



Organizers:



Supporters:



World Science Day 2020

Science for and with Society

(10/11/2020)

Concept Note

Every year, on 10 November, UNESCO celebrates *The World Science Day for Peace and Development* to raise awareness of the role of science for peaceful and sustainable societies. This year, when the world is struggling with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the focus of the World Science Day is on ‘Science for and with Society in dealing with the global pandemic’.

Throughout this health and sanitary crisis, UNESCO has endeavoured to bring science closer to society and to bolster the critically needed international scientific collaborations. From the science perspective, UNESCO’s response to COVID-19 is structured around three major pillars:

1. promoting international scientific cooperation
2. ensuring access to water
3. supporting ecological reconstruction

The Covid-19 pandemic has reminded us that our health, economy, food security, climate, biodiversity and peoples’ well-being are interconnected.

Celebrating the 2020 World Science Day provides an opportunity to mobilize the entire UNESCO’s science family, the scientific community, and the general public to bring science closer to society and to promote **Science for and with Society** in UNESCO’s competency: science policy and capacity building, environmental sustainability and water security.

The event will address issues of contemporary importance, and will be supported by an Open Science platform <https://quest4action.org/> for the continuous exchange of information. This celebration is part of a series of events reaching out to schools, universities, the general public, the private sector and others, to mobilise open sciences, aiming to enhance our overall science-based knowledge, skills, and resilience to global change.

10th of November Programme

13:45 – 14:00	Joining Zoom		
14:00 – 14:05	Welcome by Master of Ceremony	Sowaris Somsu	Sowaris Somsu
14:05 – 14:10	Welcome Remarks	Shigeru Aoyagi	UNESCO Bangkok
14:10 – 14:15	Opening: Science for and with People	Shabaz Khan	UNESCO Jakarta
	UNESCO’s Open Science Recommendation ‘The Status Quo’	Ana Persic	UNESCO Paris
14:15 – 14:20	A word of respect for nature	Charlie Winston	Marseille
14:20 – 14:25	Keynote I: Green Academies	Benno Böer	UNESCO
14:25 – 14:30	Slide show on Greening STOU Environmental best practices on campus	Khun Supawadee	STOU
14:30 – 14:35	Mekong language versions of Green Academy guidelines	Ethel Vazenzuela	SEAMEO
14:35 – 14:40	A poem on environment and youth	Andrew Amatavivadhana	Bangkok
14:40 – 14:45	Keynote II: Green Academies in Africa A key to sustainable cities	Felix Matschie	ETH Zürich
14:45 – 14:50	Keynote III: Kids to Forests	Illias Animon	FAO
14:50 – 14:55	Keynote IV: New approaches in Science Education	Dev Suj	Papinee
14:55 – 15:20	Panel Discussion: Consideration for developing an Open Science Recommendation	Rajesh Tandon, Francesca Calisesi, Ethel Vazenzuela, Dev Suj, Siriporn Sriaram, Supawadee Theerathamakorn	PRIA, UN Habitat, IUCN, SEAMEO, Papinee,
15:20 – 15:25	Concluding Remarks and Way Foreword	Benno Böer	UNESCO

After the event, foundations and the private sector will be able to demonstrate their social and environmental community support, and to participate as long-term partners.



The United Nations is marking its 75th anniversary at a time of the worst global health crisis. People were asked about their hopes and fears for the future. Over a million people from all countries had taken part. A top-priority for action is the overwhelming concerns regarding the climate crisis and the destruction of our natural environment. Augmenting the knowledge and skills of people via science and education will be an important adaptation effect against the adverse impacts of climate change, other changes, and it is of substantial importance for World Peace.