

2021 Ontario Biodiversity Summit

Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity Youth Round Table: A call for the future

Tuesday May 25, 2021

6:00pm	Welcome <i>Thomas McAuley-Biasi, Emerging Leaders for Biodiversity</i> Context: The Convention on biological diversity, international biodiversity strategy and the post-2020 landscape <i>Christian Schwarzer</i> Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy and proposed post-2020 strategy <i>Steve Hounsell, Chair, Ontario Biodiversity Council</i>
7:00pm	Breakout groups <i>Discussion, suggestions, and comments on the post-2020 strategy (commitments, targets, wording, goals)</i>
7:45pm	Summary of discussions and next steps

Speaker biographies

Christian Schwarz is one of the founders of GYBN and has dedicated most of his life towards environmental issues. In recognition of his activities on Biodiversity, he was been appointed as Youth Ambassador for the UN Decade on Biodiversity. He is a member of NAJU and Co-Chair of Germany's NGO working group on Biodiversity policy. Christian is currently studying for a double major in History and Political Science. His main research interest lies on Global Environmental Governance. So far, he has participated in 20+ rounds of UN negotiations under the UNFCCC, IPBES, and the CBD, and published numerous articles and studies on environmental policy issues.



Steve Hounsell is the Chair of the Ontario Biodiversity Council. Steve is a retired biologist who spent his career with Ontario Power Generation (OPG) and the former Ontario Hydro, where he managed their biodiversity programs. He was responsible for the development and implementation of a biodiversity policy, the first of its kind in the electricity industry. He also developed and managed an award-winning program linking climate change mitigation and adaptation with biodiversity conservation. Steve, an ardent supporter of sustainability and the conservation of biodiversity, is the Past President of Forests Ontario, and a Past President of Ontario Nature. Steve is a past director of the Algonquin to Adirondacks Collaborative and a founding director of the Natural Step Canada and the Canadian Business & Biodiversity Council.



Program at a glance

TUESDAY MAY 25

6:00pm – 8:00pm **Youth round table: A call for the future** [Register now!](#)

WEDNESDAY MAY 26

10:00am – 3:30pm **Opening session: Nature-based solutions for the 21st century** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY MAY 27

9:00am – 12:00pm **A decade of biodiversity: Successes and challenges in biodiversity education and awareness** [Register now!](#)

MONDAY JUNE 3

7:00pm – 8:00pm **How do I do this? An environmental career podcast live panel discussion** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY JUNE 17

9:00am – 4:00pm **Restoring aquatic biodiversity** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY JUNE 24

10:00am – 5:00pm **Restoring biodiversity and ecological connections** [Register now!](#)

FRIDAY JUNE 25

10:00am – 5:00pm **Enhancing protection and resilience: Indigenous ways of knowing** [Register now!](#)

JULY

video series **Community science: A tool for biodiversity education and engagement** [Register now!](#)

AUGUST

video series **Prioritizing biodiversity education in a changing world** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY AUGUST 12

10:00 – 2:00pm **Reducing threats to Ontario's biodiversity** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 16

9:00am – 12:00pm **Mainstreaming biodiversity within agriculture** [Register now!](#)

1:00pm – 4:00pm **Mainstreaming biodiversity within forestry** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23

9:00am – 12:00pm **Mainstreaming biodiversity within business** [Register now!](#)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 30

10:00am–12:00pm **Funding biodiversity and nature-based climate actions** [Register now!](#)

1:00pm – 3:00pm **Investing in natural infrastructure for biodiversity and climate resilient communities** [Register now!](#)

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