**Press information**

**United Nations declares the year 2022 as the International Year of Glass (IYOG2022)**

**Glass network calls for active participation**

Düsseldorf, 14.12.2021. ***The United Nations has declared 2022 to be the International Year of Glass (IYOG2022). It is thus entirely dedicated to the transparent material. Regional committees worldwide will highlight glass's scientific, economic, and cultural importance as a material in their country or region and celebrate several anniversaries.***

Numerous activities and events on glass will also take place in German-speaking countries under the umbrella of IYOG2022. The activities are coordinated by a Regional Committee, including associations and companies from the glass industry and plant engineering, glass trade fairs, universities, colleges, training, further education institutions, glass artists and associations, and museums. In addition to Germany, it also represents Liechtenstein and Austria.

Spokesman Dr. Thomas Jüngling (Deutsche Glastechnische Gesellschaft) commented, "We are pleased to accompany the IYOG2022 for Germany, Liechtenstein, and Austria. Our goal is to connect all those who deal with the material glass daily even more broadly, to initiate activities on the topic of glass and, in particular, to get the general public excited about the material glass, the history of its production, and its many possible applications. With the IYOG2022, we have a unique platform to show that glass is in many applications in everyday life and will also play a decisive role in many future topics, for example, climate protection and CO2 reduction."

On the website [www.iyog2022-germany.com](file:///C:\Users\5141\Downloads\www.iyog2022-germany.com), interested parties will find all the information they need about IYOG2022, a calendar of events, and a call to participate in the "Places of Glass" campaign. Questions can be addressed to the user community, or discussions on glass can take place in the forum. The website also aims to provide a platform for exchanging best practice examples for activities within the framework of IYOG2022 and promoting networking among the glass community.

Partners of IYOG2022 Germany, Liechtenstein, and Austria are:

Bundesverband Flachglas e.V., Bundesverband Glasindustrie e.V., Deutsche Glastechnische Gesellschaft e.V., colleges, universities and further education institutions on glass as a material, Hüttentechnische Vereinigung der Deutschen Glasindustrie (HVG), glass museums (glasspool e.V.), glasstec, the leading international trade fair for the glass industry, Fachverband der Glasindustrie Österreich, Forum Glastechnik im Verband der Maschinen- und Anlagenbauer e.V..

**We cordially invite you to celebrate the International Year of Glass and to shape and stimulate it with individual activities!**

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