to facilitate information sharing among researchers, practitioners, and relevant local, national, and international organizations. The Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) are collaborating to enhance the global sustainability agenda.

The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and other events related to sustainable development. The event will be coordinated by MDPI, a publisher of scientific journals, under the patronage of the University of Basel and the University of Geneva.

The Division of Environmental Biology (DEB) at the National Science Foundation supports research on ecological and evolutionary processes that integrate over levels of biological organization or across multiple spatial and temporal scales. DEB also encourages interdisciplinary proposals that cross conceptual boundaries and include research from fields such as Population and Community Ecology, Systematics and Biodiversity Sciences, and Nuclear Physics.

In addition to scientific research, DEB supports efforts to address critical environmental challenges. For instance, the program "DEB at Work: Informed Decisions Through Data and Software Infrastructure" aims to develop tools and software that support decision-making in areas such as conservation, restoration, and management of natural systems.

DEB is also committed to the common goal ofIES of reducing human exposure to pathogens. The program "Shaping the Future of IES: New Strategies to Combat Future Pandemics" is dedicated to supporting research that could elucidate common pathways and generate new insights into the transmission of pathogens.

To support new research in response to severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) is issuing a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) titled "Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)". This BAA is an immediate call for white papers. Prior to submission of a white paper, offerors are strongly encouraged to contact the CDC BAA technical point of contact for the research topic/subtopic of interest.

The program "Optimizing Natural Systems for Remediation and Ecosystem Services" targets the development of innovative solutions to environmental challenges. The "Heinz Endowments" are part of this initiative and have contributed to its funding.

In recognition of this year's Earth Month, the Office of Sustainability (OoS) at George Mason University is hosting a Virtual Earth Month event. The event aims to highlight the efforts of Mason's community in creating positive change for people and the planet. As a result of COVID-19, the event is going virtual, but the commitment to sustainability remains steadfast.

The event is being organized by the OoS in collaboration with Mason's National Science Foundation (NSF) Research in Sustainability (CAS): Micro- and Nanoplastics project, and the Institute for a Sustainable Earth (ISE). For more information, visit the event website at [www.eventlink.com](http://www.eventlink.com).

If you are interested in participating or learning more about this year's Earth Month event, please contact [eventcontact@mason.edu](mailto:eventcontact@mason.edu) for more details.