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we would like to invite you to a panel discussion:

„WE ARE THE LANDSCAPE“

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“ Our world is unsustainable, inequitable, and often malfunctioning as human societies have separated themselves from the web of life on the planet. They could do so because the information on which they operated has been faulty. It is an outdated kind of information that was functional at a time when humans lived in small, relatively isolated groups where they could focus on their own interests and could ignore other people and wider world. Today we live in a globally interacting and interdependent world, where our interest, and our very chances of life and wellbeing, are strongly linked. Yet the kind of information that nominates our world is narrow, fragmented, centered on parts and blind to the whole“

(Ervin Laszlo – Humankind and living nature)

„We are the landscape“

Landscape influences us and we influence her face. The landscape is a planet whose surface changes that go beyond the human scale, we cannot control. What we can change is our view from the window. In a freedom democratic society it is our civic right and responsibility. The right and responsibility have rules themselves. Freedom ends where it becomes the right and freedom of another. Democracy is based on the harmony / balance of right and responsibility. The landscape is still evolving and changing. The society is also constantly evolving. Democratic society needs sustainable development. The society leaves a stronger and more indelible traces of its development in the landscape. The landscape reflects the state of society.

The landscape is a mirror of democracy.

1. Do we realize the importance and value of the landscape for our sustainable life?
2. Are the existing rules and regulations in a democratic society sufficient to provide protection and sustainable development of the landscape and life as such?
3. Does the current world population has the right to an intact and harmonious landscape and how this right should be exercised?
4. Has it become an base pillar of the legal code of a democratic society the duty to protect, manage and plan of all landscape for sustainable development and what should be matter?
5. What is the message of current development landscape for the future generations and what kind of direction of landscape development will has changed or proceed?

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