

The pandemic is raging across the world. Poverty is rising. The global food crisis is increasing. Climate crisis and the loss of biodiversity are further pushing it.

The COVID-19 pandemic is a drastic reminder of how human health and the environment are interdependent. **When biodiversity and ecosystems are degraded, invaluable health benefits are lost** worldwide. It is vital that **we increase our understanding of the value of biodiversity** and well-functioning ecosystems for human health. This is essential for preventing new diseases and pandemics, and to **build resilience**.

Viable ecosystems provide diversified and nutritious food, traditional medicine and clean water and air. These are all of key importance for health, resilience and adaptation to climate change.

With the most vulnerable people at the core, this Development Talk will discuss the urgent actions needed and the role of development actors. It will put the **spotlight on human health and well-being, and how it is coupled with the state of the biosphere** – the life supporting system we all depend on.

We are in the midst of the ongoing UN Climate Change Conference COP26 and the negotiations under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The UN Food Systems Summit was recently held and the World Health Assembly is coming up soon. This Development Talk is a strong call for building resilience for improved planetary health and for sustainable development.

Welcome to join!