WORLD SCIENCE DAY FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

"Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world."
— Louis Pasteur —

Why do We Mark This Day?

What is the role of science in promoting peace and development around the world? To highlight the importance of science in and for society, UNESCO proclaimed the World Science Day for Peace and Development. This day aims to strengthen public awareness of developments in science and underscores the role that scientists play in broadening our understanding of our planet and in making our societies more sustainable. This day also draws attention to the challenges faced by science in raising support for scientific endeavors.

Questions for Discussion

〈Innovative Technology Battling COVID-19〉

〈The evolution of science and our role in preventing the spread of COVID-19〉

〈Can we get rid of Covid-19 forever?〉

✔ Based on the videos, what is the role of science in preventing the spread of COVID-19?

✔ How do scientists help us in making an informed decision in the times of crisis, such as pandemic?

Meet Today's Global Citizens

Stefan Schnitzer

He is a multi-awarded researcher and a Mellon Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences at Marquette University. At Schnitzer Lab, he studies how forests regenerate and maintain diversity. His laboratory is implementing a combination of observational and experimental studies designed to determine the mechanistic basis for plant species distributions. He also examines how plant community diversity is maintained and how plant communities regenerate, compete, and interact.

Nadine Bongaerts

She is a synthetic biologist as well as founder of a science communication company, Biotecture (2011) and the Dutch Chapter of the Kairos Society (2012). She is actively bridging science with business and society, supporting scientists and organizations in communicating research to the public, and bringing laboratory inventions to the market.