

# Building hope for the future – Celebrating progress in sustainability

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 / 16:00 – 18:00 CET

From detecting microplastics in our environment to removing carbon dioxide in the air, a diverse panel of speakers will discuss the topic of sustainability from several different perspectives and conclude with a panel discussion on current progress and next steps for building a more sustainable future.

The event will also feature the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Marie Heim-Vögtlin prize award ceremony for outstanding young women researchers. Last year's laureate was environmental analytical chemist Denise Mitrano (ETH Zürich), who received this award for her pioneering work on tracking the spread of micro- and nanoplastic particles through the environment.

## Speakers and panellists

- Denise Mitrano (Professor at ETH Zurich) will talk about her prize-winning work on detecting microplastics in the environment.
- Karin Ingold (Director of the Institute of Political Science and Vice-president of the Oeschger Center for Climate Change Research, University of Bern; Head of Policy Analysis and Environmental Governance (PEGO), Eawag) will talk about what sustainability means from a democratic standpoint.
- Ulrike Sturm (Head of the Institute for Sociocultural Community Development, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts) will talk about progress in sustainable urban development, looking at energy co-design in a neighbourhood.
- Nathalie Casas (Head of Technology at Climeworks) will talk about reversing climate change with Climeworks direct CO2 capture technology.

## Moderator

Janet Hering (Director of Eawag, Professor at ETH Zurich and EPFL, Co-Chair of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network)



## Location & registration

The event will be held at the Siemens Auditorium (HIT E 51), Building HIT, Wolfgang-Pauli-Str. 27, 8093 Zürich. It will be a hybrid event and will be followed by an "Apéro". It is open to all participants free of cost.

Please register **here** by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May if you would like to attend in person and **here** by the 28<sup>th</sup> of May if you would like to attend online.

## Organizers

- Swiss National Science Foundation
- ETH Women Professors Forum
- ETH Diversity
- ETH Sustainability