

BIG NEWS!

Inaugural Culture for the Planet Summit · 8–10 October 2025 · Lausanne, Switzerland

The Inaugural Culture for the Planet Summit will officially launch the Culture for the Planet Alliance, bringing together international arts and cultural actors committed to accelerating the sustainability transition. The day of Friday, 10 October, will be dedicated to public masterclasses, offering concrete tools and strategies for professionals. [Information link](#)

We are a **global platform** that shares insights, initiatives, and resources, harnessing the unique potential of the arts and cultural sector on its journey toward sustainability. At the heart of our work, our research co-creates an institutionalised, sector-specific framework – breaking down silos to **empower arts and cultural organisations**, funding bodies, and policymakers to **accelerate the sustainability transition**.

Highlights & Ahead

✧ Welcome ✧

Each edition of the newsletter shares updates on the progress of our research, news from our members, highlights from past and upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved through calls to action.

This bulletin is designed to inform, engage, inspire, and spark collaboration across the arts and cultural sector. We warmly welcome your feedback, ideas, and questions at any time. Feel free to reach out to our team: info@culturefortheplanet.org.

In this bulletin, you will find information about:

- 1) Masterclasses: From Policy to Practice
- 2) Inaugural Culture for the Planet Summit
- 3) Upcoming Event Participation
- 4) The 32 Founding Members of the Alliance

– The Culture for the Planet Team

How we plan to make it all happen ?

Connect.

CONNECT – A global alliance
An international community of practice uniting arts and cultural organisations, policymakers, funders, and associations. The vehicle for developing and implementing research and innovation objectives.

Manage.

MANAGE – Developing sustainability management tools
A framework of Key Sustainability Indicators (KSI), tailored to the needs of arts and cultural organisations to measure, monitor, and manage their progress toward sustainability.

Certify.

CERTIFY – Establishing international recognition
An international standard for sustainability in the arts and cultural sector providing public recognition, strengthening credibility, and fostering new partnerships.

Qualify.

QUALIFY – Equipping the sector with skills and knowledge
A dedicated curriculum and training programme equipping organisations with the expertise needed to embed sustainability in both strategy and practice.

Disseminate.

DISSEMINATE – Ensuring visibility and impact
A coordinated communication and engagement plan connecting stakeholders, enhancing visibility, and amplifying the reach of all activities.

Culture for the Planet masterclasses: From Policy to Practice

Held at La Grange – Centre for Arts and Sciences at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland), two masterclasses are designed to offer **arts and cultural professionals practical insights and tools to advance sustainability within their organisations**, with livestreaming available for both sessions.

The first session will provide a structured overview of **current sustainability frameworks and key policy developments**, both internationally and locally. With contributions from ICOM Sustain, Pro Helvetia, Fundación Banco Santander, and other leading voices,

The second masterclass presents **hands-on case studies and successful practices** from leading international institutions that are part of the Culture for the Planet Alliance. Through peer exchange and interactive group work, participants will break into focused breakout groups. The featured institutions include **Museu de Arte de São Paulo (MASP), Guggenheim Bilbao, Museo Moderno, La Monnaie De Munt Opera, M+ and The Göteborg Opera.**



→ 10 October 2025 | 09:00 - 13:00 (local time)
→ La Grange – Center for Arts and Sciences, Lausanne (Switzerland) | On-site & Online | Language: English.
Participation is free but registration is required.
Registration link: events.unil.ch/register/497

- Masterclass 1 – Format: 90 min (9:00 - 10:30)**
- Expert panel (45 min).
 - Open discussion: What is needed from institutions, and what do they need from policy (45 min).
- Masterclass 2 – 120 minutes (11h00 - 13h00)**
- Plenary introduction: overview of *The Sustainability Star* and the dimensions of sustainability (20 min).
 - Break to move to groups (10 min).
 - Breakout workshops by theme, with two institutions sharing best practices for each dimension and an online group) (50 min).
 - Break to return to the auditorium (20 min).
 - Closing plenary to share key takeaways and actionable insights (20 min).



Inaugural Culture for the Planet Summit 08 - 10 October 2025

📍 **Lausanne, Switzerland**

From 8 to 10 October 2025, Lausanne will host the Inaugural Culture for the Planet Summit, marking the **official launch of the Culture for the Planet Alliance**. The Alliance brings together **32 Founding Members** from across the globe, representing a diversity of practices including museums, theatres, opera houses, networks, sector associations, funders and policymakers.

The ambition of the Summit is to provide the arts and cultural sector with a coherent, institutionalised framework to accelerate the sustainability transition, breaking down silos and equipping organisations with tools, standards, and training tailored to their realities.

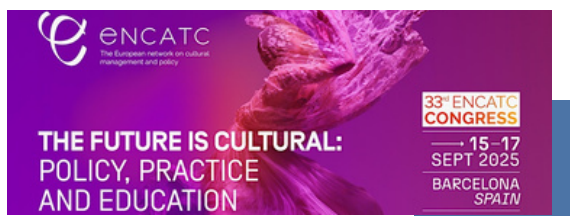
A central moment will be the **Declaration of Lausanne, presented on 9 October at the Théâtre Vidy-Lausanne**. This ceremony will mark the public presentation of a founding commitment, collectively elaborated by the members of the Culture for the Planet Alliance, and will symbolise the **pioneering commitment of international arts and cultural actors in accelerating sustainability in the sector**. In the presence of official representatives from the City of Lausanne and the Canton of Vaud, it will also acknowledge our Founding Members as signatories of this shared vision.

Over three days, the Summit will combine **strategic sessions, workshops, and networking activities** for the Alliance, as well as **public masterclasses** open to the wider professional community.

ENCATC 2025: The Future Is Cultural

ENCATC Congress, 15-17 September 2025, Barcelona, Spain
Working group on culture and climate action, co-chaired by Culture for the Planet | 15 September 2025, 12:45 - 13:30

Culture for the Planet will take part in the ENCATC Congress 2025, the annual meeting of the European network on cultural management and policy education. With a focus on culture and climate action, the congress offers an important opportunity to share our work on sustainability and engage with universities, research centres and policymakers shaping the future of the sector.



Participation in CICC 2025

We are pleased to share that Culture for the Planet will take part in the **2nd International Congress of Culture in Climate Action**, alongside Alliance founding Members: Instituto Inhotim (Brazil), the National Theater & Concert Hall Taipei, CUHK Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change Hong-Kong and the National Gallery Singapore.

The congress will take place **online from 17 to 19 September 2025 (09:00-18:00, Argentina time)**, welcoming professionals, researchers, students, as well as arts and cultural practitioners. Rooted in the Global South, the event offers perspectives and practices that enrich an international movement. It represents an opportunity to embrace a wide range of arts and cultural realities and to engage organisations from around the world.

Online registration is open until September 14.
Participation fees range from USD 30 to USD 70, depending on the participant profile, for access to the full three-day programme.
More information and registration on the page of the event: [Event link](#)



MONDIACULT 2025
UNESCO World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development

from 29 September to 1st October 2025
Barcelona, Spain
Barcelona International Convention Center (CCIB)

Shaping Global Cultural Policies

Culture for Trust: Communities Facing Global Challenges
30 September 2025, 13:30
Culture for the Planet along side: Climate Heritage Network, Entertainment + Culture Pavilion, ICOMOS, UNITWIN Culture in Emergencies.

From 29 September to 1 October 2025, Barcelona will host MONDIACULT 2025, UNESCO's World Conference on Cultural Policies and Sustainable Development. This global forum will gather Ministers of Culture, international organisations, researchers and practitioners to advance culture's role in the post-2030 agenda.

Autumn Conference: Perspectives

Opera Europa, 3-5 October 2025, Geneva, Switzerland
Managing Sustainability: Unifying Efforts through Culture for the Planet
5 October 2025, 11:00
Culture for the Planet in Conversation with Opera Europa

From 3 to 5 October, Geneva will host Opera Europa's Autumn Conference, gathering leaders of European opera companies and festivals to address key issues for the sector. The forum will provide a platform to exchange on sustainability, inclusion and digital transformation, with Culture for the Planet contributing to advance collective action.



Meet the 32 Founding Members of the Culture for the Planet Alliance:

 Théâtre Vidy-Lausanne Theater, Lausanne, Switzerland	 Plateforme 10 Museums, Lausanne, Switzerland	 Plateforme 10 Museums, Lausanne, Switzerland	 Olympic Museum Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland	 Opernhaus Zürich Opera, Zürich, Switzerland	 Pro Helvetia Swiss Arts Council
 M+ Museum, Hong Kong, China	 Instituto Inhotim Museum, Brumadinho, Brazil	 Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change Museum, Hong Kong, China	 SMK - Statens Museum for Kunst Museum, Copenhagen, Denmark	 National Galleries of Scotland Museum, Edinburgh, UK	
 Tate Museum, London, United Kingdom	 MASP Museum, São Paulo, Brazil	 Museo Guggenheim Bilbao Museum, Bilbao, Spain	 Australian Museum Museum, Sydney, Australia	 Museo delle Scienze di Trento Museum, Trento, Italy	
 Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum, Madrid, Spain	 Royal Ballet and Opera Opera, London, United Kingdom	 National Gallery of Zimbabwe Museum, Harare, Zimbabwe	 Museum of West African Art Museum, Benin, Nigeria	 Royal Ontario Museum Museum, Ontario, Canada	
 Museo Moderno Museum, Buenos Aires, Argentina	 Teatro Solís Theater, Montevideo, Uruguay	 National Theater & Concert Hall Theater, Taipei, Taiwan	 The Göteborg Opera Opera, Gothenburg, Sweden	 La Monnaie - De Munt Opera Opera, Brussels, Belgium	
 Bühnen Graz Opera, Graz, Austria	 Dubai Opera Opera, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	 Ibermuseums The Platform for Ibero-American Museums	 Opera Europa Organisation for professional opera companies and opera festivals, Europe	 CIMAM International Committee for Museums and Collections of Modern Art	
 TBA21 Thyssen-Bornemisza Art Contemporary International Art and Advocacy Foundation	 ICOM - ICOM SUSTAIN International Council of Museums				

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