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## International Community Challenge Overview

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Conservators and cultural heritage professionals inherently care about sustainability - preservation of cultural heritage is linked to preservation of humanity and our planet. We have seen the positive impact we can have as a profession by coming together to engage and discuss with open minds the best routes to tackle the global challenges we face. Now, as we take on one of the biggest environmental crises of our time, what are we actually doing to be more sustainable? How can we all engage in the climate agenda?

The Special Interest Community for Sustainability and Climate Action for IIC members is championed by Sarah Stannage, IIC Executive Director and supported by IIC's Environmental Sustainability Associate Editor and Regional Programme Manager, Marina Herriges.

## What's Coming Up

'**Sustainable Solutions for Conservation: New Strategies for New Times**' is the theme of IIC's biennial Congress, hosted online and in-person in Lima, Peru will take place in September 2024. You can find out more about the Congress [here](#).

You can also take part in [IIC's new Net Zero pilot initiative - find out more here](#).

## How you can participate and make a difference

*"It's more interesting to make change happen than to be swept along by it"* Velson Horie

Details and guidance on registering for the workshops, training webinars and meetings online will be posted below with regular updates on the IIC [Community platform](#). A full programme can be viewed at the bottom of this page.

If you are a conservator or cultural heritage professional making change happen and are willing to share insights regarding sustainability and your most impactful actions, please get in touch with IIC's Associate Editor for Environmental Sustainability and Regional Programme Manager, Marina Herriges. We are looking for blog and article **contributors** for the IIC Community and ***News in Conservation*** e-magazine. **Please contact:** [marina.herriges@iiconservation.org](mailto:marina.herriges@iiconservation.org)


## Joint Commitment for Climate Action in Cultural Heritage

The Joint Commitment for Climate Action is a global initiative that unites three of the leading international bodies (IIC, ICOM-CC and ICCROM) within the conservation sector for cultural heritage.

You can find out all about the announcement and watch [the launch video here](#).

## Resources and Past Programme Activity

Below is an outline of our activities from the last three years. IIC members can access recorded sessions and learning materials on the IIC Community platform from the table below. We have also included links to external partner content and publications where available.

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| <b>20 September 2019</b> | <b>IIC Declaration: Climate and Environmental Emergency</b>                 |  |
| <b>24 October 2019</b>   | Endorsing partner to <a href="#">Climate Heritage Network</a> launch event. |  |

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| <b>6 March 2020</b>                | Partner to the <a href="#">Stemming the Tide: Global Strategies for Sustaining Cultural Heritage Through Climate Change</a> symposium at the Smithsonian, Washington, D.C. |
| <b>29 July 2020</b>                | Online Member Meeting - recording available on <a href="#">IIC Community platform</a>  |
| <b>4 November 2020</b>             | IIC Dialogue Chaired by Dr Ewan Hyslop (Historic Environment Scotland and Climate Heritage Network)  |
| <b>12 April 2021 (12-4pm CEST)</b> | IIC President, Julian Bickersteth at the <a href="#">G20 Webinar</a>   |
| <b>19 April 2021 (8 p.m. BST)</b>  | AGM Talk with Dr Jenny Newell, Australian Museum. (Recording available on <a href="#">IIC Community</a> platform)  |
| <b>15 October 2021</b>             | Joint Commitment for Climate Action in Cultural Heritage: IIC, ICOM-CC and ICCROM  |

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| <b>30 October to 12 November 2021</b>  | COP26 - IIC Official <a href="#">Green Zone Exhibitor</a> , Edit-a-Thon and film release.                       |
| <b>10 November to 11 November 2021</b> | IIC International <a href="#">Edit-a-thon</a> 2021 : live and at COP26 Glasgow                                  |
| <b>25 March 2022</b>                   | Our Collections Matter: Connecting the dots between cultural collections and sustainable development            |
| <b>2 Year Project (2022-2023)</b>      | <a href="#">Net Zero: Heritage for Climate Action</a>   |
| <b>10 November 2022</b>                | <a href="#">Sustainability Art: People, Practice, Planet in Contemporary Art Conservation</a>                   |
| <b>16 - 17 November 2022</b>           | IIC International <a href="#">Edit-aThon</a> 2022 : live and online at COP27 Egypt                              |
| <b>30 January 2023, 6.45pm (GMT)</b>   | AGM Talk with David Saunders, "the museum environment in an era of sustainability" this will be a hybrid event. |
| <b>March 2023 &amp; July 2023</b>      | A Climate of Change: Round Table Series   |

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| <b>March to April 2024</b> | <a href="#">IIC's new Net Zero pilot initiative - find out more here.</a> Launched at the IIC's AGM in January 2024, with a presentation from Dr Nick Merriman OBE. |
| <b>September 2024</b>      | Sustainable Solutions for Conservation: New Strategies for New Times  |

## Also of Interest

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- [Careers](#)
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  - [Professional Development and Learning](#)
  - [IIC Net Zero Pilot Programme](#)
  - [IIC Community Platform](#)
    - [Conservation Data & Documentation](#)
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    - [Sustainability and Climate Action](#)
    - [Philosophy, Authenticity and Ethics](#)
  - [Leadership Mentoring](#)
  - [Fellowship](#)
  - [International Training Centre Courses \(ITCC\)](#)
    - [ITCC Metals 2024](#)
    - [ITCC Ceramic and Glass 2019](#)
    - [ITCC Paper and Photography 2018](#)
    - [ITCC Textiles 2017](#)
    - [ITCC Non-destructive Analysis 2016](#)
    - [ITCC Preventive Conservation 2015](#)
  - [Special Interest Communities](#)
  - [Conservation Standards and Guidelines](#)