



Earth Day Summit “Sacredness of Nature and the Web of Life”

On the occasion of the United Nations International Earth Day 2022

The Sri Swami Madhavananda World Peace Council in collaboration with Yoga in Daily Life USA is hosting a summit to commemorate the United Nations International Earth Day 2022.

Date: Friday, April 22, 2022

Time: 11am-12:45 pm EDT (8am PDT/ 5pm CEST/ 8:30pm IST)

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We humans are blessed to call the beautiful planet Earth our home. We claim to be the most intelligent species. Yet we pollute our environment and recklessly exploit its natural resources, endangering our own survival. “The worst kind of pollution is mental pollution,” says Vishwaguruji, founder of the Yoga In Daily Life System. Mental pollution is the cause of all other pollution. We have forgotten our ancestral wisdom, teaching us about the interconnectedness of all existence. The only way to change our actions is to change our mindset. Yoga in Daily Life offers practical tools for awakening human consciousness and taking responsibility for our actions.

Featuring keynote speaker Vishwaguruji Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda and a distinguished, international panel of scientists, social leaders, keepers of indigenous wisdom, and artists, the Earth Day Summit will illuminate protection of water, land, air, and all creatures, inspiring each of us to do our part in protecting Mother Earth.

SUMMIT AGENDA

1. **Introduction**, Program Moderator **Khyati Rathore**, Climate Change Analyst at World Bank

2. **Keynote Speaker**

His Holiness Vishwaguru Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Sri Swami Maheshwarananda Puriji of Panchayati Maha Nirvani Akara

Topic: **“Where There is Water, There is Life”**

3. **Ramu Damodaran**, first Director of the United Nations Academic Impact

Topic: **Investing in Education that Benefits Our Planet** (6-8 min presentations)

4. **Bawa Jain**, Founder and President of The Centre for Responsible Leadership
Topic: *Environmental consciousness among spiritual, faith, and religious communities*
4. **Natasha Deganello Giraudie**, filmmaker and nature practice teacher Topic: *Deepening our Relationship with Nature*
4. **Swami Madhuram**, Sri Devpuruji Ashram Raumati Beach, New Zealand
Musical offering to Divine Mother - Raga Durga
5. **Michael “Pom” Preston**, Winnemem Wintu tribe wisdom keeper
Topic: *Indigenous Wisdom: Healing our Relationship with the Earth (6-8 min)*
6. **Yogesh**, Chief architect OM Ashram, Jadan, Rajasthan
Topic: *“Vedic Culture and Sustainability: Desert Rainwater Harvesting Project”*
7. **Damijan Denac - Jaidev**, Chief Executive Officer of DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia
Topic: *“Preservation of Birds”*
8. **Claudia Matejovsky - Muktamani**, Director Ayurveda Academy of Yoga in Daily Life
Topic: *“Human well-being and nature from Ayurveda Perspective*

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About the speakers:

HH Vishwaguru Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda, [Vishwaguruji](#) is successor of the spiritual lineage of Sri Alakh Puri Siddha Peeth, is the author of the scientific system [Yoga in Daily Life](#) and the founder of the Sri Swami Madhavananda [World Peace Council](#). His Holiness, recipient of an Ambassador of Peace award, is originally from Rajasthan, India. From his base in Vienna, Austria since the 1970s, he has taught Yoga in Daily Life around the world where it is now practiced in 27 countries.

Ramu Damodaran was the first Director of the United Nations Academic Impact, an initiative linking universities around the world with the United Nations. He has served in a number of other UN offices and with the government of India, where he was Executive Assistant to the Prime Minister. He has been a television news anchor, radio host, and freelance journalist as well as President of the United Nations Staff Recreation Council.

Bawa Jain is Founder and President of The [Center for Responsible Leadership](#) and the Secretary-General of the World Council of Religious Leaders. He first presided as such at the 2000 Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders. Jain co-founded the Religious Initiative of the World Economic Forum and is the founder of The Gandhi King Award for Non-Violence.

Natasha Deganello Giraudie is a filmmaker and nature practice teacher specializing in stories that deepen our relationship with the Earth, drawing on her studies in Buddhism. She integrates learning from great naturalists of our time and from indigenous wisdom keepers of

Venezuela and California, where she currently lives. Her most recent film, the award-winning “One Word Sawalmem,” which she directed with Michael “Pom” Preston of the Winnemem Wintu tribe of Mt. Shasta, has been selected for more than 40 festivals around the world.
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Michael “Pom” Preston is a member of the Winnemem Wintu tribe, is the son of the tribal chief, and has been dancing in the Winnemem way since he was four years old. He works to protect sacred sites along the McCloud River, under threat of inundation from the Shasta Dam raise effort and return of Chinook salmon and the health of the water and lands. He is featured in a documentary film, “One Word Sawalmem” (Water) which he co-directed with Nathasha Deganello Giraudie.

Swami Madhuram Puri was born in Slovakia where he learned to play various musical instruments. He served in Yoga in Daily Life Ashrams in London, Birmingham, and Edinburgh, where he developed an interest in classical Indian music, in particular the Bansuri bamboo flute, and started recording devotional songs and meditation music. Since 2012 has been based in the [Sri Devpuruji Ashram in Raumat Beach](#). In February 2013 he was ordained as a sannyasi by his Master, Vishwaguruji.

Swami Yogesh Puri is a long-time devotee of Vishwaguruji, has lived and worked in India for more than twenty years. An architect, he leads the monumental project of building the [OM Ashram](#) in Jadan, Rajasthan. Originally from Slovenia, on visits to his homeland he presents lectures and workshops in various Yoga in Daily Life Centers across Europe.

Damijan Denac (Jaidev) is Chief Executive Officer of [DOPPS-BirdLife Slovenia](#), an NGO working in the public interest of nature conservation through research, management of nature reserves, and public engagement. He also serves as Assistant professor at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics in Maribor. Damijan has been a vegetarian and practitioner of Yoga in Daily Life since 1994. He became Vishwaguruji's disciple in 1997.

Claudia Matejovsky (Muktamani) is Managing Director of the [Ayurveda Academy of Yoga in Daily Life](#), which she and her team established in 2004. She also is a Certified Yoga Teacher of the System “Yoga in Daily Life.” Since 2002, she has organized seminars, workshops and consultations with the famous Ayurvedic doctor Univ. Prof. Dr. S. P. Sardeshmukh from Pune, India.

Khyati Rathore is a Climate Change Analyst at the World Bank. Previously, she was a Special Projects Manager with Defend Our Future, dedicated to empowering young people who are interested in advancing climate and clean energy solutions that grow our economy and protect the world for future generations. She was selected as a Climate Corps Fellow at the New York City Mayor's Office of Resiliency, continuing her work for protection of the environment.

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