research pertaining to environmental science and sustainability. The biweekly newsletter aims to educate businesses and organizations—so that, together, we can more effectively address the world’s environmental challenges.

The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) is pleased to announce the 8th World Sustainability Forum (WSF2020) to be held from 28-30 April 2020 in Geneva and online. The event will give participants the opportunity to discuss the UN Sustainable Development Goals, but we also wish to create synergies between the WSF and the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN). The event will explore the policy and science that underpin the UN Agenda 2030 and present the latest concrete solutions to drive global environmental change.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) at the National Science Foundation invites qualified investigators to submit proposals to the following 2020 DEB Director’s Initiative: Examining the Distribution and Mobility of Teacher Human Remains. This initiative is designed to help museums, cemeteries, and genealogical societies improve their ability to identify, locate, and return human remains. The deadline for this initiative is March 31, 2020.

The Institutes of Environmental Genomics and Systematics and Biodiversity Sciences within the National Science Foundation offer new funding opportunities for studies on aquatic animals. Three separate initiatives related to aquatic animals are available to researchers. The Water Purification Technologies initiative is aimed at developing innovative technologies and strategies for the cost-effective, low-energy-intensive remediation of water. The Aquaculture Research program is designed to support research on sustainable aquaculture practices. The Invasive Species Research Program is focused on the impacts of invasive species on ecosystems and human health. The deadline for these initiatives is April 22, 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is accepting proposals to conduct research that will support the COVID-19 response and prevention efforts. The funding available is up to $200,000 per award for research on coronavirus transmission, as well as projects developing medical countermeasures and suitable animal models for pre-clinical testing of vaccines and therapeutics against 2019-nCoV. The deadline for these proposals is March 25, 2020 by 3:00PM EST.

The Virginia Environmental Justice Summit is the largest environmental justice event in the region and is a joint effort of the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Emphasis on Understanding Infectious Disease (AEI), and the Center for Environmental Science and Policy. The event will emphasize the concept of environmental justice, its manifestations, and its connections to public health. The summit will provide a forum for discussions among environmental justice advocates, policymakers, and community leaders.

The Virginia Department of Education and the Virginia Department of Social Services have launched a new initiative to support rural Virginia communities, build advocacy and activism skills for making the change they wish to see. The initiative aims to empower communities to develop strategies for addressing environmental justice issues.

The Virginia Department of Education has partnered with the Virginia Department of Social Services to provide resources and guidance for schools to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The department is offering guidance and resources to help schools and educational institutions respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, including recommendations for remote learning and social distancing strategies.

The Virginia Department of Social Services is also offering guidance and resources for individuals and families impacted by COVID-19. The department is providing information on how to access social services, including information on unemployment benefits, food assistance, and other resources available to those in need.