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Hans will give a keynote lecture on the progress, challenges and perspectives of peatland restoration and climate change mitigation.