations Environment Programme's International Resource Panel and former Minister for the Environment of Brazil

10 min Q&A Session

4:05pm (CET) Coffee Break / 15 min Dialogue meetings

Round Table between speakers and panellists with Q&A Session

4:20pm-6:30pm (CET)

Common thread: What is missing or failing to comply and enforce international environmental law?

Jason Hickel - Visiting Senior Fellow at the International Inequalities Institute at the London School of Economics, and Senior Lecturer at Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

Najat Saliba - Professor in Chemistry at the American University of Beirut; co-executive director of Khaddit Beirut and the Director and founder of the Environment Academy

Paulo Magalhães – Founder and Director of Common Home of Humanity; Jurist and researcher at CIJE-Center for Legal and Economic Research - University of Porto

Jan van de Venis – Lawyer; chairman of the board of Stand Up For Your Rights, The Sustainable Week, National Park Dunes of Texel and The Crowd Versus and a member of the board of FossielVrijNL

10 min Q&A Session

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21ST 2021

Keynote Speakers sessions

Discussion Panels: How the Stockholm+49 Civil Society Declaration can contribute to a fruitful Declaration and future process after Stockholm+50?

Opening remarks: 5 Keynote Speakers

2:00-2:55pm (CET)

Yugratna Srivastava - Youth Constituency Focal Point to UN Environment Programme; Policy-Advocacy Coordinator at Plant-for-the-Planet

David Boyd - UN Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment; Associate Professor of Law, Policy, and Sustainability at the University of British Columbia

Jan-Gustav Strandenaes - Senior Adviser at the UN

Maria Ivanova - Associate Professor of Global Governance, Director of the Global Governance and Human Security PhD Program, and Director of the Center for Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston

Paloma Costa Oliveira - Member of the United Nations Secretary General's Youth Advisory Group on Climate

Discussion Panel 1 - Tools to enforce international environmental law

3:00-4:10pm (CET)

Yann Aguila - Professor at Sciences Po Paris and partner at Bredin Prat, a law firm in Paris, where he heads the firm's Public Law practice

Karl Burkart - Managing Director of One Earth, and formerly the Director of Media, Science & Technology at the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation

Teresa Oberhauser - EU Project Lead at Circularise; Focal Point of the Youth Constituency of UNEP

Jojo Mehta - Co-founder and executive director of Stop Ecocide International and chair of the charitable Stop Ecocide Foundation

10 min Q&A Session

Discussion panel 2 – Tools to enforce international environmental law

4:10-5:20pm (CET)

Marcello Palazzi - Progressive economist, entrepreneur and leader

Vicky Tauli-Corpuz - United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Kankanaey-Igorot, from the Philippines)

James Alix Michel - Former President of the Republic of Seychelles

Christina Voigt - Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law and Professor at University of Oslo, Norway

10 min Q&A Session

5:20pm (CET) - **Coffee Break / 15 min Dialogue meetings**

Closing remarks on the Civil Society proposal for the Declaration

5:35-5:50pm (CET)

Richard Ponzio - Director of the Global Governance, Justice&Security Program and a Senior Fellow at Stimson

Closing remarks

5:50-6:00pm (CET)

Ado Lohmus - Permanent Representative of Estonia to the UNEP at Government of Estonia

STOCKHOLM+49 - BACKGROUND

- The year 2022 will mark fifty years since the first intergovernmental conference on the environment was held in Stockholm in 1972. The Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment was a landmark event for many reasons, including creating the foundation for the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP). In its concluding document adopted in 1972, the Stockholm Declaration proclaimed that *“A point has been reached in history when we must shape our actions throughout the world with a more prudent care for their environmental consequences. Through ignorance or indifference, we can do massive and irreversible harm to the earthly environment on which our life and well-being depend. Conversely, through fuller knowledge and wiser action, we can achieve for ourselves and our posterity a better life in an environment more in keeping with human needs and hopes”*.
- In 2018 UNGA adopted [Resolution 72/277](#): *Towards a Global Pact for the Environment* and started a dialogue between states and stakeholders.
- In 2019 the UN Environmental Assembly (UNEA) got the mandate ([Resolution 73/333](#)) to develop a Political Declaration, to be presented in a high level UN Summit in 2022.
- Currently, **the Earth System is on a Hothouse Earth pathway** – driven by human emissions of greenhouse gases and biosphere degradation. Even if the Paris Agreement target of a 1.5 °C to 2.0 °C rise in temperature is met, we cannot exclude the risk that a cascade of negative environmental impacts could push the Earth System irreversibly into this “Hothouse Earth” pathway.
- Same kind of challenges are related to biodiversity, air, soil and water pollution, plastics, etc. A Global Framework for international environmental governance and law is key to hold governments and private sector accountable for the damage and destruction they are causing to our environment.
- Having a 2022 UN High-Level Declaration that includes the political commitment of all governments to develop such a Framework is key!

STOCKHOLM+49 – GOALS

- ✓ To mobilise civil society organisations, academics and policymakers to advocate for a Global Framework for environmental governance and law (including principles, goals, targets, means of implementation, indicators and monitoring progress schemes)
- ✓ To produce an interdisciplinary discussion between Earth System Science, International Law, Economy and Global Governance.
- ✓ To produce a strong and high quality Civil Society input in this UN process on strengthening international environmental governance and law.

STOCKHOLM+49 – MAIN QUESTIONS

- How could a Global Framework on environmental governance and law create the global paradigm shift needed to avert environmental catastrophes? If so, what should its focus be, and how would its adoption have a concrete impact?
- What are our options to address the dilemma between what may be feasible in terms of acceptance by States, but which may not be enough to face the climate and environmental tragedies in which we already living?
- How can the Human Right to a Healthy Environment, strengthening the environmental rule of law, and proposals like making Ecocide an international crime and giving Rights to Nature support such a Framework?
- What could be a common-ground content for a High-Level Political Declaration planned for 2022 to avoid the ongoing destruction of Planet Earth?



“We have to make the biggest coalition we can! This is our common future.” **Princess Esmeralda of Belgium, in Common Home Conversations April 24, 2021**

“I am convinced that we need a new pact between society and planet Earth. We need harmony in our relationships between our humankind, and with our planet - a holistic view, the systemic view of planet Earth - but also a new social contract between humans and nature.” **Dr. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President, UN General Assembly-73rd Session, and Common Home of Humanity Global Goodwill Ambassador, in Common Home Conversations September 30, 2020**



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