

# INVITATION

# SOS SYMPOSIUM

## Suicide Or Survival ?

THE STATE OF THE EARTH – DIAGNOSIS AND PROGNOSIS

TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE THERAPY

Have humans begun to dig their own grave? Ecosystems vital to sustain life are depleted and altered, the climate is changing rapidly and the earth is increasingly signaling SOS in the form of rising temperatures – the planet has fever! – droughts, sea level rise, loss of fertile land, loss of fauna and flora both on land and in the oceans. The 6th mass extinction is underway and the insects, vital for the web of life, are suddenly disappearing in large numbers.

A thorough diagnosis of what is going on and a well-considered prognosis of where it is going to are essential to come to an effective therapy of patient Earth. Top scientists – the internists – will give their analysis of the situation now and in the future, so that the “surgeons”, those working in politics, policy, law, education, engineering, industry, agriculture and business, and we all as consumers, citizens, parents and students receive guidance on what to do in practice.

The Symposium will give the contours of a roadmap to protect and restore the health of the planet, also from a security perspective to provide peace and stability for the long-term.

### WHEN AND WHERE?

**18 and 19 April 2018, Museon The Hague**

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### Registration and Contact

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# SOS SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

## WEDNESDAY, 18 APRIL 2018

### DAY CHAIR:

JANE MADGWICK

(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL)

9:00 – 10:00	Arrival / Registration / Coffee
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Welcome and Opening</b> Marie Christine van der Sman (Director of the Museon The Hague)
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Introduction to the Atmosphere</b>
10:40 – 11:10	<b>Save Our Skies</b> Prof. Dr. Rik Leemans (Wageningen University & Research)
11:10 – 11:40	<b>Save Our Skins</b> Dr. Maarten van Aalst (Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre)
11:40 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 12:10	<b>Introduction to the Hydrosphere</b>
12:10 – 12:40	<b>Save Our Seas</b> Dr. Lennart De Nooijer (NIOZ)
12:40 – 14:00	Exhibition and Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Save Our Shores</b> Prof. Dr. Dano Roelvink (IHE Delft)
14:30 – 15:00	<b>Save Our Streams</b> Prof. Dr. Ken Irvine (IHE Delft)
15:00 – 15:20	Coffee break
15:20 – 15:30	<b>Introduction to the Lithosphere</b>
15:30 – 16:00	<b>Save Our Soils</b> Prof. Dr. Violette Geissen (Wageningen University & Research)
16:00 – 16:30	<b>Save Our Space</b> Prof. Dr. Eberhard Gill (TU Delft Space Institute)
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion
17:30 – 18:00	<b>“Save Our Swing”</b> <i>Musicians Against Climate Change – Gidon Nunes Vaz Sextet</i>
18:00 – 20:00	Evening Reception / Networking

## THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

### DAY CHAIRS:

JOHAN VAN DE GRONDEN

(PHILOSOPHER & CHAIRMAN, IUCN NETHERLANDS)

AND

WOUTER VEENING

(PRESIDENT, INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SECURITY)

8:30 – 9:30	Arrival / Registration / Coffee
9:30 – 9:50	<b>Introduction to Symposium Day Two</b>
	<b>Themes and Topics</b>
9:50 – 10:00	<b>Introduction to the Biosphere</b>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Save Our Species</b> Dr. Christine Breitenmoser (IUCN)
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Save Our Selvas</b> Prof. Dr. René Boot (Tropenbos International)
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break
11:20 – 11:50	<b>Save Our Seeds</b> Dr. Robbert van Treuren (Wageningen University & Research)
11:50 – 12:20	<b>Save Our Systems</b> Prof. Dr. Klaas van Egmond (Utrecht University)
12:20 – 14:00	Exhibition and Lunch Break
14:00 – 14:10	Introduction to final SOS themes
14:10 – 14:40	<b>Save Our Souls</b> Johan van de Gronden (Chairman IUCN Netherlands)
14:40 – 15:20	<b>Save Our Science</b> Jan Paul van Soest (Author of <i>The Doubt Brigade</i> on climate science, misinformation and denial)
15:20 – 15:40	Coffee Break
15:40 – 16:10	<b>Save Our Security</b> General (ret) Tom Middendorp
16:10 – 17:00	Discussion
17:00 – 17:30	<b>Save Our SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)</b> Closing remarks by panelists of the day on the way forward
17:30 – 19:30	Evening Reception / Networking