ACCELERATING ACTION

The Foundation for Climate Restoration (F4CR) is hosting the Second Annual Climate Restoration Forum from September 15–18.

The forum coincides with the United Nations General Assembly and Climate Week, two global events that convene all sectors around sustainability and advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. F4CR intends to leverage this moment to mobilize action, highlight innovations, convene global leaders and support acceleration by all sectors to restore the climate by 2050.

Following a successful first Annual Global Climate Restoration Forum held on September 17, 2019 in the Trusteeship Council Chamber at the United Nations, the Foundation for Climate Restoration (F4CR) will be hosting the 2nd Annual Forum as a virtual series of events across four days. The climate restoration ecosystem continues to grow, and this year’s forum will focus on specific themes necessary to advance carbon negative solutions and efforts to return the atmosphere to pre-industrial levels to ensure the future of humanity.
GLOBAL REACH

In 2019, we had over 700 registered guests at the UN and broadcasted the event live on UN Web TV. Additionally, the event received significant coverage from global media outlets including Al Jazeera, The Guardian, Quartz and others.

We anticipate a greater global reach this year thanks to the expanded four day programming schedule and the virtual platform enabling wider participation. With this format and through partner promotions, we expect up to 5,000 live viewers from over 80 countries. The Forum will be recorded and sessions made available on F4CR.org and re-packaged for future use to further amplify the discussions.
This year’s Forum agenda will feature focused webinar sessions around key issues for our ecosystem:

• The Science of Climate Restoration
• Ocean-Based Opportunities
• Climate Restoration Solutions
• Climate Restoration: An Investment Opportunity
• The Climate Restoration Movement

Each session will be 60 minutes and include dynamic panels with leading industry voices, pre-recorded videos, Q&A segments and networking opportunities.
“When it comes to carbon, neutrality is not enough,”
—Dr. Brad Smith, President, Microsoft

“The solutions are out there. There is still time to do something. There is still time to restore our climate. There is still time to fix what we’ve broken.”
—Katie Eder, Executive Director, Future Coalition

“Climate restoration is the critical third pillar of climate action alongside climate mitigation and adaptation.”
—Dr. Sanjeev Khagram, Dean Thunderbird School of Global Management

“Every solution that comes our way, we must grab it with both hands.”
—Satya Tripathi, Assistant Secretary-General UN Environment
THE SCIENCE OF CLIMATE RESTORATION (11:00-12:00)

This session will feature renowned scientists and researchers discussing the measurable impact and potential that carbon removal technologies have for “cleaning up” the excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The discussion will provide an overview of the solutions currently in the market and in development as well as opportunities and challenges as we seek to remove the 95% of legacy carbon in the atmosphere.

OCEANS AND CARBON SEQUESTRATION (1:00–2:00)

Oceans cover 70 percent of the world and have already absorbed about a third of the carbon we have emitted. Restoring healthy ocean ecosystems provides an opportunity to permanently and safely capture carbon from the atmosphere. In this session we will hear from the Ocean Climate Alliance (OCA), an organization designed to bring the ocean-climate restoration agenda to the forefront as well as innovators, entrepreneurs, scientists and investors working on various ocean solutions.

CLIMATE RESTORATION SOLUTIONS (3:00–4:00)

This session will feature 5 companies with business models that focus on permanently removing carbon from the atmosphere. You will hear about how CO₂ can be captured from the air and stored underground or converted into useful building materials or healthy ecosystems. Innovative global companies will discuss their sustainability commitments that go beyond net-zero and push for carbon negative actions throughout their businesses.
CLIMATE RESTORATION INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY (11:00–12:00)

At the 2020 World Economic Forum, the Thunderbird School of Global Management released a report projecting that, through carbon capture technologies, the world can realize at least $1trillion–$3trillion dollars in market opportunities and $3trillion–$5trillion dollars in broader economic, social and environmental benefits per year by 2030. In this session, you’ll hear from leading impact investors; venture capitalists and firms discussing the market for carbon negative investments; what the forecast over the next five years looks like and how the market opportunity can be most effectively and rapidly achieved.

THE CLIMATE RESTORATION MOVEMENT (1:00–2:00)

The leading voices urgently pushing for climate action have come from the passionate hearts and minds of the world’s Gen Z communities. In this session, you will hear from leading youth activists to understand the origins of the movement; how their efforts and changing perspectives and the importance of climate action as an intersectional issue along with public health; social justice and other social issues.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

WRAP-UP AND REFLECTION (1:00–1:45)

This final session is a summary of the Forum’s highlights; reiteration of key announcements and preview of the Road to Glasgow (COP 26—Glasgow, Scotland, November 2021)
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