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Press release



Environmental emergency! It's high time to take action!

Under this motto, **the International Environmental Council 2026 will take place from 23 to 25 October 2026 in Stuttgart. The venue** is the Arbeiterbildungszentrum Süd, Bruckwiesenweg 10, 70327 Stuttgart-Untertürkheim.

Further information on registration, the programme, prices, accommodation options and catering can be found on our website: <https://umweltstrategiekonferenz.org/>

The event will kick off with a **rally** on 23 October at 4.00 pm in Stuttgart city centre.

This will be followed at 7 . 00 pm by the international **welcome evening** at the Arbeiterbildungszentrum Süd, where international participants will be welcomed and will introduce themselves.

On **Saturday 24 October** and **Sunday 25 October**, we will engage **in** discussions **across three thematic blocks**: **1.** on forms of destruction of the natural environment, particularly through wars and militarisation. **2.** the protection of people and natural resources, as well as experiences and conclusions. **3.** joint discussions on the necessity of social upheaval, prospects, and forms of protest and organisation. On Saturday evening at 7.00 pm, we will celebrate our gathering with an **international cultural festival**. On Sunday 25 October, an **online press conference** will take place at 5.00 pm.

The theme of the consultation is underscored by alarming climate changes and disasters, such as the recent massive glacier collapse in Nepal, heatwaves, huge wildfires and the warming of the oceans. Fascist regimes are striving to undo ecological achievements. Militarisation and wars threaten and destroy not only people, but also their habitats.

This trend must be halted, as it endangers the very foundations of our existence. There are a large number of protests taking place worldwide, but they are still mostly isolated. The international nature of our conference is underlined by the fact that around 30 international participants from four continents will be in attendance.

The basis of our joint action is democratic, non-partisan, anti-fascist and free from anti-communist reservations. We attach great importance to financial independence. Our consensus is that the environmental and labour movements must stand side by side, and that our environmental struggle must bring about social change.

We need global collaboration and consultation on immediate measures. The failure of various UN climate and environmental conferences highlights the need for international strategic discussion, coordination and cooperation in the environmental struggle.

Solidarity and support are needed in the face of disasters and the repression of environmental activists. The aim is to build a broad alliance encompassing the labour, women's, peace, refugee, anti-fascist and youth movements.

On behalf of the spokespersons' group, Mirjam Gärtner and Matthias Müller