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Dear friends, dear activists,

**“Environmental emergency! High time to take action!”** is the motto of the International Environmental Council, which is taking place for the second time – **this year from 23–25 October in Stuttgart in a hybrid format**. We have currently received registrations from international participants from 23 countries across four continents, meaning we can offer a broad spectrum of international perspectives.

**We would like to invite you and ask you to contribute with a keynote presentation on the thematic blocks\* listed below:**

**Opening session:** Taking stock of the environmental emergency and the preservation of the foundations of life, theoretical foundations

**Block 1:** How do increasing fascism, wars and militarisation influence the social and environmental movements – what conclusions can be drawn?

**Block 2:** Protection of natural resources and people, experiences with successful mobilisations and struggles, and consequences

**Block 3:** Social upheaval: perspectives, forms of protest and forms of organisation

Overall, we need keynote contributions from various perspectives and different countries on the respective topics – in addition, space is set aside in each session for exchange and discussion.

### **What do we want to achieve?**

We want to exchange ideas (internationally), learn from one another and, in doing so, consider ecological, social and economic issues together.

The aim is to reach practical agreements on how the participating groups can continue to coordinate their work and cooperate with one another.

*“Let us work to raise awareness among people and strengthen the participating organisations and their cooperation.” (See the Potsdam Final Declaration:*

<http://umweltstrategiekonferenz.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Strategiekonferenz-Abschlusserklaerung-zur-Bekanntmachung-per-E-Mail.pdf> ).

Please let us know – if possible by 3 July 2026 – whether you are able and willing to contribute keynote speeches or presentations on the above-mentioned topics. To help us coordinate, please provide a rough outline of the topic; details can follow later or be discussed. We look forward to working with you.

With best regards

The Coordination Team

**P.S.:** \*Some of you have already registered as speakers for the forums. For practical reasons, the content of the forums has been grouped into blocks.