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INVITATION

You are cordially invited to an hybrid event, launching the a new publication, organized by the United Nations Environment Programme/GRID-Geneva (UNEP/GRID-Geneva) and the Geneva Environment Network.

Sand plays a strategic role in delivering ecosystem services, vital infrastructure for economic development, providing livelihoods within communities and maintaining biodiversity. It is linked to all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) either directly or indirectly. Despite the strategic importance of sand, its extraction, sourcing, use, and management remain largely ungoverned in many regions of the world, leading to numerous environmental and social consequences that have been largely overlooked (Peduzzi 2014; UNEP 2019).

This event will launch the report “Sand and Sustainability: 10 strategic recommendations to avert a crisis” consolidating the expertise in sand and sustainability from different sectors. The report was prepared by a team of 22 authors led by Pascal Peduzzi, director of UNEP/GRID-Geneva, in response to the UN Environment Assembly resolutions UNEP/EA.4/Res.19 on mineral resource governance and UNEP/EA.4/Res.5 on sustainable infrastructure. It also benefited from the input of an expert roundtable convened on 12 October 2021 in Geneva, with the support of the Geneva Environment Network.

Leading experts taking part in this event will bring attention to the impacts from the current state of extraction, use and (mis)management, putting forward recommendations for actions to set the global sand agenda in addressing environmental sustainability needs alongside justice, equity, technical, economic, and political considerations.

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REGISTRATION

The event will take place in a hybrid format.

For in-person participation, kindly use the registration form on Eventbrite: tiny.cc/GEN26Apr22RegIEH

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SPEAKERS



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