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Nature-based Solutions for urban areas –
need, application and pathways

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Climate change impacts are being increasingly felt around the globe, often more intense than what was expected just a few years ago. This year alone has witnessed extreme events unfolding from Canada to India and from North Africa to Western Europe. In this urbanized world where more people are living in cities than ever, the role of urbanization in driving as well as mitigating climate risk, and vulnerability demands special attention.

In this opening and agenda setting event, we aim to explore if Nature-based Solutions (NbS) can be effectively applied in urban areas to reduce vulnerability to climate change. While there is growing evidence on the effectiveness of NbS including in urban areas, gaps persist in terms of their a) effectiveness in case of extreme events and, b) effective application in the Global South, among others. Starting with the understanding of climate change-induced extreme events, we aim to examine evidence on the application of NbS in urban areas and their effectiveness. Contextualizing this debate within the larger climate change policy making, we aim to highlight possible knowledge gaps that can be bridged to inform policy making process.

TIME

Germany
13:00 – 14:30

Vietnam
18:00 – 19:30

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In this webinar, we aim to:

- Highlight possible climate change trends related to extreme events, particularly in the urban areas
- Explore the need and potential for the application for NbS to avert, mitigate and minimize vulnerabilities to some of these events
- Highlight likely knowledge gaps in the contemporary UN climate change policy making process relating to NbS

AGENDA

Time Slot		Activity	Who
BONN	HANOI		
13:00 –13:05	18:00 –18:05	Opening remarks	Moderator (Dr. Himanshu Shekhar, UNU-EHS)
13:05 –13:10	18:05 –18:10	Official welcome	Dirk Reinhard, Vice Chairperson, Munich Re Foundation
13:10 –13:25	18:10 –18:25	Keynote	Dr. Eberhard Faust, Ex-Chief Scientist Climate Change, Munich Re
13:25 –13:35	18:25 –18:35	Opening remarks	Dr. Zita Sebesvari, Deputy Director, UNU-EHS
13:35 –13:45	18:35 –18:45	Opening remarks	Dr. Simone Sandholz, UNU-EHS
13:45 –13:55	18:45 –18:55	Opening remarks	Dr. Koko Warner, UNFCCC
13:55 –14:15	18:55 –19:15	Discussions	Panel
14:15 –14:30	19:15 –19:30	Q&A	Panelists and moderator



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