

Launch of Massive Open Online Course

Nature-based Solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience



Friday 22 January 2021

13:30 - 14:15 CET

SPECIAL LAUNCH EVENT FOR A NEW MOOC WITH PRIVATE SECTOR INSIGHTS

YOUTH FOR NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS | ONLINE LEARNING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

14:45 - 15:30 CET

UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (PEDRR) start the new year with a new Massive Open On-line Course (MOOC): Nature-based Solutions (NbS) for Disaster and Climate Resilience.

This course was developed to increase understanding and awareness about how NbS are applied for increasing disaster and climate resilience. It is a call for action, with examples on how each of us can contribute – in small or large ways - in reducing disaster and climate risks. The MOOC is open to everyone who would like to deepen their knowledge of the application of NbS and are targeted at specific groups, especially policymakers, practitioners, engineers, business owners and youth. It will be hosted on the SDG Academy platform and is offered in seven languages.

pedrr.org/mooc

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In this event, you will hear from representatives from the private sector on how they are investing in Nature and how learning about this topic makes a big difference to their business! Indeed, they learn and experience that Nature-based solutions often make good business sense. You will learn about other resources and guidance for businesses as they seek to reduce their carbon footprints.

This session will also be an opportunity to discuss ideas on how you can get involved, as an individual or as a business in promoting Nature as a solution to the climate crisis!

Special Launch Event for a New MOOC with Private Sector Insights

Register

- ▶ Go to: bit.ly/3bSCPnS
- ▶ Click "Register"
- ▶ Check out "OU | 13.30 - 14.15 | Nature Based Solutions"

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Nathalie Doswald

Nature-based Solutions Expert
UN Environment Programme

Nathalie currently works at UNEP disasters and conflicts programme on Nature-based Solutions. Prior to this, she has worked as an associate consultant with AAE and as a Programme Officer for UNEP-WCMC in the climate change and biodiversity Programme. She has been working for over a decade in international nature conservation and climate change, providing technical expertise and research to inform policy and decision-making processes.



Susanne Kat

Food & Nature Policy Manager
World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD)

Susanne is the Food & Nature Policy manager at WBCSD, where she is leading the nature policy work as well as being actively involved in the preparations of the Food Systems Summit. Previous to her role at WBCSD, she was part of the Chief Sustainability Office at Unilever, working on issues related to sustainable agriculture and leading the food loss and waste agenda. She holds a master's degree in International Management from the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands.



Urs Dieterich

Land Use Fund Manager
South Pole

Urs is a Land Use Fund Manager at South Pole. With his background in forestry, conservation, and finance he aims to mainstream investment in nature-based solutions and climate resilience. Over the past two years, he has been designing the Landscape Resilience Fund, a not-for-profit venture debt fund to help scale climate-resilient land use in developing countries. Prior to joining South Pole, Urs worked as asset manager for renewable energy investments at Aquila Capital.



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In this session, you will hear from youth leaders, and experts representing the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) who will share their perspectives on the role of online learning for youth and how to access high quality educational materials in multiple languages. Youth leaders from around the world have also taken part by developing videos for this course.

If you're interested in being part of a global youth community which is actively engaging in Nature-based Solutions and learning more about our course, please join our workshop!

Youth for Nature-based Solutions | Online Learning for Climate Action

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Mikhail Fernandes
Communications &
Knowledge Network Consultant
UN Environment Programme

Mikhail is an environmental advocate who holds an MSc in Local Development. Mikhail works at UNEP's Disasters and Conflicts Programme, supporting the promotion and implementation of Eco-DRR. He began his environmental work researching indigenous environmental practices while leading community-based forest conservation initiatives in Southern India.



Niria Alicia Garcia
Indigenous Advocate
UNEP Young Champion 2020

Niria is a Xicana human rights advocate, climate justice organizer, educator and storyteller dedicated to protecting the sacredness of Mother Earth and the dignity of historically oppressed peoples. She graduated Cum Laude from the University of Oregon with degrees in environmental studies, Latin American studies.



Desmond Alugnoa
Focal Point for Rural Economies
United Nations Major Group
for Children and Youth

Desmond co-founded the Green Africa Youth Organization in 2014, an NGO dedicated to providing solutions to pressing environmental issues through youth empowerment and public education. Growing up in a community battling with desertification in Ghana, he developed a passion for decentralization of development policies and focused his work on "Rural Innovation".



Marie-Claire Graf
Focal Point for YOUNGO
United Nations Major Group
for Children and Youth

Marie-Claire is a youth advocate for just sustainable development and ambitious climate action through her engagement in several initiatives at local, national and international levels. She is leading several associations and movements on climate action, sustainable development, youth and women empowerment and education, such as the Sustainability Week International.

