

Today's program



The Environmental Congress is an opportunity for the public to contribute to conversations on important environmental issues affecting the state. Today's Congress focuses on climate change – we will learn about climate impacts to Minnesotans and our environment, showcase innovative climate work, and invite participants to engage in dialogue about building a healthy future for our communities, wildlife, lands, and waters.

Plenary speakers



Grace Goldtooth
Vice-President
Lower Sioux Indian Community

Tiyospe Ota Yuha Win or Grace Goldtooth is Vice-Chair of the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota where she works to advance the well-being of the Community through her expertise in Dakota language, education, the arts, cultural preservation, and wellness. Her professional background includes leading language revitalization as a Dakota language apprentice and teacher in Minnesota, engaging youth and families as a program specialist, and serving as the Lower Sioux Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. She is an active and past contributor to many advisory boards, including the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Board and the Minnesota History Society Advisory Council. Goldtooth is a traditional beading, quilling, and textile artist and is active in the wider community through Dakota 38+2 commemorative and justice actions, revitalizing the coming of age ceremony at Cansayapi, and as a sundancer. She is a graduate of the Bush Foundation Native Nations Rebuilder program, the Blandin Foundation Leadership Program, and holds a Dakota Language Certificate from the University of Minnesota.



Kate A Brauman, PhD
Lead Scientist, Global Water Initiative
Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota

Kate Brauman is the Lead Scientist for the Global Water Initiative at the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment (IonE). She also leads IonE's impact goal on achieving safe water and was a Coordinating Lead Author for the Global Assessment of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Kate's research integrates hydrology and land use with economics and policy to better understand how water use by people affects the environment and our ability to live well in it. Kate received her doctorate from Stanford University and her undergraduate degree from Columbia University.



Sydney Bauer
Emerging Environmental Leaders Program

Sydney is a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota Morris with a degree in Biology and a minor in Environmental Leadership and Stewardship. During her undergraduate career, she worked as an Energy Intern in the Office of Sustainability partaking in projects relating to district heating, microgrid management, solar installations, and community resilience. Sydney currently spends her time driving for the Morris Transit, hanging out with kids at a local afterschool program, and organizing community climate events and conversations. She describes herself as a snack enthusiast, lover of people, and friend to all birds.

Agenda

8:00 am

Doors Open; Registration and Refreshments (Ballroom)

8:30 am

Musical Prelude: Fermata Sol a cappella group (Ballroom)

9:00 am

Plenary (Ballroom)

Welcome:

Will Seuffert, Executive Director, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (EQB)

Laura Bishop, Chair, Minnesota Environmental Quality Board; Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Plenary Speakers:

Grace Goldtooth, Vice-President, Lower Sioux Indian Community

Kate A Brauman, PhD, Lead Scientist, Global Water Initiative, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota

Sydney Bauer, Emerging Environmental Leaders Program

10:10 am

Breakout Sessions: Round 1

For detailed descriptions of breakout sessions,

11:05 am

Breakout Sessions: Round 2

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- Climate Justice, Energy, and Equity (Room 245)
- The Future of Minnesota's Clean Water in a Changing Climate (Room 253-255)
- Food, Fiber, and Fuel: Providing Society's Needs While Addressing Climate Change (Ostrander Auditorium)
- Adapting to Climate Change: Innovative Strategies from around Minnesota (Room 201)
- Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation (Room 202)
- Climate Change and Biodiversity: Building Resiliency of Our Lands and Wildlife (Room 204)
- How to Talk Climate by Developing Your Personal Climate Story (90 minute session - Rooms 203 & 238)

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12:00 pm

Lunch (Ballroom)

1:00 pm

Leadership Forum (Ballroom)

Governor Tim Walz & Cabinet Members Panel

1:55 pm

Open Space Dialogue

Agenda-Setting
(Ostrander Auditorium)

2:45 pm

Open Space Dialogue Sessions

(Breakout Rooms)

3:50 pm

Open Space Dialogue Closing

(Ballroom)

4:30 pm

Networking Hour (Ballroom)

5:30 pm

Event Close

Open Space

During the Open Space session, participants will have an opportunity to host a discussion on a climate change topic that interests them. A facilitator assigns each discussion to a room, and everyone can choose which discussion to join. Open Space discussions are a chance to engage creatively with each other on the issues that are most important to the people here at the Environmental Congress.

What are your questions for state leaders on climate change?

Submit your question and vote for your favorite by visiting [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and entering event code **EQB**.

Wi-Fi network: MAVGUEST

Sustainability

The Environmental Quality Board strives to use environmental resources wisely in its events. We selected a venue with a climate action plan, and we are reducing waste by using reusable service ware, collecting organic material, and limiting the use of paper.

Environmental Quality Board

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB) is a forum for leadership and coordination across Minnesota state agencies on complex, priority environmental issues. The Board consists of state agency leaders and citizen members from around the state. EQB strives to engage Minnesotans and provide greater access to conversations regarding the future of our environment.

Acknowledgements

Partners

The Environmental Quality Board would like to thank the numerous partners who contributed to 2019 Environmental Congress. We are grateful for your efforts. Thank you for making this event a true collaboration.

Emerging Environmental Leaders (EEL) is an Environmental Quality Board initiative that creates space for young people to communicate their perspectives, share their skills, take action, and interact with state policy leaders on environmental issues that matter to them. EEL members collaborated with host organizations to develop three aspects of the Congress: a plenary presentation with the Institute on the Environment; a breakout session with Climate Generation: A Will Steger Legacy; and a welcoming exhibition with the Science Museum of Minnesota's Kitty Andersen Youth Science Center.

EEL members: Emma Brewer, Sydney Bauer, Miriam Eide, Emma McCarthy, Katelyn France, Kathleen Goggeye, Anna Grace, Zoe Harvey, Rachel Lindholm, Yin Liu, Libby Marti, Annie Pottorff, Logan Rieder, Sam Rosemark, Mason Rounds, Caro Silvola, and Tripura Talagadadevi. EEL hosts: Sarah Goodspeed, Troy Goodnough, Beth Mercer-Taylor, Mary Oldham Hannemann, and Jordan Lee Thompson.

Fermata Sol

Founded in 2019, Fermata Sol is passionately committed to inspiring and enlightening audiences with some of the most commanding voices in music. The ensemble was founded in Mankato, MN through their shared love of a cappella music.

Interagency Planning Team

Minnesota Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Employment and Economic Development, Health, Natural Resources, Transportation; the Board of Water and Soil Resources; Metropolitan Council; Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.