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## CONFERENCE INVITATION

# SATURN

## System and sustainable Approach to virTuous interaction of Urban and Rural LaNdsapes

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Dear colleague,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to attend CATiD, Birmingham City University and Birmingham City Council's forthcoming conference to explore a new approach to landscape that engages culture, environment, well-being and infrastructure.

Today, fragmented governance and institutional silos lead to incomplete climate strategies. Cities are analyzed and developed independently from their natural and cultural landscape. This often leads to a loss of identity, poor design of the structure of civic and public life of the city and neglect of the surrounding lands, which have good carbon sequestration, the potential for food and biomass production and the capacity to mitigate against the risks of climate change and other global challenges.

The project is based on the experience of 3 cities forming a consortium, Birmingham (UK), Trento (Italy), and Gothenburg (Sweden). It aims to reintegrate the significance of landscape within the city strategies and to expand and scale up the models it develops by creating a wider initiative. This workshop is the first of the three year SATURN programme of events funded by EIT Climate-KIC. It builds on the "Landscape as Infrastructure" conference held at BCU in June 2018.

As with many other metropolitan areas around the world, the West Midlands is facing strong population growth, intense pressure for development and a real urgency to deal with issues of climate change, energy, water, bio-diversity and other resilience and sustainability issues. With its young, dynamic population, the ambition is for it to become the most sustainable and attractive conurbation in the UK, based on the quality of its environment, education and employment, health, wealth and well-being.

Over the conference we will draw on the creativity and knowledge of an internationally renowned policy makers, practitioners and academics operating at the cutting edge of a new way of looking at landscape, transformation and change.

Please book your ticket at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturn-workshop-tickets-64364709579>

We hope you will be able to join us for this exciting and important event.

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