



Foundations 20 Reception prior to the UN Climate and SDG Summit

## Seizing the opportunity for a Global Deal for Nature and a Just Transition

**Sunday, 22 September 2019, New York City, 17:00 NYT**

The Harvard Club of New York City  
35 West 44th Street New York, NY 10036

### Agenda

**17:00 Welcome by Klaus Milke, F20 Chair**

**17:05 Welcome by Michael Northrop, Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

**17:10 Moderated Panel Discussion:**

**“Opportunities for a Global Deal for Nature and Climate – Entry Points to Shape the Policy Debate and Take Action within the upcoming UN and G20 Process”**

**Speaker:**

- **Mika Ohbayashi**, Renewable Energy Institute
- **Stephen Brenninkmeijer**, European Climate Foundation
- **Henk Rogers**, Blue Planet Alliance
- **Karl Burkart**, One Earth
- **Brian O'Donnell**, Wyss Campaign for Nature

**Moderation: Stefan Schurig, F20 Secretary General**

**18:15 Closing by Jason Anderson, ClimateWorks**

**18:20 Closing by Rita Schwarzelühr-Sutter**, Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

**18:30 Open reception** Food and drinks provided

**Kindly note that the number of participants is limited, please send an e-mail to [info@foundations-20.org](mailto:info@foundations-20.org) to register.**

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## Background:

The F20 Reception addresses the importance to link climate change, biodiversity and sustainability in context of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement, while highlighting the role of foundations and philanthropy as part of the solution.

The year 2020 will be crucial for both, the further implementation and increased ambition of the Paris Climate Agreement and a successful outcome of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD). Five years after it was agreed at the legendary COP 21, the Paris Agreement will be experiencing its first stress test: The agreed five-year cycle now requires an update and further specifications of the pledges by the UN member states for 2030 and an increased level of ambition outlined in the nationally determined contributions (NDCs).

These planned reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions ultimately will have to accumulate a full transition of the global energy sector towards 100% renewable energy as well as a substantial increase of the Earth's capacity to absorb greenhouse gases. 2020 is an important milestone for the international climate regime since the adoption of the Paris Agreement due to the submission of

revised NDCs that incorporate advances in incorporating advances in renewable energy, technology and policy developments in key sectors.

Likewise, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is the equivalent UN organization for protecting the flora and fauna of the planet. Next year's CBD COP to be held in Kunming is of similar importance as the annual COP on climate change and provides a huge opportunity to adopt a "Global Deal for Nature" (GDN). In response to the Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystems launched on 6 May this year by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), the GDN needs to pave the way for making 2020 a turning point in our efforts to halt the loss of biodiversity and adopt ambitious spatial targets for the protection and restoration of ecosystems. This also includes the provision of effective nature-based solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. As such, 2020 is the year of the Climate/ Food/ Biodiversity Nexus.

