

**Maurice Strong Environmental Dialogue  
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Dinner remarks**

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We had a good and fruitful day looking at serious issues and making serious suggestions on how to save our planet. Tonight we are here to celebrate the birthday of a man who has been a friend an

honorary diplomas and decorations. It may not surprise you isu