



**2016 Sustainability  
Solutions Festival  
Signature Events**

## **2016 Sustainability Solutions Festival**

The third annual Sustainability Solutions Festival convenes global sustainability thought leaders, communities, students and families for two weeks of activities. Together, we celebrate and award entrepreneurs, designers and creative thinkers who develop solutions to our planet's sustainability challenges.

The 2016 Festival includes signature events that explore how we individually and collectively spark imagination, ignite change and illuminate sustainable solutions. Festival events connect participants to their environment, encourage well-being and create a sense of agency to imagine a better world for all.

The Festival's signature events include:

- Night of the Open Door
- Sustainability Solutions Festival's Family Day
- Zero Food Waste Forum
- AZ Thrives: A Sustainability Summit for Arizona's Minority and Small Business Leaders
- Sustival Day of Service
- Sustainability Solutions Celebration
- Conservation International  
Special Event with Dr. M. Sanjayan
- GreenBiz 2016 and GreenBiz University

## **Night of the Open Door**

**ASU Downtown Campus**

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Free*

**ASU Tempe Campus**

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

**4:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

*Free*

ASU's Night of the Open Door offers a window into the creative energy that powers a world-class university. Guided by their Sustainability Solutions Passport, community members will enjoy hands-on activities that show how ASU is bringing sustainability solutions to the greater Phoenix community.

This event gives families the opportunity to explore ASU's Downtown and Tempe campuses, meet distinguished faculty, discover spaces and programs normally closed to public view and experience what our students at the nation's most innovative university do every day.

## **The Qatsi Trilogy**

**The Marston Exploration Theater,  
ASU Tempe Campus**

**Koyaanisqatsi: Life out of balance  
Friday, February 12, 2016**

**Pawaqqatsi: Life in transformation  
Friday, February 19, 2016**

**Naqoyqatsi: Life as war  
Friday, February 26, 2016**

**All showings at 6:30 p.m. with a panel  
discussion to follow**

*Free*

Qatsi, the Hopi word for life, also marks one of the most transcendent film experiences of our time. Experimental film Director Godfrey Reggio and legendary composer Phillip Glass crafted three film events, which have been called “a fusion of picture and sound,” over the span of 20 years. Each film progressively explores the dynamic between man, nature and technology as it enters the 21st century, while only using sound and images. Through the involvement of Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas and Steven Soderbergh, this unique film trilogy allows us to reflect on life out of balance, in transformation and at war. Because “until now, you really haven’t seen the world you live in.”

*Presented in partnership with The Marston Exploration Theater,  
ASU Film and Media Studies and ASU Project Humanities*

# **Sustainability Solutions Festival's Family Day**

**Arizona Science Center**  
**Monday, February 15, 2016**  
**10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
*General Admission Required*

Spark your family's imagination and discover how you can make your community a better place for years to come during the Sustainability Solutions Festival's third annual Family Day at Arizona Science Center. Along with Arizona Science Center's engaging exhibits, ASU and its community partners host special interactive, hands-on activities for families. Join us to learn more about sustainability and how you can become agents of change.

# **Urbanization and Global Environmental Change Symposium**

**ASU Tempe Memorial Union, Pima Room**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

*Free*

The landscape of urban areas and their place in multi-scale sustainability efforts have evolved significantly over the last decade. Cities have increasingly become key actors in climate change mitigation and adaptation. Internationally, urban growth has become a critical challenge.

Comprised of four leading Urbanization and Global Change (UGEC) researchers, this panel will candidly share their thoughts and reflections on a decade of UGEC science. They will also address the big question: do we know enough about urbanization processes to build and re-build our cities more sustainably?

# **World Religions Respond to the Environmental Crisis**

**Mary Evelyn Tucker, Ph.D.**

**ASU Tempe, Memorial Union Alumni Lounge**

**Thursday, February 18, 2016**

**4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

*Free*

For the past two decades, the world's religions have encountered climate change and biodiversity loss as moral issues. With the Pope's recent encyclical on the environment, this movement continues to gain momentum as a field in academia and a force in society.

Join Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker, a leader in the emerging field of religion and ecology, for a stimulating discussion of how these two areas are coming together. Dr. Tucker has organized 10 conferences at Harvard on world religions and the environment. Based at Yale, she has written and edited many books on this topic, most recently *Ecology and Religion* (Island Press, 2014) with John Grim.

**Zero Food Waste Forum**  
**ASU Downtown Campus (Valley Youth Theatre)**  
**Friday, February 19, 2016**  
**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
*\$25 Registration*

In the United States alone 40 percent of our food is wasted. To address this issue, the Zero Food Waste Forum welcomes participants to collaborate and learn from expert advocates such as Jordan Figueiredo, founder of EndFoodWaste.org and Zero Food Waste Forum. Discover how to ignite change and reduce waste in our food system. All stakeholders are welcome: growers, grocers, restaurateurs, distributors, food banks, disposal companies and members of the public.

# **Sustival Day of Service**

**Valley-wide**

**Saturday, February 20, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. – Noon**

*Free*

The Sustival Day of Service connects volunteers to projects that help make more resilient, vibrant and sustainable communities across the Valley of the Sun. During the Sustival Day of Service, community members engage with non profits to make a direct impact right where they live and work.

# **AZ Thrives: A Sustainability Summit for Arizona's Minority and Small Business Leaders**

**Phoenix Convention Center, North Building**

**Monday, February 22, 2016**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

*\$75 Registration*

AZ Thrives is a business conference for Arizona's minority and small business leaders that is focused on the concept of the circular economy. The event aims to not only educate Arizona business leaders on sustainability in business, but also to create change agents through meaningful connections within the community. AZ Thrives offers panels from leaders who are incorporating sustainability concepts into their own businesses through production, supply chain, human resources and marketing strategies. The discussion also highlights how to become a subcontractor for businesses who are already implementing sustainability strategies.

AZ Thrives is organized through a partnership with the Minority Business Development Agency, Nxt Horizon Group, Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Black Chamber of Arizona.

## **GreenBiz 16**

**JW Marriott Camelback Inn**

**Tuesday-Thursday, February 23-25, 2016**

*Registration Required*

GreenBiz 16 is one of the top annual conferences for business leaders to gather and learn about the trends, challenges and opportunities in sustainable business now. 2016 marks the third year that Arizona State University, GreenBiz and the Sustainability Consortium have partnered to assemble the world's brightest sustainability business and thought leaders in Arizona. At GreenBiz 16, this exclusive and powerful team will help to develop partnerships and explore new solutions to move sustainability further faster.

Register at:

**<http://www.greenbiz.com/events>**

Use the discount code **GB16ASU** for a 10% discount.

# **Sustainability Solutions Celebration**

**Desert Botanical Garden**  
**Tuesday, February 23, 2016**  
**5:00 – 10:00 p.m.**  
*\$200 registration*

The Sustainability Solutions Celebration brings together audiences from the business and academic worlds to celebrate the young winners of the ASU Walton Sustainability Solutions Award. Guests will enjoy the sights of the iconic Desert Botanical Garden, presentations by the winners, demonstrations that illuminate solutions and networking to build future collaborations.

**Conservation International**  
**Special Event with Dr. M. Sanjayan**  
**Lyceum Theater, ASU Tempe Campus**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2016**  
**9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**  
*Free*

In a world of seven billion humans, can wild nature continue to exist? The environmental movement has long been dominated by a Western philosophy that sees humans as separate from and detrimental to nature. While great strides have been made in the past few decades, most scientists agree that conservation efforts are simply not keeping up with the vast scale of planetary change.

Dr. M. Sanjayan is a conservation scientist, writer and Emmy-nominated news contributor focused on the role of conservation in improving human wellbeing, wildlife and the environment. His distinguished scientific work has been published in the journals *Science*, *Nature* and *Conservation Biology*. The National Geographic Society recently selected Sanjayan for its Explorers Council, a leading group of scientists, researchers and explorers who advise and counsel the Society across disciplines and projects. Sanjayan is also a Catto Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a senior advisor to the Clinton Global Initiative.

**GreenBiz University**  
**Alumni Lounge, ASU Tempe Memorial Union**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2016**  
**Noon – 5:00 p.m.**  
*Free*

GreenBiz University is an extension of the GreenBiz 16 conference, held at ASU's Tempe Campus. Through the Sustainability Solutions Festival's partnership with GreenBiz, we are able to recruit top-notch speakers in sustainability to engage with the ASU community.

Speakers include Dame Ellen MacArthur, Ari Kobb (director of Sustainability and Green Building Solutions at Siemens), Dr. James Hansen (professor at Columbia University's Earth Institute), Bob Langert (retired vice president of Sustainability at McDonald's) and a panel from The Sustainability Consortium.

## **Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival**

**ASU Tempe Campus, Farmer Building**

**Friday-Sunday, February 26-28, 2016**

*Free*

Each year, Local to Global Justice presents the Forum & Festival, a two-day annual event that seeks to connect local diversity, sustainability, social justice and human rights issues to larger global struggles. This event provides an outstanding space for the sharing of experiences and knowledge between scholars and activists working on a wide range of social justice, human rights and sustainability issues.



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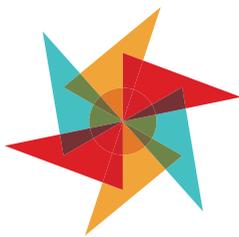
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