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**BRIDGES**  
UNESCO  
Management of Social Transformations Programme  
Sustainability Science Coalition

## BRIDGES Inaugural General Assembly

Monday 24 May

Youtube LIVE stream link (Day 1)

<http://kpdk.link/BridgesDay1YoutubeLive>

24 May, 1:00-5.30 pm CEST

**1:00 pm<sup>1</sup>**

*Introductory Session*

Session Chair: Steven Hartman, BRIDGES Executive Group

Opening comments

**1:10 pm**

*Welcome Messages*

Hasan Ali Karasar, President of Cappadocia University, host of the IGA

Gabriela Ramos, Assistant Director-General for Social and Human Sciences, UNESCO

Erwan Dianteill, President, Intergovernmental Council, UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST)

Luiz Oosterbeek, President, International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)

Poul Holm, President, Humanities for the Environment (HfE)

*Presentations*

Founding partners present their strategic initiatives reinforcing and synergizing with the BRIDGES principles and ambitions

John Crowley, UNESCO Management of Social Transformations (MOST) International Science Programme

Margaret Higonet, Officer, International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)

Joni Adamson, Secretary-General, Humanities for the Environment (HfE)

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<sup>1</sup> All times shown are CEST.

**2:00 pm**

*Session 2: Very brief introductions*

Session Chair: Luiz Oosterbeek, BRIDGES Executive Group

Participating organizations making up the Inaugural General Assembly of BRIDGES<sup>2</sup> introduce themselves very briefly (1 min each).

**2:45 pm**

BREAK – 15 Mins.

**3:00 pm**

*Session 3: How BRIDGES has come together and where it is headed*

Session Chair: Margaret Higonnet, BRIDGES Executive Group

BRIDGES origins and future trajectories – Steven Hartman, HfE & BRIDGES Executive Group

BRIDGES Project Endorsement Framework – John Crowley, UNESCO MOST Programme

**3:40 pm**

*Session 4: Initial portfolio of BRIDGES-endorsed projects & strategic*

Session Chair: Pedro Manuel Monreal Gonzalez, UNESCO & BRIDGES Executive Group

BRIDGES Endorsed projects 1-3 presented

1. *Greenland – Responding to Threats to Science and Heritage in Greenland*, Thomas McGovern, North Atlantic Biocultural Organization
2. *Portugal – Cultural Integrated Landscape Management of Low-Density Territories*, Ingelore Scheunemann, Pole of Brazil of the UNESCO-IPT Chair in Humanities and Cultural Integrated Landscape Management
3. *Orkney – Gateway to the North Atlantic*, Ingrid Mainland (also for Jane Downes, UHI, and Julie Bond and Stephan Dockrill of University of Bradford), University of Highlands and Islands (UHI), a NABO-Humanities for the Environment Circumpolar Observatory crossover initiative

**4:20 pm**

BREAK – 10 Mins.

**4:30 pm**

*Session 5: Visions of How BRIDGES Can Help Meet Urgent Needs*

Moderated round table panel discussion<sup>3</sup>: *Bridging Knowledge and Action, Addressing Key Challenges and Building New Capacities*

Panelists: Steven Hartman & Luiz Oosterbeek, BRIDGES Executive Group (co-moderators)

Darina Saliba Abi Chedid, Executive Director, International Center for Human Sciences-Byblos, Lebanon

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<sup>2</sup> In cases where a member organization has more than one representative in attendance a delegate should be selected in advance to present and speak for the organization.

<sup>3</sup> There may be substitutions of participating panelists in the final program. The format for this roundtable will generally be a moderated discussion with participants rather than a series of formal presentations.

Erika Marion Robrahn Gonzalez, Union Internationale des Sciences Préhistoriques et Protohistoriques (UISPP), chair of USIPP's Scientific Commission on Cultural Heritage Management, Brazil

Joydeep Gupta, Director of The Third Pole and India Climate Dialogue, India

Carlos Alvarez Pereira, Executive Board, Club of Rome

Paul Shrivastava, UNESCO Chair in Arts and Science for Implementing the SDGs, ICN Business School, Nancy, France

Bethany Wiggin, Founding Director, Penn Program in Environmental Humanities, University of Pennsylvania, USA (with team Daniel Cooper, Connor Hardy and Tsemone Ogbemi)

### 5:30 pm

Co-chairs: BRIDGES Executive Group

Summing up of Day 1 & looking ahead to Day 2

Meeting adjourns for the day

## Tuesday 25 May

*Youtube LIVE stream link (Day 2)*

<http://kpdk.link/BridgesDay2YoutubeLive>

25 May, 1:00-4:00 pm CEST

### 1:00 pm

*Session 1*

Session Chair: Pedro Manuel Monreal Gonzalez

Recapping Day 1 & Looking forward to Day 2 activities

BRIDGES-endorsed project 4 presented

“Ñi Múngui: reviving water in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta,” Alan Ereira, Organización Gonawindúa Tayrona/ Tairona Heritage Trust

Moderated & co-translated dialogue with representatives of the Kogi People: Arregocés Conchacala Zarabata, Kogi Council Governor, and Silvestre Gil Zarabata, Self Government Coordinator, Kogui-Malayo-Arhuaco Indigenous Reservation. Translator: Falk Parra Witte.

### 1:45 pm

*Session 2*

Moderated Roundtable Discussion<sup>4</sup> with UNESCO, International Science Councils and Global Programs/Organizations: *How to Better Mobilize Humanities Knowledge & Perspectives and Local Capacities for Sustainability*

Panelists: Steven Hartman, BRIDGES Executive Group/HfE (Moderator)

Erwan Dianteill, President, Intergovernmental Council, UNESCO Management of Social Transformations Programme (MOST)

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John Crowley, Head of Research, Policy and Foresight, UNESCO Social & Human Sciences

Luiz Oosterbeek, President, International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH)

Mathieu Denis, Science Director, International Science Council (ISC)

Marcy Rockman, International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), Scientific Coordinator & Co-chair, UNESCO-ICOMOS-IPCC Project Culture, Heritage and Climate Change

Sandrine Paillard, Member of the Future Earth Global Secretariat's Executive Team and Director of the French Global Hub.

**2:35 pm**

BREAK – 10 mins.

**2:45 pm**

*Session 3*

Session Chair: Margaret Higonnet

Interactive discussion with General Assembly to raise questions concerning highlights of the program or possible implications of program content at this point in the meeting

**3:25 pm**

*Session 4*

Session Chair: Luiz Oosterbeek

Looking Ahead—Where does BRIDGES go from here and how does it get there?

**3:50 pm**

BREAK – 10 mins

**4:00 pm**

*Session 5*

Session Co-Chairs: Steven Hartman & BRIDGES Interim Executive Group as appropriate

Focused Dialogue on Governance & Operationalization of BRIDGES led by Executive Group, including Q & A with General Assembly

**4:45 pm**

*Session 6*

Walk through of the BRIDGES Terms of Procedure led by John Crowley

Voting and other formalities

**5:30 pm**

Meeting coordinators: BRIDGES Executive Group

Concluding comments & thanks

BRIDGES Inaugural General Assembly Session Ends