

A close-up photograph of various colorful fungi, likely bracket fungi, growing on a piece of weathered wood. The fungi exhibit concentric, layered growth patterns in shades of blue, green, yellow, and brown. The wood is dark and textured, providing a natural substrate for the fungi. The overall scene is a rich display of natural biodiversity.

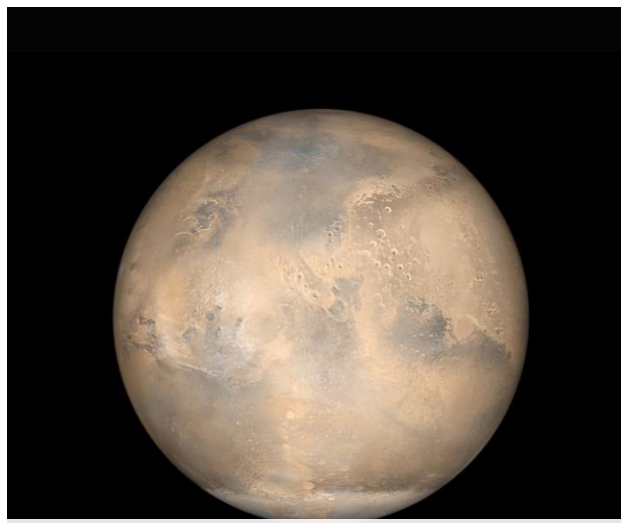
# **Indigenous Peoples' Biocentric Restoration Beyond Sustainability**



## GIZ Vision Statement

We work to shape a **future worth living** around the world.





# A future worth living?





# The terms that ground our daily work

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## Development

Industrialised nations support “underdeveloped” nations in following paths of progress

Progress is measured by GDP growth – in terms of economic improvement

But: these paths of progress have shown to come at terrible ecological and social costs

## Sustainability

Describes intertwined social, economic and ecological development

Objective is always a balance of economic, ecological and social development demands

But: How to restore balance in times of catastrophe?



# **Post-Development** Approaches Three Small (or Large?) **Sparks**



# The Design Space

## Planet Centric Design

- **Human Centered Design:** develops solutions to problems by involving the human perspective in all steps of the problem-solving process.
- It once was a revolution! And a way of putting people before machines.
- Has it today become just another force for overconsumption, distraction and convenience?
- **Planet Centered Design:** pays attention to benefits for people and planet – considers people within their ecological niche





# Desire Lines

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# The Psychology Space

## Eco-Psychology and Trauma

- **Individual:** Considering our relationship with each other and with nature in healing trauma
- Recognising **environmental grief** and rebuilding connections with community and nature to leap out of paralysis
- **Society:** Learning from post-apocalyptic stress syndrome to handle the coming transitions of our societies





# The Legal Space

## Granting Nature Legal Rights

- Often led by countries and communities with large indigenous populations – movements to **grant natural bodies legal recognition and rights**.
- What if a river can sue over disturbance of flow or pollution?
- And what if a river can be sued for inundation?
- A possibility to **reconsider law and legal practice around indigenous practice and relationships** with the Earth?



# German Initiative for constitutional change

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Prof Jens Kersten, University Munich:

“We need a third constitutional revolution”

- We seem to be living in peace in Europe – but not if we consider nature
- We need that peace with nature – as nature won't negotiate with us.
- Adapting our constitution to grant nature constitutional rights forces us to limit us in our freedoms – so that we can adapt and innovate within those limits.





# Fotonachweise / Quellen

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