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AGENDA

Meeting Goals:

- Examine scientific progress and gaps in six cross-cutting themes that are relevant to almost all research and innovation efforts for sustainability and that have the potential to improve the efficacy of those efforts.
- Provide scientific input to the discussions of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Grand Challenges in Science and the Nobel Prize Summit science session in Spring 2021.

Monday, November 30, 2020

- 8:00 am **Welcome from the National Academy of Sciences**
Marcia McNutt (NAS), National Academy of Sciences
- 8:05 am **Goals for the Workshop and Framing Remarks**
Pamela Matson (NAS), Stanford University, Workshop Co-Chair
William Clark (NAS), Harvard University, Workshop Co-Chair
- 8:30 am **Panel I: Measuring Progress Toward Sustainable Development**
A major challenge in sustainability science is empirically measuring progress towards sustainable development. Much work to date has focused on multiple indicators of past trends, which is part of the picture, but does not address what is likely to happen in the future (prediction) nor provide an evaluation of tradeoffs among indicators (valuation). This panel will feature recent advances in measurement that incorporate: (1) forward-looking models; (2) uncertainty including potential tipping points; (3) valuation of components of sustainable development; (4) inequalities in the distribution of benefits and risks; and (5) connections among places (e.g. trade patterns, externalities).
- Moderator: **Stephen Polasky** (NAS), University of Minnesota
Panelists:
- **Shunsuke Managi**, Kyushu University
Measuring sustainable progress: global outlook
 - **Eli Fenichel**, Yale University
What to measure, not how to measure it
 - **Marshall Burke**, Stanford University
Using satellite imagery to understand and promote sustainable development
 - **Elena Irwin**, Ohio State University
Downscaling sustainability theory and measurement to subnational regional scales: Conceptual and empirical challenges
- Discussant: **Catherine Kling** (NAS), Cornell University
- 10:00 am BREAK

10:15 am

Panel II: Promoting Equity and Justice in Sustainability Efforts

Sustainability science has made extraordinary progress to advance knowledge and identified models for greater wellbeing and environmental conservation—even if progress on environmental goals remains uncertain and patchy. But the practical realization of greater environmental equity and social justice—despite decades of calls by researchers and practitioners alike—requires far more attention. Limited progress on equity threatens future achievement of all other sustainability goals—indeed, equity, justice, and sustainability can no longer be seen as separable, if ever they were! Participants in our panel will collectively contribute to a more transparent understanding of the role of power, learning, networks, and institutions for building the alliances that durably support more equitable and just outcomes for sustainability in its multiple dimensions and at cascading societal levels.

Moderator: **Arun Agrawal** (NAS), University of Michigan

Panelists:

- **Melissa Leach**, University of Sussex
Equity and sustainability: reflecting on the interactions
- **Laura Pulido**, University of Oregon
White Supremacy as Roadblock to Sustainability
- **Jaboury Ghazoul**, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology
Leveling the landscape management playing field
- **Flor Avelino**, Erasmus University
Power in transition? Power perspectives on transformative social innovation

Discussant: **Yadvinder Malhi**, Oxford University

11:45 am

Adjourn

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:00 am

Welcome and Re-Cap from Previous Day

Pamela Matson (NAS), Stanford University, Workshop Co-Chair

William Clark (NAS), Harvard University, Workshop Co-Chair

8:15 am

Panel III: Adapting to Shocks and Surprise

Adaptation concerns not only the dynamic interplay of people, communities, societies, cultures but also the coevolution of people and nature as part of the biosphere and now also at global levels. The panel will focus on capacities for dealing with shocks and surprises as part of strategies for learning and developing with change and what this implies for living in the more turbulent times of the Anthropocene. Panelists will present and discuss findings in relation to climate change, biodiversity loss, inequality, technological change and biosphere stewardship and in the context of just and sustainable futures.

Moderator: **Carl Folke** (NAS), Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

Panelists:

- **Victor Galaz**, Stockholm University
Anthropocene risks: connectivity, shocks and surprise
- **Christina Hicks**, Lancaster University
Adaptive capacities from a local context: knowledge, agency, and voice
- **Marty Anderies**, Arizona State University
Surprises from within: navigating variability across scales in social-ecological system dynamics

- **Belinda Reyers**, University of Pretoria
Resilience capacities and sustainable development in intertwined social-ecological systems

Discussant: **Neil Adger**, University of Exeter

9:45 am BREAK

10:00 am **Panel IV: Fostering Innovation for Transformational Change**

A critical challenge for sustainability is to identify key leverage points to foster positive “game-changing” transformations towards green energy systems, sustainable land and resource management, environmentally- and socially-friendly corporate practice, equitable economic development, and other goals. The session examines advances in understanding the behavior of complex adaptive systems and the dynamics that either prevent or promote transformations towards sustainability across varying scales and types of human organization and socio-ecological systems. Research on transformations aims to inform policies, management, and technological development to promote positive, large-scale shifts towards sustainability.

Moderator: **Ruth DeFries** (NAS), Columbia University

Panelists:

- **Frank Geels**, The University of Manchester
A socio-technical transitions perspective on sustainability transformations
- **Reinette (Oonsie) Biggs**, Stellenbosch University
Seeds of good Anthropocenes: fostering transformational change toward sustainable futures
- **Garry Peterson**, Stockholm University
Resilience, collapse, & transformation: strategies for navigating turbulent times
- **Harini Nagendra**, Azim Premji University
Through education, research and practice: seeking new imaginations of transformation from the global south

Discussant: **Stephen Carpenter** (NAS), University of Wisconsin-Madison

11:30 am **Adjourn**

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:00 am **Welcome and Re-Cap from Previous Day**
Pamela Matson (NAS), Stanford University, Workshop Co-Chair
William Clark (NAS), Harvard University, Workshop Co-Chair

8:15 am **Panel V: Linking Knowledge with Action**

This panel will discuss successes and lessons from social science research on linking knowledge to action in the sustainability sciences, especially for the cases of climate and biodiversity, including actors such as universities, think tanks, governments, business and nongovernmental organizations and through concepts that include co-production, boundary work, and climate and ecosystem services.

Moderator: **Diana Liverman** (NAS), University of Arizona

Panelists:

- **Maria Carmen Lemos**, University of Michigan
Scaling up user engagement: increasing participation, actionable knowledge, and impact

- **Esther Turnhout**, Wageningen University
Transforming global environmental science to become more responsive to diverse user needs
- **Meaghan Daly**, University of New England
The role of power in producing actionable knowledge: examining the case of climate services
- **Sarah Burch**, University of Waterloo
Deepening community-based sustainability transformations: the case for capacity-building in small business ecosystems

Discussant: **Lorrae Van Kerkhoff**, The Australian National University

9:45 am BREAK

10:00 am **Panel VI: Managing and Governing Complex Nature-Society Systems**

We conceptualize “governance” as the process of devising institutions and following practices for making and implementing collective decisions for a set of human beings. Our focus is on sustainable development as defined by the statement for the workshop. We will discuss what has been learned through scientific research about governing complex nature-society systems in a way consistent with sustainable development; and about promising directions for future scientific research. We will be particularly attentive to issues of power, distributional conflict, path-dependence, and equity. We will focus on three specific nature-society systems, on all of which efforts at governance have been made: climate change, pandemics, and cities.

Moderator: **Robert O. Keohane** (NAS), Princeton University

Panelists:

- **Michael Osterholm** (NAM), University of Minnesota
Responding to COVID-19 with science
- **Harriet Bulkeley**, Durham University
Governing cities for climate and Nature
- **Leah Stokes**, University of California, Santa Barbara
Understanding climate action in the United States

Discussant: **Chukwumerije Okereke**, Alex-Ekwueme Federal University

11:30 am BREAK

11:45 am **Workshop Synthesis: Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainability Science**

Moderator: **William Clark** (NAS), Harvard University, Workshop Co-Chair

Key Themes from Each Panel:

- **Stephen Polasky** (NAS), University of Minnesota
- **Arun Agrawal** (NAS), University of Michigan
- **Carl Folke** (NAS), Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
- **Ruth DeFries** (NAS), Columbia University
- **Diana Liverman** (NAS), University of Arizona
- **Robert O. Keohane** (NAS), Princeton University

12:30 pm **Sustainability Science as a Growing Field of Scholarship**

B. L. Turner II (NAS), Arizona State University

12:45 pm **Sustainability Science as a Guide to the Pursuit of Sustainability**

Pamela Matson (NAS), Stanford University, Workshop Co-Chair

1:00 pm **Workshop Conclusion**

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Statement of Task

An expert committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize a virtual workshop to explore critical areas of sustainability science that can help societies meet the goals of sustainable development. Presentations by speakers and discussions with participants will clarify what has been learned through scientific research about six cross-cutting issues of importance to sustainability progress in any sector, and what more is needed to make that knowledge most useful to decision making. Major objectives of the workshop will include:

- To explore scientific progress and gaps in six cross-cutting areas, such as (1) measuring progress toward sustainable development; (2) promoting equity and justice in sustainability efforts; (3) adapting to shocks; (4) linking knowledge and action; (5) fostering innovation for transformational change; and (6) managing and governing complex social-environmental systems;
- To discuss opportunities for scientific efforts that could contribute to research-based knowledge around sustainable development and sustainability, and the use of such knowledge in decision making; and
- To provide scientific input to the discussions of the National Academy of Sciences [Grand Challenges in Science](#) and the [Nobel Prize Summit](#) science session in Spring 2021.

The workshop will include participants from academic and non-academic research institutions as well as practitioners from government, the private sector, and non-governmental sector who are concerned with linking knowledge with decision making in the pursuit of sustainability. A Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines and distributed broadly to interested parties, including those involved in the Nobel Prize Summit.

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Partha Dasgupta (NAS), Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge

Ruth Defries (NAS), Professor of Ecology and Sustainable Development, Columbia University

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