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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?

For centuries, we have lived of the fertility and diversity of this moist soil. Current agriculture paradoxically poses a threat to sustainable and healthy food production. After all, a shortage or excess of water has a direct impact on agriculture and landscape. The extreme drought of 2017 and 2018 is clear proof. Changes are therefore necessary. The impact of adaptation of land use is multifaceted: stronger agriculture, a varied landscape, a better water supply and a sustainable soil recovery. Farmers can thus take on a new task as nature and landscape builders, water herders or even as energy producers. The assignment is no longer seen as a purely technical issue.