“I’ve heard about the changes in the Arctic, but how do these changes impact people and societies far from the polar region?”

The consequences of the rapid changes in the Arctic are not limited to the polar environment. These changes extend to ecosystem shifts, geopolitical implications, and infrastructure transformations. The inflow of warm water from the Atlantic is leading to the reduction of sea ice, shifts in oceanic temperatures and salinity, and the introduction of new species into the region, a phenomenon known as ‘Atlantification.’ As previously impassable northern sea routes open up, these changes may not only reshape trade routes but also lead to increased geopolitical tensions.

“Climate change is not my field of work. How should I, of all people, address this issue?”

It’s understandable to feel that climate change isn’t directly related to your everyday life or work. However, climate change is of concern for all people, and we can all make a difference by integrating a climate lens into our personal and professional activities. This involves considering the climate impact of our choices, from personal habits to business decisions and investments. By doing so, we contribute to minimising the speed of climate change and building resilience in the face of these transformative challenges.

The Arctic is one of the fastest warming places on Earth.

Change is occurring for ecosystems, human infrastructure and activity, and geopolitics.

We must bring a climate lens to all of our activities, embedding climate action and resilience into our preparations and reactions to change.