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## **Planet in Focus International Environmental Film Festival to present Toronto Premiere of *Beyond Climate*, with guests David Suzuki and director Ian Mauro**

**Following the screening, Mauro and Suzuki will participate in a discussion about contemporary Canadian efforts to battle climate change.**

The 19th Planet in Focus International Environmental Film Festival takes place October 25 to 28, 2018 [planetinfocus.org](http://planetinfocus.org)

TORONTO - The [Planet in Focus International Environmental Film Festival](#) (PIF) announced today a special centrepiece screening of *Beyond Climate* by director **Ian Mauro**, as part of the festival's upcoming edition. The Toronto Premiere of the film will take place Friday October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema (506 Bloor St W.).

Produced by the David Suzuki Foundation, *Beyond Climate* is the final instalment of Dr. Ian Mauro's "climate trilogy", looking at the effects of climate change and valiant efforts to battle it across Canada. The film focuses primarily on British Columbia, a province on the frontline of myriad issues, offering an urgent portrait of global climate concerns as seen in a microcosm.

Artistically shot throughout the province, Mauro and Suzuki learn from the collective wisdom of Indigenous leaders, scientists, and policymakers, as we spend time with communities pushing back against the threats of pipelines and fighting for indigenous rights, as well as activists working to build and promote sustainable cities. Following the screening Mauro and Suzuki will participate in a discussion about the film and its implications for the rest of Canada, as well as the world.

Planet in Focus previously hosted **David Suzuki** in 2016, when he was honoured as that year's Canadian Eco-Hero. The scientist, broadcaster, author, and activist has been the recipient of dozens of awards for his work, notably the United Nations Environment Programme Medal (1985), UNESCO's Kalinga Prize for the

Popularization of Science (1986), and the Right Livelihood Award (2009). He was made an officer of the Order of Canada in 1977 and a Companion of the Order of Canada in 2006.

**Dr. Ian Mauro** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Winnipeg. As both a community-based researcher and filmmaker, Mauro works at the interface between the social and ecological sciences, and is a pioneer of multi-media methodologies, scholarship and education. In 2010 Mauro co-directed the influential Inuktitut language documentary ***Qapirangajuq: Inuit Knowledge and Climate Change*** with acclaimed Inuk filmmaker **Zacharias Kunuk** (Planet in Focus Eco-Hero 2013). Mauro is also the co-director of the recently launched Climate Atlas of Canada, an interactive online tool that promotes awareness around climate change in Canada.

### **About Planet in Focus**

Planet in Focus is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to use film as a catalyst for change by raising awareness of critical environmental issues through a variety of media-based initiatives including; the Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival, the Green School Tours, Eco-Film Lab, the PIF Student Film Festival and our Cross Canada Campus Tour that showcase the best environmental films from Canada and around the world. PlanetinFocus.org

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