

## Wyss Academy for Nature Symposium

### Pathways to a Just and Sustainable Future for all

<b>Date</b>	August 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Time</b>	9:00 to 18:00 (CEST)
<b>Location</b>	Kursaal Bern, Switzerland
<b>Convener</b>	<b>Tatjana von Steiger</b> , Wyss Academy for Nature

### Objectives

Our planet and humanity are facing existential challenges such as the climate crisis, biodiversity loss, poverty and inequality. Current approaches to solving these issues are neither effective nor timely enough. In an increasingly hyperconnected world, these challenges cannot be addressed separately, but rather form “wicked problems”: in real world situations, issues are interconnected, have multiple causes and consequences, and lead to dilemmas and trade-offs. One person’s solution can be another person’s problem. Simply producing more knowledge will not suffice to initiate change. We will always face surprises and unintended side-effects.

Against this backdrop, the Wyss Academy for Nature pursues a novel approach to overcome the growing gap between understanding problems and concrete action. In four regions around the world, we address nine concrete nature-people dilemmas by means of a living lab approach – the so-called solutionscapes. They bring together researchers and other knowledge bearers with multiple stakeholders around a shared challenge to co-design, test, and scale-out solutions that facilitate systemic change.

### Agenda

<b>Time</b>	<b>Content</b>
08:30	<b>Doors open</b>
09:00	<b>Welcome and framing - Tatjana von Steiger, Head Global Policy Outreach</b> Wyss Academy for Nature
09:10	<b>Keynote - Prof. Dr. Peter Messerli, Director</b> Wyss Academy for Nature and <b>Marie-Claire Graf, Swiss-Based Youth Advocate</b>
09:30	<b>Three parallel working sessions (Language: EN)</b>

*Session 1: Embracing complexity towards transformative change*

**Speakers:**  
**Prof. Dr. Adrienne Grêt-Regamey**, ETHZ  
**Dr. Jean-Christophe Castella**, CIRAD  
**Dr. Norman Kearney**, CDE, University of Bern  
**Dr. Fritz Kleinschroth**, ETHZ

*Session 2: Identifying and amplifying co-benefits between nature stewardship and human well-being*

**Speakers:**  
**Prof. Dr. Thomas Stocker**, University of Bern  
**Dr. Lukas Fesenfeld**, University of Bern  
**Prof. Dr. Johanna Jacobi**, ETHZ  
**Prof. Dr. Detlef van Vuuren**, University of Utrecht

*Session 3: Living labs as catalysts for pathways to transformative change*

**Speakers:**  
**Dr. Katharina Lima de Miranda / Dr. Dennis Görlich (tbc)**, SAGE-Framework, The New Institute  
**Carlos Alvarez Pereira**, The Club of Rome  
**Dr. David Nabarro**, 4SD  
**Dr. Sabin Bieri**, CDE, University of Bern

11:45 **Reporting back**

12:15 **Break**

**Ideathon (Language of breakout groups: EN / ES, Language of plenary: EN)**

13:30 *Challenge 1: Preventing Deforestation*  
*Challenge 2: Semi-Arid Areas*  
*Challenge 3: Reconnecting Food Producers, Consumers and Nature*

**Closing Panel**

17:00 **Panelists:**  
**Prof. Dr. Maja Göpel**, University of Lüneburg  
**Prof. Dr. Adrienne Grêt-Regamey**, ETH Zürich  
**Prof. Dr. Nathalie de-Noblet**, Climate and Environmental Sciences Laboratory  
**Dr. Youba Sokona**, Vice Chair IPCC  
**Brian O'Donnell**, Wyss Campaign for Nature

18:00 **End of the Symposium**

Open-ended **Apéro**