



## International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development Closing Ceremony

*"The International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development (IYBSSD) was a unique opportunity to convince all stakeholders that, through a basic understanding of nature, actions taken will be more effective, for the common good",* said Michel Spiro, Chair of the Steering Committee of IYBSSD, and President of the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics.

IYBSSD has indeed been a great opportunity:

- **to change the view of society** about the crucial role of basic sciences in the progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- **to mobilize scientists** in the area of basic research to discuss how they contribute to sustainable development, and how they could do more.

A public celebration of these achievements, open to all, will be held:

15 December 2023  
9:00 – 18:00  
CERN Science Gateway, Geneva, Switzerland

**Early-career scientists**, and their contributions to developing science and its interactions with society at large, will be the focal point of the morning sessions. **Every science student and early-career scientist** are invited to attend and take part in the discussion.

**Representatives of sciences academies from Africa, Asia, South America, and Europe** will discuss the **over 400 events** organized in **more than 70 countries**, by the 53 partner organizations (international scientific unions, research organizations and funding agencies) and 123 supporters (national, regional, and international science academies, scientific networks, universities, etc.).

The proclamation of the **International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024-2033)**, by the United Nations General Assembly, is the most important outcome of IYBSSD. It will be discussed by **Csaba Kőrösi**, President of the 77<sup>th</sup> of the UN General Assembly, **Jelena Begović**, Minister of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia, **Lidia Brito**, Assistant Director General of UNESCO, **Vanessa McBride**, Science Director of the International Science Council and **Carlos Alvarez-Pereira**, Vice-President of the Club of Rome.

See the full program and register at <https://indico.cern.ch/e/iybssd>

Participation in this Closing Ceremony is free, but **registration is mandatory for in-person participation**.

Visit [www.iybssd2022.org](http://www.iybssd2022.org) for the live webcast.

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