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ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is pleased to announce that the theme of Earth Science Week 2022 will be "Earth Science for a Sustainable World." The event, to be held October 9-15, 2022, will emphasize the essential role of Earth science in helping people make decisions that maintain and strengthen the planet's ability to support thriving life.

All people share the same planet Earth. As individuals and societies engage with Earth's systems, their actions echo across time. Within people's daily lives, they are challenged to provide for human health, safety, and prosperity, while preserving environmental sustainability.

"Sustainability refers to practices that promote the capacity of the planet to support life throughout the biosphere, which also involves interactions with the other Earth systems," AGI Executive Director Jonathan Arthur said on announcing the theme. "Earth science knowledge has a central role to play in addressing societal challenges, including global sustainability."

The Earth Science Week 2022 theme provides opportunities for everyone to enhance their understanding of geoscience — including the professions, technologies, and practices that contribute to the sustainability of the Earth, society, and all of life. Program resources and activities will engage young people and others in exploring the many ways that Earth science can and does help promote a sustainable world.

Raising awareness of the geosciences nationally and around the globe, AGI leads Earth Science Week in cooperation with its sponsors and the geoscience community as a service to the public. Each October, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth. Learn more at <https://www.earthsciweek.org>.

Earth Science Week is supported by many organizations, including the U.S. Geological Survey; American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation; National Park Service; NASA; International Raw Materials Observatory; International Union of Geological Sciences; Irish Centre for Research in Applied Geosciences; ExxonMobil; AmericaView; Geological Society of America; American Geophysical Union; Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration (Minerals Education Coalition); Society of Exploration Geophysicists; Geothermal Rising; Water Footprint Calculator (Grace Communications Foundation); CLEAN (Climate Literacy and Energy Awareness Network); and American Meteorological Association. AGI welcomes additional partners.

About AGI

The American Geosciences Institute (AGI), a federation of scientific and professional associations representing over a quarter-million geoscientists, is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to serving the geoscience community and addressing the needs of society. AGI headquarters are in Alexandria, Virginia.

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