

AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT and CLIMATE KIRTAG postponed

Arnold Schwarzenegger's climate conference and open-air festival will take place in September

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Due to the current situation concerning the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT and the CLIMATE KIRTAG are postponed to September 17, 2020. Everyone's health comes first and has the highest priority.

"Sadly, we must postpone the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT and CLIMATE KIRTAG in Vienna to September 17th, but we must put health first. Stay positive, stay healthy and listen to the experts. Together we can contain the virus if we act as a team and all focus on the necessary measures. So: Stay at home! Our commitment to fighting pollution remains unbroken and we will continue our important work for a clean energy future. This situation shows what is possible if we all work together. I am looking forward to seeing you all in September," Arnold Schwarzenegger emphasized.

Monika Langthaler, Director of "The Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative": "Our main concern is to guarantee the health and safety of the participants and speakers of the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT and CLIMATE KIRTAG and to help contain the virus. A new date for the events is the right way to ensure this. It was important for us not to cancel the conference, because climate change is still happening and we must act. I am convinced that we can learn something from dealing with the current corona crisis in order to tackle the climate crisis."

The motto remains "Be the Solution". With this in mind, an exciting, somewhat shortened conference program with practical solutions and great live acts on the Open-Air-Festival stage awaits our guests in September in Vienna (exact location yet to be fixed). In terms of content, there will be a new focus in addition to the topics already planned: How can we continue to be ambitious in international climate policy despite or even because of challenges like the corona virus? What do we learn from current crisis management strategies? How can we prevent millions of deaths caused by climate change and environmental pollution worldwide by taking swift action?

Background info: AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT and CLIMATE KIRTAG

The AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT is the heart of the Schwarzenegger Climate Initiative: Since its foundation in 2017, this international conference has developed into one of the world's largest climate protection summits thanks to the patronage of Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen, the support of the Schwarzenegger Institute and many

generous sponsors. The AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT, which is taking place for the fourth time this year, offers a platform as a "Matchmaker for Green Solutions" to showcase concrete solutions and actions by decision-makers committed to maintaining a healthy planet and decarbonizing the economy by 2050. The conference presents practical solutions from around the world and combines these ideas with available technical and financial resources.

In order to reach as many people as possible, the Climate Kirtag was launched last year and will take place parallel to the AUSTRIAN WORLD SUMMIT in Vienna. Over 10,000 people attended the free open-air festival, where famous Austrian musicians, celebrities and climate champions performed, all of whom are committed to the fight against pollution and climate change.

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