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PEOPLE'S PATHWAYS TO CLIMATE ACTION – Nature-based Solutions and Urban Vulnerability

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Climate change impacts are being increasingly felt around the globe, often more intensely than what was expected just a few years ago. There is a growing consensus that the next few years are the last window to steer the world in a better and safer direction and avoid the worst consequences of climate change. While much attention is given to climate science and policy, people's perspective, inspiration and pathways to climate action are scantily understood. At the same time, the role of urban areas as in driving as well as mitigating climate risk and vulnerability demands special attention.

With this perspective, the 2021 academy explores Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and their application in urban areas to reduce vulnerability to climate change. There is growing evidence on the effectiveness of NbS including in urban areas, however, gaps persist in terms of a) their application in the Global South, b) across spatial scales and c) the role of local communities and collaborative governance schemes in implementing and sustaining NbS to reduce urban vulnerability to climate risks.

United Nations University – Institute for Environment and Human Security and the Munich Re Foundation in collaboration with the UN Climate Secretariat understand these challenges. They are convening the 2021 Climate Academy to bring together more than 25 experts and emerging change makers from around the world to tackle these information gaps.

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The “People’s Perspective to Climate Action – Nature-based Solutions and Urban Vulnerability” Climate Academy 2021 programme invites you to explore the question, **“What do decision makers in policy and communities of practice need to know about Nature-based Solutions to effectively reduce urban vulnerabilities?”** through a series of digital events, each aiming to provide a succinct and policy-oriented discussion based on cutting-edge scientific research and practice. Spread over the last week of September, 2021, we aim to explore the NbS and urbanization nexus from three complementary approaches:

- Enabler: NbS as enablers of transformative and collaborative climate actions in cities (best practices, local knowledge, emphasis on Global South countries, (co-)benefits, transferability)
- Application: Application of NbS in informal urban development contexts (measures, co-benefits, long-term sustainability in dynamically evolving settings)
- Mainstreaming: Mainstreaming urban NbS into climate governance schemes and policies across scales and administrative boundaries (challenges, enabling conditions, actors, finance and design)

2021	Event Nr.	Bonn	Hanoi	Theme
MON 27 SEPT	A1	13:00-14:30	18:00-19:30	Nature-based Solutions for urban areas – need, application and pathways
TUES 28 SEPT	A3	13:00-14:30	18:00-19:30	NbS as enabler – case studies
TUES 28 SEPT	A4	16:00-17:00	21:00-22:00	The Enterprise Evolution, innovation and NbS
WED 29 SEPT	A5	13:00-14:30	18:00-19:30	Futurist thinking workshop
WED 29 SEPT	A6	15:30-17:00	20:30-22:00	Challenges and opportunities for applying NbS in the urban context
THURS 30 SEPT	A7	13:00-14:30	18:00-19:30	Mainstreaming NbS – case studies
THURS 30 SEPT	A8	15:30-17:00	20:30-22:00	Effective implementation of NbS in urban areas – case studies
FRIDAY 01 OCT	A9	13:00-14:30	18:00-19:30	NbS: effective application, climate risk in urban areas and the way forward

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