

AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT 2023: Climate Protection & Security

Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the Hofburg Vienna on May 16th, 2023, to discuss a clean and peaceful future with international guests at his climate summit, the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT.

The motto of this year's climate conference is "We have the Power." Monika Langthaler, Director of the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative, and organizer of the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT, explains, "Despite the many challenges we are currently facing, it is important for us to remain optimistic, set a positive example, and dispel people's fear of change." Thematically, this year's event will initially focus on the connection between climate protection and security. To that end, Wladimir Klitschko will join Arnold Schwarzenegger live from Kiev. As well, Tom Middendorp, "climate general" and former commander of the Netherlands Armed Forces, and Pekka Haavisto, defense minister from Finland will join on stage.

In addition to host Schwarzenegger and Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen, speakers include Federal Minister Leonore Gewessler, and her counterpart from Pakistan, Sherry Rehman (who will participate via live feed). UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg will also speak via video message. As stated by Schwarzenegger, "We should finally stop just talking about what we have to lose. Rather, we should talk even more to people about what solutions already exist and what they can do. That's what we will do again at this year's AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT. Each and every one of us has more power than we know, and together we can end pollution and build a clean future for the next generation."

Focus On Networking

Representatives from the business world, such as Jan Jenisch from Holcim, Thomas Becker from the BMW Group, and Klemens Hallmann, will present their climate solutions in a changing business world on stage. In the afternoon, the focus will be even more dedicated than in previous years to networking and bringing together young and innovative ideas with established, strong international companies.

"We noticed last year, especially, how much people were inspired to exchange ideas with each other in person and to learn about concrete successful projects and collaborations. That's why we will be focusing even more intensively in this direction. And in doing so, instead of saying, "we should, we would have to, someone should," I would like to hear more sentences like "we already have, we do, do you already know..." I look forward to having many climate heroes with us again," explains Monika Langthaler, director of AWS and the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative.

Background Information

For over 20 years, Arnold Schwarzenegger has been at the forefront of the fight against pollution. Through the "Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative," he aims to raise awareness about the climate crisis, showcase tangible solutions from around the world, and

encourage people to take action. The initiative serves as a reminder that there is still hope, and that each individual, company, country, and region can play a vital role in the solution. The annual climate conference, the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT, is the centerpiece of the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative, and since its inception in 2017, has become one of the world's most important climate conferences. The summit, which will occur for the seventh time in 2023, provides a platform to present concrete solutions and measures and connect people.

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