



Briefing Notice

Creating Policies, Coalitions, and Actions for Global Sustainable Development: A Conversation with Sir Robert Watson and Christiana Figueres

Friday, October 8, 2021
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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute** (EESI) invites you to join us for a briefing to explore cross-cutting challenges—climate change, biodiversity loss, land degradation, and pollution—facing the United States and countries around the world, and how policymakers are finding and implementing solutions to these challenges.

This briefing kicks off EESI's Congressional briefing series, ***What Congress Needs to Know in the Lead Up to COP26***. To sign up for the briefings in the series, visit www.eesi.org/1021cop26.

Distinguished Speakers:

Sir Robert Watson, lead author of the U.N. Environment Programme's report [*Making Peace with Nature: A scientific blueprint to tackle the climate, biodiversity, and pollution emergencies*](#), will discuss the current and projected changes in climate and biodiversity and share the range of solutions that emerge when these issues are considered together in policy design and implementation. He is the former chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and former chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Former U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change Executive Secretary **Christiana Figueres** will discuss the opportunity presented by the upcoming U.N. climate change conference (COP26) and will dive into ways governments and leaders can take meaningful action on climate change globally—an urgent need underscored by the findings of the *Making Peace with Nature* report. Ms. Figueres is a Founding Partner of Global Optimism, co-presenter of climate podcast *Outrage + Optimism*, and co-author of *The Future We Choose: The Stubborn Optimist's Guide to the Climate Crisis*.

Co-moderated by Daniel Bresette, Executive Director, Environmental and Energy Study Institute, and **Rosina Bierbaum**, Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan; School of Public Policy, University of Maryland.

This briefing is part of a series made possible by our partnership with the Henry M. Jackson Foundation.

This event is free and open to the public.

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