

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER EARTH DAY : APRIL 22 nd



<http://www.greeningtheblue.org/event/international-mother-earth-day>

TEXT 1 :

International Mother Earth Day is celebrated to remind each of us that **the Earth** and its **ecosystems** provide us with life and sustenance. It also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the **1992 Rio Declaration**, to promote **harmony with nature** and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.

International Mother Earth Day provides an opportunity to raise **public awareness** around the world to the challenges regarding **the well-being of the planet** and all the life it supports.

Vocabulary : match these from the text to the right French translation:

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| 1/ la Terre (planète) | a) celebrated |
| 2/ le bien-être de la planète | b) to promote harmony with nature |
| 3/ fêté / célébré | c) around the world |
| 4/ nous donne la vie et la nourriture | d) the Earth |
| 5/ un équilibre juste | e) environmental needs |
| 6/ pour rappeler à chacun de nous | f) a just balance |
| 7/ promouvoir l'harmonie avec la nature | g) provide us with life and sustenance |
| 8/ dans le monde | h) the well-being of the planet |
| 9/ fournit l'occasion de sensibiliser le public | i) to remind each of us |
| 10/ les besoins environnementaux | j) provides an opportunity to raise public awareness |

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TEXT 2 :

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/earth-day>

Mother Earth is clearly urging a call to action. Nature is suffering. **Australian fires, heat records** and the worst locust invasion in Kenya. Now we face **COVID -19, a worldwide health pandemic** link to the health of our **ecosystem**.

Climate change, man-made changes to nature as well as crimes that disrupt **biodiversity**, such as **deforestation**, land-use change, **intensified agriculture** and livestock production or the growing illegal **wildlife trade**, can increase contact and the **transmission of infectious diseases from animals to humans** (zoonotic diseases) like COVID-19.

From one new infection disease that emerges in humans every 4 months, 75% of these emerging diseases come from animals, according to UN Environment.

This shows the **close relationships between human, animal and environmental health.**

Visible, positive impact– whether through improved air quality or reduced **greenhouse gas emissions** – are but temporary, because they come on the back of tragic economic slowdown and human distress.

Let's remind more than ever in this International Mother Earth Day that we need a shift to a **more sustainable economy that works for both people and the planet.** Let's promote harmony with nature and the Earth.

Vocabulary : find these words in the text :

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| une pandémie sanitaire mondiale : | records de chaleur : |
| trafic d'animaux sauvages : | changement climatique : |
| émissions de gaz à effet de serre : | maladies infectieuses : |
| changements dus à l'activité humaine : | économie durable : |
| agriculture intensive : | déforestation : |
| perturber la biodiversité : | écosystèmes : |

WATCH THE VIDEOS :

1/ Earth Day 2020 : 50th anniversary = avec sous-titres

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQqz2HJ3RK0>

Complete the text with the message from the video:

This document is to celebrate a H..... E..... D.....
The E..... is what we all have in c.....
Go g..... and make our Earth a b..... place to l.....
It's time to t..... Mother Earth for c..... us

2/ Earth Day 2020 : It's Not A Day — It's a Movement = avec sous-titres

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FRzGgJk8X8M>

Complete the text with the information from the video:

1/ **Numbers / dates / nouns** : Earth Day Movement was created in and it mobilizes more than a people w (= around the world). Some campaigns were created to helpthe planet, like : Earth Challenge..... / Artists for the Earth / Vote Earth / Teach-Ins / The Great Global

2/ **Verbs** : these campaigns were created to : and passionate individuals around the world, and millions of individual actions into a billion Acts of Green. 2020 will 50 years of Earth Day.

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