

INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON HARMONY WITH NATURE  
IN COMMEMORATION OF INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY

Theme: “Mother Earth Approach in the Implementation of Education and Climate Change”

UNHQ, New York, Monday 22 April 2019, Trusteeship Council Chamber

**PROGRAMME**

**10:00 – 11:00 OPENING SESSION**

- \* [Address](#) by H.E. Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Assembly
- \* [Address](#) by H.E. Ms. Cynthia Silva Maturana, Deputy Minister of Environment, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Forest Management and Development of Bolivia
- \* [Address](#) by H.E. Mr. Luis Gallegos Chiriboga, Permanent Representative of Ecuador
- \* [Address](#) by H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh
- \* [Address](#) by H.E. Mr. Mr. Syed Akbaruddin, Permanent Representative of India
- \* [Address](#) by Ms. Markie Miller, Organizer, Lake Erie Bill of Rights, USA

**11:00 – 1:00 TECHNICAL SESSION**

**PANEL 1: “Education in Harmony with Nature”**

Moderator: [Mr. Alessandro Pelizzon](#), Senior Lecturer, Southern Cross University, New South Wales, Australia

Video Message: H.E. Justice Dr. Dr.h.c. mult. [Antonio Herman Benjamin](#), National High Court of Brazil (STJ)

Panellists:

- \* Mr. [Ivan Zambrana](#), Director of Mother Earth Plurinational Authority, Bolivia
- \* Ms. [Silvia Bagni](#), Expert on Constitutional Law and Comparative Public Law, Italy
- \* Mr. [Thomas Egli](#), CEO of the Geneva Forum at the UN & Founder of Objectif Sciences Intl., Switzerland
- \* Ms. [Elizabeth Macpherson](#), Senior Lecturer, University of Canterbury School of Law, New Zealand
- \* Mr. [Liam Sy Paquemar](#), Artist, World Council of Peoples for the United Nations (WCPUN)
- \* Mr. [Frank Bibeau](#), Tribal Attorney, White Earth Band/Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, USA (Video)

Video Message: H.E. Ms. [Delphine Batho](#), MP National Assembly, President of Génération Ecologie, France

**Moderated dialogue with multi-stakeholder panelists, followed by Q&A from Member States,  
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**1:00 – 3:00 BREAK**

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**3:00 – 5:30 TECHNICAL SESSION**

**PANEL 2: “Climate Action in Harmony with Nature”**

Moderator: Mr. Alessandro Pelizzon, Senior Lecturer, Southern Cross University, New South Wales, Australia

Video Message: H.E. Mr. [Cillian Lohan](#), Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Rapporteur on Climate Justice

Panellists:

- \* Ms. [Ngozi Unuigbo](#), Associate Professor of Environmental Law, Policy and Ethics, University of Benin, Nigeria
- \* Mr. [Freddy Delgado](#), Director of the Pluricultural Andean-Amazon Community for Sustainability, Bolivia
- \* Ms. [Gabriela Eslava](#), Lawyer and Researcher, Dejusticia, Colombia
- \* Mr. [Luis Armando Tolosa Villabona](#), Judge of Colombia’s Supreme Court of Justice and Professor of Law
- \* Ms. [Valérie Cabanes](#), Expert on International Law and Human Rights, France

Video Message: H.E. Mr. [David Boyd](#), UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment

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**5:30 - 6:00 WRAP UP: THE WAY FORWARD AND [CLOSING REMARKS](#)**

Moderator will give a brief overview of the outcomes of the morning and afternoon sessions, including recommendations for next steps in incorporating into the High-Level Political Forum and the General Assembly to advance the implementation of the SDGs. Moderator will close the session.

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