

18.10 URBAN BY NATURE

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Brussels), Rudy Luijters (Atelier
Veldwerk / The Hague), Ignace
Schops (Regional Landscape
Kempen and Maasland / Genk)**

**19.00–21.00,
WTC-I, 23rd Floor**

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World Transformation Sessions

Panel	Rudy Luijters (Atelier Veldwerk) Ignace Schops (Regionaal Landschap Kempen en Maasland) Toon Tessier (GGS, Haven van Antwerpen) Jan Verheeke (Minaraad) Grégory Mahy (ULG Agro-Bio Tech)
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You Are Here puts twelve urgent questions on the agenda, both in exhibition and in programme: with the slogan “no transition without spatial transformation”, we ask the question what role spatial design can play in imagining and testing optimistic answers. The World Transformation Sessions is a series of twelve public debates where innovative practitioners speak up. Their presentations are followed by a conversation with other persons of interest. As such, transition thinkers, experts, spatial planners and architects are invited to the 23d floor of the WTC-I building.

What is it all about?

Urbanisation and climate change lead to a paradoxical situation: while the growing population leaves less and less room for the functioning of the landscape, we increasingly need *landscape services*. Due to climate change, we need more space for buffering water, for cooling our cities, for food production and production of renewable energy. But regardless of what this means for people, nature and biodiversity require space to survive. We make room for natural dynamics and new food chains with new types of landscapes, parks and buildings. We can organize new synergies between urbanization and open space, and link the culture and history of the landscape to its future.

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