

Dear esteemed participant,

We hope this message finds you well. This year, Utrecht has the honor of hosting *the world's largest conference on [sustainability transitions](#)*. It will be expected that more than 600 top scientists from around the globe will attend the conference. This presents an exceptional opportunity for the city and the province of Utrecht to engage with the latest scientific insights on accelerating transitions and showcase the province's most innovative examples, including those from the Merwede district in Utrecht.

We highly value your participation and attendance at the "science-policy" debate on regional transitions, which is being organized as part of this three-day conference.

The debate, initiated by the University of Utrecht, aims to specifically address *the regional transition challenges, with a focus on the Utrecht region*. We have extended invitations to various regional stakeholders, including the vice-governor of the province of Utrecht and the Alderman of the city of Amersfoort. In the debate, the most pressing policy questions will be discussed with policy experts and scientists. For example, how to translate local success into global impact? What can be done to reduce car ownership without losing public support?

The **purpose** of this debate is to provide regional stakeholders like yourself with the opportunity to debate the most pressing questions regarding regional transitions in Utrecht to a panel of international scientists. The goal is to foster a fruitful discussion that benefits from the latest scientific insights. We believe that this debate can give new scientific insights in the contribution of the Utrecht region in advancing global sustainability transitions.



Date: 30th of August



Time: 15:00-16:30



Location: Jaarbeurs, Utrecht

The debate is scheduled for the 30th of August from 15:00 to 16:30. The location is at Jaarbeurs in Utrecht and we gladly invite you to attend the session. Further information regarding the location will be provided at the end of August. **Admission is free, but registration is needed**, by giving a reply to [stellagavezou@gmail.com](mailto:stellagavezou@gmail.com)

Following the debate, there will be drinks starting from 6 p.m., providing networking opportunities and allowing for further discussions. This will be offered by the province as part of the innovation program for a healthy living environment. Please note that the working language for the debate and networking event will be English.

As the availability of spots for debate is *limited* and spots are filling up quickly, we kindly request that you confirm your attendance as soon as possible, by sending a reply to: [stellagavezou@gmail.com](mailto:stellagavezou@gmail.com)

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation. We look forward to engaging in meaningful discussions during the conference and beyond.

Best regards,

Organizing committee of the debate,

Harm van den Heiligenberg, Stella Gkavezou, Toon Meelen and Claudia Stuckrath Alvarado,

