



Climate Action  
**Accelerator**  
Public event

# Acceleration Days

AGAINST TIME AND THE ODDS:  
ACCELERATING CLIMATE ACTION TODAY TO  
BETTER SERVE POPULATIONS TOMORROW

2 October 2024

09:00 – 17:00 CET  
followed by a cocktail

Hybrid event

**L'Auditorium, Domaine de la Pastorale**  
Route de Ferney 106, 1202 Geneva, and online

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**Registration and welcome** | 09:00–09:30

## Setting the scene

**Keynote addresses** | 09:30–11:00

- **Owen Gaffney**, Chief Impact Officer at Nobel Peace Prize, co-founder Exponential Roadmap Initiative, co-lead Earth4All, formerly at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the Stockholm Resilience Centre
- **Matthieu Auzanneau**, Director, the Shift Project, Paris
- **Simon Zadek**, Co-Director, Nature Finance
- **Dr. Jemilah Mahmood**, Executive Director, Sunway Center for Planetary Health, former Under-Secretary General of the International Federation of the Red Cross, former Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Malaysia on Public Health

Moderator: **Elise Buckle**, President/CEO Climate Bridges, Founder SHE Builds Bridges, Co-chair of the International Gender Champion Climate Impact Group

**11:00–11:20** | Coffee break

## Generating knowledge for change

**Climate Action Accelerator's experience sharing session** | 11:20–12:00

Climate Action Accelerator's experience and learnings, including the presentation of our "Roadmap for halving emissions by 2030 in the humanitarian sector", and an introduction to our work towards building climate resilient, sustainable and low-carbon health services.

## Roundtables

**Thematic roundtable. Partnering for change: what do local and national actors really need to accelerate climate action** | 12:00–13:00

- **Runa Khan**, Founder and Executive Director, Friendship
- **Xavier Castellanos**, Under Secretary General for National Society Development and Operations Coordination, International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)
- **Cheikh Mbow**, Director General, Centre de Suivi Ecologique, Dakar
- **Jérôme Oberreit**, Executive Director, BRAC Global

Moderator: **Benoit Miribel**, President, One Sustainable Health for All Foundation

**13:00–14:00** | Networking Lunch

**Thematic roundtable. Enabling and amplifying: the critical role of grant-making organisations** | 14:00–15:00

- **Philippe Duneton**, Executive Director, Unitaïd
- **Miren Bengoa**, Managing Director, Swiss Solidarity
- **Nicole Butts**, Division Chief Acquisition and Assistance, Office of Humanitarian Business and Management Operations (HBMO), USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance (BHA)
- **Pierre Salignon**, Chief, Humanitarian operations and stabilisation centre, Crisis Centre of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

Moderator: **Anne de Riedmatten**, Director, International Solidarity Unit, Canton de Genève

15:00–15:30 | Coffee break

**Final panel discussion. The impact of the climate crisis and increased resource shortages on the way we deliver services to populations** | 15:30–16:30

- **Owen Gaffney**, Chief Impact Officer at Nobel Peace Prize, co-founder Exponential Roadmap Initiative, co-lead Earth4All, formerly at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research and the Stockholm Resilience Centre
- **Sonia Roschnik**, Executive Director, Geneva Sustainability Centre of the International Hospitals Federation, former Sustainability Director of National Health Service, UK
- **Stephen Cornish**, Director General, Médecins Sans Frontières Switzerland
- **Dr. Shailee Pradhan**, Senior Sustainability Manager, Swiss Re

Moderator: **Serge Michel**, Chief Editor, Heidi.news

**Closing Remarks** | 16:30–17:00

- **Beatrice Ferrari**, Directrice, Direction des Affaires Internationales, Canton de Genève
- **Dr. Bea Albermann**, Medical Doctor and Planetary Health advocate

17:00–18:00 | Cocktail

*(La Pastorale, Maison de Maître)*

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