FROM DEVIL'S BREATH

Harri Grace - Producer of 'From Devil's Breath'
Harri Grace is an Executive Producer at two-time Oscar, Emmy and Peabody-winning Grain Media. He is Emmy-nominated, International Emmy-nominated, Grierson-nominated, and the winner of two Foreign Press Association Awards, a SIMA Award, a One World Media Award, and three New York Festivals Gold Awards. He has worked extensively as producer for Oscar-winning director Orlando von Einsiedel, including on Lost and Found and Into the Fire. As a director, he has made award-winning films in over 50 countries around the world.

Professor Thomas Crowther - Founder, Crowther Lab
Thomas Crowther is an assistant professor in the department of Environmental Systems Science at ETH Zürich, where he founded Crowther Lab, an interdisciplinary group of scientists studying global ecosystems to facilitate local efforts that protect, restore and manage biodiversity around the world. Crowther serves as co-chair of the advisory board of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, has been named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum for his work on the protection and restoration of biodiversity, and serves on the advisory council of WEF's Trillion Trees initiative.

Mirey Atallah - UNEP Head of Nature for Climate Branch
Mirey heads UNEP's Nature for Climate Branch. She is driven by her desire to break the divide between nature and humans, between development and conservation and between common goods and private sector. She has spent the past 5 years in Kinshasa, DRC supporting the Government of DRC in running its National REDD Fund, a US$200 Million trust fund aiming to implement the investment plan to reduce human pressure on the second largest tropical forest basin. She has extensive experience across the globe supporting countries managing their ecosystems sustainably and cooperatively and has gradually shifted her attention to financial mechanisms that underpin these efforts. A land use planner and agronomist by training, Mirey is a bird enthusiast, a legacy of her work with BirdLife International, the Ministry of Environment and various NGOs she supported prior to joining the UN.

António Ferrari (moderator) - United Nations Regional Information Centre
António Ferrari is the Desk Officer for Portugal at UNRIC, the United Nations Regional Information Centre in Brussels. He started his career at the United Nations in 2017 and has since worked at UN offices in New York and Brussels. He studied Communications and Media Studies at the Universidade Nova de Lisboa and International Relations and European Affairs at Universidade de Lisboa. Antonio has also worked as a press advisor and journalist.

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As the global community is called to re-examine our relationship to the natural world, one thing is certain: despite all our technological advances we are completely dependent on healthy and vibrant ecosystems for our water, food, medicines, clothes, fuel, shelter and energy, just to name a few. The theme in 2022 is “Building a shared future for all life”, conveying the message that biodiversity is the foundation upon which we can build back better.

UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

There has never been a more urgent need to revive damaged ecosystems than now. Ecosystems support all life on Earth. The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet - and its people. The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration aims to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean. It can help to end poverty, combat climate change and prevent a mass extinction.

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. Their goal is to achieve food security for all and make sure that people have regular access to enough high-quality food to lead active, healthy lives. With over 194 member states, FAO works in over 130 countries worldwide.

UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

The United Nations Environment Programme is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment.

References will be made to the report Spreading like Wildfire: The Rising Threat of Extraordinary Landscape Fires by UNEP and GRID-Arendal, commissioned in support of UNREDD and the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.