

INVITATION

SOS

SYMPOSIUM

Suicide Or Survival ?

THE STATE OF THE EARTH – DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS
TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE THERAPY

Have humans begun to dig their own grave? Ecosystems vital to sustain life are depleted and altered, the climate is changing rapidly and the earth is increasingly signaling SOS in the form of rising temperatures – the planet has fever! – droughts, sea level rise, loss of fertile land, loss of fauna and flora both on land and in the oceans. The 6th mass extinction is underway and the insects, vital for the web of life, are suddenly disappearing in large numbers.

A thorough diagnosis of what is going on and a well-considered prognosis of where it is going to are essential to come to an effective therapy of patient Earth. Top scientists – the internists – will give their analysis of the situation now and in the future, so that the “surgeons”, those working in politics, policy, law, education, engineering, industry, agriculture and business, and we all as consumers, citizens, parents and students receive guidance on what to do in practice.

The Symposium will give the contours of a roadmap to protect and restore the health of the planet, also from a security perspective to provide peace and stability for the long-term.

WHEN AND WHERE?

18 and 19 April 2018, Museon The Hague

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Registration and Contact

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SOS SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2018

DAY CHAIR:

JANE MADGWICK

(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL)

9:00 – 10:00	Arrival / Registration / Coffee
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Address , Introduction to Day One Themes and Topics
10:30 – 10:40	Introduction to the Atmosphere
10:40 – 11:10	Save Our Skies Prof. Dr. Rik Leemans (Wageningen University & Research)
11:10 – 11:40	Save Our Skins Dr. Maarten van Aalst (Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre)
11:40 – 12:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
12:00 – 12:10	Introduction to the Hydrosphere Prof. Dr. Eddy Moors (IHE Delft)
12:10 – 12:40	Save Our Seas Dr. Lennart De Nooijer (NIOZ)
12:40 – 14:00	<i>Exhibition and Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Save Our Shores Prof. Dr. Dano Roelvink (IHE Delft)
14:30 – 15:00	Save Our Streams Prof. Dr. Ken Irvine (IHE Delft)
15:00 – 15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:20 – 15:30	Introduction to the Lithosphere
15:30 – 16:00	Save Our Soils Prof. Dr. Violette Geissen (Wageningen University & Research)
16:00 – 16:30	Save Our Space Prof. Dr. Eberhard Gill (TU Delft Space Institute)
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion
17:30 – 18:00	"Save Our Swing" <i>Musicians Against Climate Change – Gidon Nunes Vaz Sextet</i>
18:00 – 20:00	Evening Reception / Networking

THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

DAY CHAIRS:

JOHAN VAN DE GRONDEN

(PHILOSOPHER & CHAIRMAN, IUCN NETHERLANDS)

AND

WOUTER VEENING

(PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY)

8:30 – 9:30	Arrival / Registration / Coffee
9:30 – 9:50	Introduction to Symposium Day Two Themes and Topics
9:50 – 10:00	Introduction to the Biosphere
10:00 – 10:30	Save Our Species Dr. Christine Breitenmoser (IUCN)
10:30 – 11:00	Save Our Selvas Prof. Dr. René Boot (Tropenbos International)
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:20 – 11:50	Save Our Seeds Dr. Robbert van Treuren (Wageningen University & Research)
11:50 – 12:20	Save Our Systems Prof. Dr. Klaas van Egmond (Utrecht University)
12:20 – 14:00	<i>Exhibition and Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction to final SOS themes
14:10 – 14:40	Save Our Souls Johan van de Gronden (Chairman IUCN Netherlands)
14:40 – 15:20	Save Our Science Jan Paul van Soest (Author of <i>The Doubt Brigade</i> on climate science, misinformation and denial)
15:20 – 15:40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:40 – 16:10	Save Our Security General (ret) Tom Middendorp
16:10 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:30	Save Our SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) Closing remarks by panellists of the day on the way forward
17:30 – 19:30	Evening Reception / Networking