



103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IUCN Council  
By conference call, 27 April 2021

DECISIONS<sup>1</sup>

Dec. #	Council Decision
<b>Agenda</b> (Agenda Item 1)	
C103/1	The IUCN Council, <u>Adopts</u> the agenda of its 103 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting. ( <b>Annex 1</b> )
<b>IUCN World Conservation Congress</b> (Agenda Item 4)	
C103/2	<p>The IUCN Council,</p> <p><i>Recalling</i> its</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• decision C100/3 (14 September 2020) to “postpone the Congress to a later date in 2021 to be mutually agreed with the Host Country”,</li><li>• decision C102/6 (1 December 2020) “requesting that the Secretariat and the Host Country propose a cut-off date at the same time as proposing the actual new Congress dates” and</li><li>• decision C/XVI (14 December 2020) deciding that the “date on which the Congress will be held in Marseille (will) be from 3 to 10 September 2021 and the date for confirming the viability of the Congress as an in-person event (cut-off date) (will) be 30 April 2021”;</li></ul> <p><i>Taking into consideration</i> the opinions expressed during the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC) held on 23 April 2021 (document C103/4/1), the analysis presented by the Secretariat (document CPC12/2) and the Host Country’s advice;</p> <p><i>Taking into account</i> the current forecast of registration rates and insights in the evolution of the pandemic, its assessment of the financial and reputational risks and of the possible consequences on the impact and visibility of IUCN;</p> <p><u>Decides</u> to adjust the Congress infrastructure in line with “scenario three (3)” (document CPC12/2);</p> <p><u>Requests</u> the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Host Country, to adapt the format of Congress as laid out in “scenario three (3)” and to mitigate the risks as much as possible;</p> <p><u>Requests</u> the CPC to propose to the Bureau a revised Draft Agenda of the Congress in time to approve and publish it before the deadline established by Rule 45 (3 June 2021);</p> <p><u>Requests</u> the Secretariat to prepare and present to the CPC for the purpose of making a recommendation to Council, a plan for a fall-back scenario in case the</p>

<sup>1</sup> The definitive wording of decisions is subject to Council’s approval of the summary minutes in accordance with Regulation 52.

<p>Congress would need to be cancelled at a later stage as a result of a possible deterioration of the health situation in France in order to ensure that the decisions pertaining to the Members' Assembly can be taken by electronic vote as quickly as possible.</p>
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## 103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IUCN Council<sup>1</sup>

By conference call on 27 April 2021

### Agenda

(Approved by the IUCN Council, 103<sup>rd</sup> Meeting, decision C103/1)

<p><b>Agenda Item 1: Introduction by the President and approval of the agenda</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 2: Report of the Director General</b></p> <p><i>The Director General (DG) will brief Council on specific issues and present his overall accountability report for the period December 2020 through June 2021 at the 104<sup>th</sup> Council meeting (22 June 2021).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C103/2 PPT DG Interim Report to Council</li> </ul>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3: Review of the financial situation of IUCN</b></p> <p>3.1 Overview of the financial situation by the DG and the Chief Financial Officer 3.2 Comments from the Finance and Audit Committee 3.3 Comments from the Treasurer</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4: IUCN World Conservation Congress – decision on the format of the Congress</b></p> <p><i>As requested by decision C102/6 (December 2020), the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC) will prepare recommendations for Council decision by the “cut-off date” established by the Council (end of April 2021), in consultation with the Host country, and taking into account the analysis of situation and risks undertaken by the Secretariat. CPC’s recommendations may include a revised Congress agenda. The CPC’s recommendations will be transmitted to Council following the CPC meeting of 23 April 2021.</i></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5: Implementation of Council’s response to the External Review of IUCN’s governance</b></p> <p><i>Progress Report by the Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC) on its action plan to implement a number of topics from Council’s Response to the External Review which Council considered important and feasible to implement prior to Congress.</i></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6: Reports and recommendations from the standing committees</b></p> <p><i>Hereafter follow the draft agendas of the meetings of the standing committees which will be held prior to the Council meeting.</i></p> <p><i>In accordance with Regulation 59, the committees are invited to present written reports to Council including, as the case may be, draft Council decisions. Given time constraints during a virtual Council meeting, instead of presenting the full reports of their Committee, the Committee Chairs are encouraged to only present selected items for discussion and decision during the Council meeting. The remaining items of their report, including draft Council decisions, will be approved by Council, without discussion, as part of the Committee’s written report, unless a Council member requests to open the discussion of one or more specific element(s) of the report.</i></p> <p><b>6.1 Programme and Policy Committee (PPC56 – 23 March 2021)<sup>2</sup></b></p>

<sup>1</sup> The IUCN President will convene two virtual Council meetings in the first half of 2021 in order to enable the IUCN Council to discharge its oversight, strategic direction and fiduciary responsibilities: the 103<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting on 27 April and the 104<sup>th</sup> on 22 June 2021. In principle, the last meeting of Council during its present term will be held in Marseille on the eve of the opening of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, i.e. on 2 September 2021.

<sup>2</sup> The Chair of PPC intends to convene another meeting in the week beginning 17 May 2021 (tentative date) to address other topics in preparation of the next (104<sup>th</sup>) Council meeting of 22 June 2021, such as the Annual Progress Report 2020, any recommendations from PPC’s task forces, implementation of Resolutions and Recommendations, and the Report from Council’s Global Oceans Focal Person.

1. Approval the Secretariat's proposal of the 2021 Work Plan for the purpose of submitting it to Council for adoption (*Note: the Work Plan 2021 has been submitted to Council for approval by email correspondence on 5 April 2021*)
2. Approval of the draft Addendum to the IUCN Programme 2021-24 "Impacts and implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and human health on the IUCN Programme Nature 2030" (*Note: based on a mandate from the Bureau, the PPC approved the Addendum for the purpose of consulting IUCN Members. The consultation was launched on 1 April 2021*)<sup>3</sup>
  - *C103/6.1 Report of the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PPC – 23 March 2021*

## **6.2 Finance and Audit Committee (FAC75 – 14 April 2021)**

1. Agenda
2. Review of minutes of the previous meeting and status of follow up points and decisions taken
3. Preliminary financial results for 2020
4. Investment update and portfolio performance
5. Financial outlook 2021
6. Resource mobilisation update
7. Congress budget and forecast
8. Report from the Head of Oversight
9. Risk management update
10. Report from the Legal Advisor
11. Update on information systems projects (written report only)
  - *C103/6.2 Report of the 75<sup>th</sup> meeting of the FAC – 14 April 2021*

## **6.3 Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC32 – 7 April 2021)**

1. Review of progress on the action plan to implement Council's Response to the External Review of IUCN's Governance and consideration of proposals ready for Council approval (*Note: on C103 Agenda as item 5*)
2. Motions to amend the Statutes and other IUCN governance issues:
  - 2.1. Process to review Council motions in light of Member proposals tabled during the online discussion (October-December 2020)<sup>4</sup>
  - 2.2. Recommendation to Council on the Member motion to amend the Statutes "*Recognition of the human relationship with Nature and conservation*" received on 3 March 2021<sup>5</sup>
3. IUCN Membership:
  - 3.1. Any membership applications requiring discussion/decision (*Note: membership applications have been approved by the Bureau, 92<sup>nd</sup> meeting 12 April 2021*)

<sup>3</sup> The final version must be published as a Congress document by 3 June 2021 (Rule 45).

<sup>4</sup> Any revisions to the Council motions to amend the Statutes could be approved by Council by email correspondence.

<sup>5</sup> According to Articles 104-106 of the Statutes, the deadline for Member proposals to amend the Statutes was 3 March 2021. Council may transmit the Member motion to amend the Statutes, as the case may be with modifications, to Congress for decision. In that case, the motion must be published three months prior to Congress, i.e. by 3 June 2021.