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**SETTING A NEW HEALTH AGENDA - AT THE NEXUS OF CLIMATE CHANGE,  
ENVIRONMENT, AND BIODIVERSITY**

## | BACKGROUND

## | OBJECTIVES

Setting the scene to PMAC 2023



Keynote / Panelist

## Andri Snaer Magnason

*Writer and Documentary Film Director*

On Time and Water, Dreamland, Casket of Time, LoveStar, The Story of the Blue Planet, Bonus Poetry  
Iceland

Andri Snaer Magnason is an Icelandic writer, activist and documentary film maker born in Reykjavik in 1973. His most recent book, *On Time and Water* has been published in more than 30 languages, seeking words, metaphors, myths and personal stories to understand climate change. Andri has won the Icelandic Literary Award in all categories and international Awards in France, USA, Italy, Germany, the UK and China. In 2019 he wrote an obituary for Ok-glacier, the first Icelandic glacier to be lost to climate change. He wrote a letter to the future: "This monument is to acknowledge that we know what is happening, and what needs to be done, only you know if we did it". The event attended by Katrin Jakobsdóttir, Prime Minister of Iceland and Mary Robinson former president of Ireland hit headlines around the world. Andri has directed and produced documentary films that have premiered at international festivals. The most recent are "The Hero's Journey to the Third Pole", about the friendship of two bipolar individuals organising a mental health awareness event in Nepal and *Apocalypse*, an exploration of the world on hold during the first wave of Covid 19 in Iceland, exploring questions like: "If the world could be stopped for a virus, why could nothing be stopped for climate change?". Andri ran for president of Iceland in 2016 with environmental issues on the agenda and came third. Andri comes from a big family of doctors and nurses, his wife Margrét is a nurse and they have 4 children.