The ISE Newsletter provides up-to-date information on conferences, funding opportunities, and regional, national, and international sustainability agendas.

**The 8th World Sustainability Forum**

In light of the restrictive travel and public gathering environments being faced globally due to the COVID-19 situation, the U.S. Mission to India invites interested applicants to submit one or two proposals in response to the reference Notice of Funding Announcement (NOFO). One proposal may be for an award of up to $200,000 per award. The other proposal may be for program alumni workshops for up to $40,000 per award. The total amount of any funding will be determined according to the appropriate purpose and scope of the proposals. There are several different options – Paper presentation, Poster presentation, Session participation, Workshop participation, Collaborative funding for alumni workshops for any number up to 26. This funding opportunity that seeks to host a workshop for 40 disaster management specialists, each workshop would receive at least one MNP-funded staff member as a Co-PI and at least one U.S. Mission-funded staff member as a Co-PI. This enables us to ensure that the U.S. Mission-funded staff member engages with the local community as a non-technical member of the workshop. This is an opportunity to advance science, technology, health, and innovation; promote inclusion and diversity; and foster shared prosperity. There is a call for proposals to address COVID-19 research efforts to develop predictive models for the spread of coronaviruses and related respiratory diseases (SARS-CoV-2 and coronavirus disease 2019 [COVID-2019]). This Dear Colleague Letter (DCL) is intended to provide a roadmap for ISE's first phase of work. It identifies key goals for the Institute and provides a list of general tasks. The DCL aims to strengthen the evidence base to better prevent and control coronavirus outbreaks. The DCL also contains a list of general tasks that the ISE will pursue in its first phase of work. The DCL contains a list of general tasks that the ISE will pursue in its first phase of work.

**Other Upcoming Events**

- **Bicycle Commuting 101: Online via WebEx**
  - Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
  - Contact: jwalker8@gmu.edu

- **Amara Drew – Forensic Scientist I at Idaho State Police Forensic Service**
  - Date: April 10, 2020
  - Location: City Of Fairfax, $7,100
  - Sponsor deadline: May 22, 2020
  - Deadline: April 22, 2020

- **Faculty Lightning Talks for Mason International**
  - Date: April 22-25, 2020
  - Time: Differs - check with specific Center of interest
  - Contact:

- **Utilizing Innovative Materials Science Approaches**
  - Funding source: Office of Science, Department of Energy
  - Funding source: National Science Foundation
  - Deadline: April 22, 2020

- **Conservation District (alum)**
  - Date: April 7, 2020
  - Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
  - Contact:

- **Health Alumni: Their Path from Degree to Career**
  - Date: April 7, 2020
  - Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
  - Contact:

- **Workforce for Ethical Decision-Making through Role-Playing**
  - Date: April 7, 2020
  - Time: 5:30pm - 6:30pm
  - Contact:

- **Earth Optimism digital event**
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