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One Planet, Many Cultures: Science, Storytelling, and Shared Action

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Three thousand scientists. Sixty countries. One shared planet.

Geochemistry is a universal language, one that transcends borders, politics, and culture. The data are clear. The signals are measurable. The urgency is undeniable. This is not a room that needs convincing.

In this plenary address, world-renowned photographic artist, marine biologist, and advocate for the natural world Cristina Mittermeier ("Mitty") speaks to a global scientific community united not by geography, but by stewardship. Drawing from decades of work at the intersection of science, storytelling, and conservation, she will explore how narrative can amplify scientific insight, transforming data into connection, and knowledge into action.

Attendees will gain a broader perspective on how their work fits into a global movement for planetary resilience, and how scientists can actively engage across disciplines, cultures, and communities to accelerate progress. Through powerful imagery and lived experience, Cristina will challenge the notion that action belongs to "someone else," and instead invite each of us to participate meaningfully in shaping a shared future. This talk is not just a call to understand our changing Earth—it is an invitation to contribute to the solutions.