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*The planet must be protected from degradation through sustainable consumption and production, sustainable management of its natural resources and taking urgent action against climate change to meet the needs of present and future generations. But each problem here is megatrend-sized and multifaceted, and no single discipline will solve any of them alone. This is why we need collaboration and partnership to bridge the gaps between significant fields in the magical world of geosciences.*

Only by bringing together scientists, researchers and specialists from different sections in geosciences to solve real-life problems and achieve the goals of AGENDA 2030, will we be able to get a much more complete picture of the world around us and to solve the problems and complex challenges that time puts before us. This is the way to find expert solutions not only for **GLOBAL WARMING, but also for CLIMATE CHANGE, CO<sub>2</sub> REDUCTION, BIODIVERSITY, AND GREEN TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE for our planet.**

This forum brings together scientists, researchers and specialists from two or more scientific disciplines, putting them side by side to work together on issues of concern to society. **By developing their interdisciplinary objectives, they firmly build the foundation of a common conceptual framework that underpins the sustainable development goals of AGENDA 2030.**

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