



GLOBAL DIALOGUE ON ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

22 May 2025 – International Day for Biological Diversity – at 9am ET

Register individually or as a group [here!](#)

Welcome & Introduction (9:00 - 9:05 AM ET)

- [Amanda Abrom](#), Director of the [Global Schools Program](#) at the [UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#), & [Reeza Hanselmann](#), International Coordinator of Education at the [Foundation for Environmental Education \(FEE\)](#) welcome participants and introduce the discussion focus and session flow.

Interactive Word Cloud (9:05 - 9:10 AM ET)

- Participants engage via Mentimeter to create a collaborative word cloud, sharing 3 key words they associate with ecosystem restoration.

The Global Challenge (9:10 - 9:15 AM ET)

- [Natalia Alekseeva](#), Coordinator of the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) led by the [UN Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#) and the [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#), and [Julia Mensa](#), CEO of [Nunatak](#) & [UNCCD](#) / [G20 Global Land Initiative Youth Ecopreneur](#) will introduce the topic of ecosystem restoration, sharing reflections on the urgency, scale, and opportunities of ecosystem restoration worldwide.

Discussion Round 1 (9:15 - 9:30 AM ET)

- A student from Ireland part of the [Learning about Ecosystems and Forests \(LEAF\)](#) Program & [Young Reporter for the Environment](#), moderates the first discussion round with Natalia Alekseeva and Julia Mensa on: “What are the root causes of ecosystem degradation — and what roles can education, technology, and policy play in reversing them?” as well as [pre-submitted and upvoted questions by young people](#).





Interactive Poll (9:30 - 9:35 AM ET)

- Participants engage in a poll related to Ecosystem Restoration & Youth Empowerment, sharing perspectives and insights.

Discussion Round 2 (9:35 - 9:50 AM ET)

- A student from Ireland part of the [Learning about Ecosystems and Forests \(LEAF\)](#) Program & [Young Reporter for the Environment](#), moderates the second discussion round with Natalia Alekseeva and Julia Mensa on: “How can young people drive locally led restoration efforts that respect nature, culture, and community needs?” as well as [pre-submitted and upvoted questions by young people](#).

Interactive Action Brainstorm (9:50 - 9:55 AM ET)

- Participants share actionable ideas on how young people can contribute to ecosystem restoration in their schools, homes, communities and the world.

Closing & Call to Action (9:55 - 10:00 AM ET)

- [Gustavo Nascimento](#), Environmental Studies and Anthropology student at Brandeis University Brazil & Member of the [Youth Advisory Committee \(YAC\)](#) for the [Science Panel for the Amazon](#), and a student from Malta part of the [Young Reporters for the Environment](#), summarize key insights from the dialogue and share 1-2 concrete opportunities for young people to get active at the global level.

Optional Peer Exchange (10:00 - 10:20 AM ET)

- Participants join breakout rooms to discuss key takeaways, share perspectives, and reflect on action ideas with their peers.

