



83<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the IUCN Council, Gland (CH), 18-21 May 2014

DECISIONS<sup>1</sup>

Dec. #	Council Decision
<b>Approval of the Agenda</b> (Agenda Item 2)	
C/83/1	Council, <u>Adopts</u> the agenda of its 83 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting. (Annex 1)
<b>Record of the approval of summary minutes of the previous Council meeting and of the decisions approved by the Bureau and Council between sessions of the Council</b> (Agenda Item 5)	
C/83/2	Council, <u>Records the approval</u> of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary minutes of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the IUCN Council (November 2013);</li> <li>• Decision of the Bureau to admit 21 organizations/institutions applying for IUCN membership approved by electronic mail on 24 February 2014.</li> </ul>
<b>Report of the IUCN Director General to Council</b> (Agenda Item 6)	
C/83/3	Council, <u>Takes note</u> of the verbal report as well as the written monthly reports of the Director General on her activities since the previous Council meeting.
<b>Reports of the Chairs of the IUCN Commissions to Council</b> (Agenda Item 7)	
C/83/4	Council, <u>Takes note</u> of the written and verbal reports of the Chair of the <a href="#">Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)</a> and of the verbal reports of the <a href="#">Chairs of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)</a> and of the <a href="#">World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)</a> on the activities of their respective Commissions since the 2012 Congress.
Decisions resulting from the Report of the Governance and Constituency Committee of Council	
<b>Venue and date of the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.1)	
C/83/5	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> the Governance and Constituency Committee, <i>Recognizing</i> that two excellent proposals have been received for <a href="#">hosting the 2016 Congress</a> and <i>taking into account</i> the proposals, the evaluation report, the draft Host Country Agreement and all other relevant facts,

<sup>1</sup> Note that the definitive wording of decisions is subject to Council's approval of the Summary Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Council in conformity with Regulation 52.

	<u>Decides</u> to accept the offer from Hawaii, USA to host the 2016 Congress in Honolulu between 1 and 10 September 2016.
<b>Terms of Reference and process for the appointment of the members of the 2016 World Conservation Congress Preparatory Committee</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.1)	
C/83/6	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> the Governance and Constituency Committee, <u>Adopts</u> the Terms of Reference of the 2016 World Conservation Congress Preparatory Committee (Annex 2), and <u>Approves</u> the process for the appointment of the members of the Congress Preparatory Committee. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Procedure for electronic votes of the membership of IUCN between sessions of the Congress</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.2)	
C/83/7	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> the Governance and Constituency Committee, <i>Taking into account</i> the comments received from Members on the proposed amendments to Regulations 94 and 95 establishing a procedure for electronic votes of the membership between sessions of the Congress, approved in 1 <sup>st</sup> reading by the 82 <sup>nd</sup> meeting of Council; <u>Approves</u> the proposed amendments to Regulations 94 and 95 revised following comments from Members, for the purpose of consulting the membership in accordance with IUCN Statute 101; (Annex 3) <u>Requests</u> that this item be added to the agenda of the 84 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Council for adoption of these amendments.
<b>Task Force on Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.2)	
C/83/8	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Governance and Constituency Committee, <u>Decides</u> to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>formally recognize</u> the <a href="#">Task Force on Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability</a> as requested by <a href="#">2012 Congress Resolution 8</a>;</li> <li>2. <u>request the Task Force</u> on Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability to propose to Council measures through which Resolution 8 can be given effect;</li> <li>3. taking into account the proposals from the Task Force, <u>promote</u> such measures as Council may consider necessary to improve IUCN's outreach to and involvement of young people throughout all IUCN's constituent parts, so that intergenerational partnerships become a day-to-day reality in the work of the Union as required by Resolution 8.</li> </ol>
<b>Modifications of Council's transparency policy</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.3)	
C/83/9	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Governance and Constituency Committee, <u>decides</u> to modify its Transparency Policy (2009) by adding the following provisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>v. The summary minutes and the decisions of Council and Bureau meetings will record the individual voting results whenever a vote by roll call is required for a decision or</li> </ol>

<sup>2</sup> As described in Council document C/83/10.3.I.1/2.

	<p>when a member of Council requests their vote to be recorded.</p> <p>vi. The decisions of Council and Bureau meetings will also be posted in the Council pages of the IUCN website, except if Council decides otherwise.</p>
<p><b>Registre du commerce</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.I.3)</p>	
C/83/10	<p>Council,</p> <p>In order to enable IUCN to comply with applicable requirements of the <i>Registre du commerce</i> of the <i>Canton de Vaud</i>, Switzerland,</p> <p><u>Decides</u> to inform the Canton de Vaud that Zhang Xinsheng, Member of Council and President of IUCN, and Patrick de Heney, Member of Council and Treasurer of IUCN, John Robinson, Member of Council and Vice President, Simon Stuart, Member of Council and Willy Geiger, Member of Council have the authority of the Council for any two of them to sign jointly on behalf of IUCN.</p>
<p><b>Admission of new IUCN Members</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.II.1)</p>	
C/83/11	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee</i>,</p> <p><u>Approves</u> the <a href="#">admission of 9 organizations and/or institutions</a>, without objections, applying for membership. (Annex 4)</p>
<p><b>Amendments to the IUCN Regulations pertaining to the membership admission criteria and membership dues</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.II.2)</p>	
C/83/12	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee</i>,</p> <p><i>Taking into account</i> that no comments were received from IUCN Members following the communication of the proposed amendments in accordance with <a href="#">IUCN Statutes</a> 101 and 102;</p> <p><u>Adopts</u>, in 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the proposed amendment to <a href="#">IUCN Regulation</a> 6 as approved at its 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (decision C/82/26). (Annex 5)</p>
C/83/13	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee</i>,</p> <p><i>Taking into account</i> that no comments were received from IUCN Members following the communication of the amendments in accordance with Statutes 101 and 102;</p> <p><u>Adopts</u>, in 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, the proposed amendments to IUCN Regulations 22 and 23 as approved at its 82<sup>nd</sup> Meeting (decision C/82/27). (Annex 5)</p>
<p><b>Recognition of National Committees</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.II.4)</p>	
C/83/14	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of its Governance and Constituency Committee</i>,</p> <p><u>Approves</u> the recognition of the National Committees of Burundi and Morocco; and</p> <p><u>Takes note</u> of communications from the South America Regional Committee of IUCN Members, from the three Members in Venezuela and the IUCN Regional Office for South America informing about the dissolution of the Venezuela National Committee of IUCN Members on 30 June 2013.</p>

<b>Sliding scale in relation to the calculation of dues for State and government agency Members of IUCN</b> (Agenda Item 10.3.II.6)	
C/83/15	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Governance and Constituency Committee, <u>Approves</u> Table 1 “ <i>IUCN sliding scale of State, government agency, political and/or economic integration organization Members and corresponding UN assessment percentages</i> ” in relation to the <a href="#">calculation of dues for State, government agency, political and/or economic integration organisation Members</a> ; (Annex 6) <u>Confirms</u> that the 2016 World Conservation Congress will be requested to approve the dues of Members for the 2017-2020 period.
Decisions resulting from the Report of the Finance and Audit Committee of Council	
<b>Audited Financial Statements for 2013</b> (Agenda Item 10.1.1)	
C/83/16	Council, <i>on the proposal of</i> the Director General and the <i>recommendation of</i> the Finance and Audit Committee, <u>Approves</u> the <a href="#">Audited Financial Statements for 2013</a> , noting that final approval rests with the 2016 World Conservation Congress as provided under Article 20 (d) of the Statutes.
C/83/17	Council, <i>on the proposal of</i> the Director General and the <i>recommendation of</i> the Finance and Audit Committee, <u>Approves</u> an allocation of CHF 150,000 to designated reserves for the World Commission on Environmental Law Congress to be held in 2016.
C/83/18	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> the Finance and Audit Committee, <u>Requests</u> the Director General to include the cost of the attendance of Commission Chairs at Council meetings in the Governance budget when developing the 2015 budget.
<b>Adjustment of the 2014 Budget</b> (Agenda Item 10.1.10)	
C/83/19	Council, <i>on the proposal of</i> the Director General and the recommendation of the FAC, <u>Approves</u> additional unbudgeted expenditure of CHF 58,000 to allow Councillors to attend the IUCN World Parks Congress.
Decisions resulting from the Report of the Programme and Policy Committee of Council	
<b>Evaluation of the IUCN World Heritage Programme</b> (Agenda Item 10.2.1)	
C/83/20	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> the Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Endorses</u> the recommendations of the <a href="#">Management Response</a> to the <a href="#">2013 Evaluation</a> of the <a href="#">IUCN World Heritage Programme</a> , and: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Draws the attention</u> of Council and the Director General to the need to fully address the chronic workload issues noted both in the Evaluation Report, and the Management Response to it;</li> <li>2. <u>Requests</u> the Director General in the 2015 budgeting process to consider providing additional resources from core funds to IUCN's role in the World Heritage Convention; and</li> </ol>

	3. Regarding policy issues, <u>requests</u> the Director General to develop a paper to be brought to the 85 <sup>th</sup> meeting of Council in 2015, following the <a href="#">IUCN World Parks Congress</a> , which explains IUCN's 'no-go' policy regarding extractive industries in World Heritage Sites and provides guidance on potentially damaging activities in protected areas more generally.
<b>The naming and governance of IUCN Knowledge Products</b> (Agenda Item 10.2.2)	
C/83/21	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Requests</u> that the Director General conducts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A review of the naming and relevant branding issues of the <a href="#">IUCN Knowledge Products</a>, through the Global Director, Biodiversity Conservation Group, working with the Head of Communications;</li> <li>A review of the governance of the IUCN Knowledge Products through the Global Director, Biodiversity Conservation Group, working with the Head, Science and Knowledge; and</li> </ol> <p><u>Ensures</u> both reviews engage with all relevant stakeholders in the Commissions, Members, Partners and Secretariat, with a view to providing two reports, one on naming and one on governance, both with recommended strategies on these aspects, to the first Council meeting in 2015.</p>
<b>Categories and criteria for assessing the risks to ecosystems</b> (Agenda Item 10.2.2)	
C/83/22	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Adopts</u> the categories and criteria for assessing risks to ecosystems proposed by the <a href="#">IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management</a> as an official global standard for assessing the risks to ecosystems (Annex 7);</li> <li><u>Encourages</u> Members, Commissions and Secretariat, to explore the role that <a href="#">the IUCN Red List of Ecosystems</a> might play, particularly with respect to how knowledge of ecosystem status may enhance and support their activities and objectives, and how their expertise may strengthen the quality of ecosystem risk assessments, and subsequent conservation actions that may be undertaken; and</li> <li><u>Requests</u> the IUCN Secretariat and the IUCN Commissions to work cooperatively in developing and implementing Knowledge Products and report to Council on this cooperation.</li> </ol>
<b>Reinforcing linkages between Programme delivery and the Convention on Biological Diversity Aichi Targets</b> (Agenda Item 10.2.1)	
C/83/23	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, and following discussion of the impressive report on progress with the <a href="#">IUCN Forest Conservation Programme</a>, <u>Requests</u>, in line with the aims of the <a href="#">2013-16 IUCN Programme</a>, that the Aichi Targets are referred to as a benchmark for helping to assess and evaluate progress with the implementation of the range of <a href="#">IUCN Programmes</a>.</p>
<b>Climate Change Task Force</b> (Agenda Item 10.2.4)	
C/83/24	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Approves</u> the Climate Change Task Force membership, Terms of Reference and Strategic</p>

	Plan, in accordance with Council decision C/82/15. (Annex 8)
<b>Any other matters (Agenda Item 10.2.5): Proposed Nicaragua Canal</b>	
C/83/25	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Encourages</u> all constituent parts of the IUCN interested in the proposed Nicaraguan Inter-oceanic Canal to liaise with the <a href="#">IUCN Regional Office for México, Central America and the Caribbean</a> , and with the <a href="#">IUCN Nicaraguan National Committee</a> .
<b>Any other matters (Agenda Item 10.2.5): <a href="#">Ecosystem based Disaster Risk Reduction</a> and IUCN's role in the Hyogo Framework for Action</b>	
C/83/26	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Takes note</u> and <u>supports</u> the excellent work undertaken by the Secretariat in engaging in the Hyogo Framework for Action process 2005-2015 on Building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters; and <u>Encourages</u> Council members to support and participate in this engagement within their competencies.
<b>Any other matters (Agenda Item 10.2.5): Closure of Fundación Pachamama office in Ecuador</b>	
C/83/27	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <u>Takes note</u> of the concern of the <a href="#">IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law</a> regarding the situation facing Fundación Pachamama in Ecuador, and <u>Requests</u> the Director General to further investigate this matter, consulting with the <a href="#">IUCN Regional Office (SUR)</a> , IUCN Members and partners in Ecuador, and in the region. Based on the information gathered through this process, the Director General is requested to propose appropriate action by IUCN. Furthermore, the Director General is requested to prepare a paper for the next meeting of Council on how such issues, arising in any part of the world, should be treated by IUCN in accordance with its <a href="#">Statutes</a> .
<b>EU Policy Advisory Group (EU-PAG): a potential model for effective One Programme working (Agenda Item 10.5.3)</b>	
C/83/28	Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Programme and Policy Committee, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <u>Recognizes</u> the strategic importance for IUCN of the EU as one of the most significant drivers of global environmental policy and reaffirm the need for IUCN to engage to help shape the EU policy agenda to ensure alignment with IUCN's three programme areas in the <a href="#">2013-16 IUCN Programme</a>;</li> <li>b) <u>Reaffirms</u> the vital role of the EU-Policy Advisory Group (which includes Members, Secretariat, Councillors and Commission representatives) and the <a href="#">IUCN EU Representative Office in Brussels</a> in helping shape the EU policy agenda to ensure alignment with IUCN's three programme areas in the 2013-16 IUCN Programme;</li> <li>c) <u>Calls for</u> regular and effective communication and streamlined internal processes between IUCN EU Representative Office in Brussels, the wider IUCN Secretariat, IUCN Members, Commissions and National Committees and Councillors subject to resource availability;</li> <li>d) <u>Recommends</u> that the Resolutions process is used to support EU-PAG and the IUCN EU Representative Office in Brussels in identifying key priority policy areas on which to</li> </ul>

	<p>focus resources;</p> <p>e) <u>Recognizes</u> that influencing EU institutions requires long term investment;</p> <p>f) <u>Requests</u> the Director General in the 2015 budgeting process to consider providing additional resources from core funds to the IUCN EU Representative Office in Brussels to enable targeted and effective EU level policy advocacy and engagement as outlined above;</p> <p>g) <u>Commends</u> the EU-PAG model to the wider IUCN as a mechanism which could be adopted where there are regional policy co-ordination and advocacy needs.</p>
<p>Decision resulting from the Joint meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Programme and Policy Committee of Council</p>	
<p><b>'One Programme' delivery options for IUCN (Agenda Item 10.5.2)</b></p>	
<p>C/83/29</p>	<p>Council, <i>on the recommendation of</i> its Finance and Audit Committee and its Programme and Policy Committee;</p> <p>Notes the efforts of the Secretariat to combine into paper C/83/10.5/2 a response to several Council decisions pertaining to cost structure analysis, program delivery models and specifically integrating the work of commissions, members and national committees into Secretariat work plans (cf. Council decision C/82/8);</p> <p><u>Requests</u> the Director General to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure each global and regional programme unit prepares a plan for integrating the work and capacities of Commissions, Members and National Committees into their programme work plans, to guide 2014-15 work planning;</li> <li>2. Consult the Chairs of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Programme and Policy Committee on the guidance document on <a href="#">'One Programme' integration</a> into work plans;</li> <li>3. Work with one representative each of the Programme and Policy Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee to prepare a new version of the paper on <a href="#">IUCN Programme Delivery Options</a> which responds to the spirit, intent and specific Council requests to advance One Programme delivery, for discussion at the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council and the workshop in (4) below;</li> <li>4. Work with Council to develop an agenda, objectives, modalities and proposed list of participants for the joint Council-Secretariat meeting on 'One Programme' Implementation scheduled for November 11, 2014.</li> </ol>

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Information about the next Council meeting:

The next meeting of the IUCN Council will be held in Sydney (Australia) from 7 to 10 November 2014 on the occasion of the IUCN World Parks Congress.



## **Agenda**

(Approved by Council decision C/83/1)

### **Preliminary meetings on Sunday 18 May 2014 [Hotel]**

1. **Chairs of the IUCN Commissions** (general coordination meeting) from 8:30 to 12:30
2. **Climate Change Task Force** (informal/preparatory meeting of the initial 'core group' of the Task Force) from 14:00 to 18:00
3. **Resolutions Task Force** from 14:00 to 18:00
4. **Subgroup of the Governance and Constituency Committee on IUCN governance issues** from 14:00 to 18:00

### **Sunday 18 May 2014 from 19:30 to 21:30** (Hotel, Nyon)

1. **Opening of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting**
2. **Approval of the agenda**
3. **'In camera' session**

### **Monday 19 May 2014 from 9:00 to 18:00** (IUCN Conservation Centre, Gland)

4. **Report of the IUCN President**
5. **Record the approval of minutes of the previous Council meeting and decisions adopted between sessions of the Council or during the 'in camera session', and discuss issues arising from them which are not dealt with under other agenda items:**
  - 5.1 Record the approval of the summary minutes and decisions
  - 5.2 Issues arising from previous Council and Bureau meetings/decisions
6. **Report of the IUCN Director General** incl. the Secretariat's preparations for the World Parks Congress
7. **Reports of the Chairs of the IUCN Commissions:**
  - 7.1 World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) including the Commission's preparations for the World Parks Congress
  - 7.2 Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
  - 7.3 World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
8. **Update on the Framework of Action to Strengthen the Union**
9. **Update on the selection of the IUCN Director General**

### **Tuesday 20 May 2014 from 8:30 to 18:00** (IUCN Conservation Centre, Gland)

#### **10. Meetings of the standing committees of Council**

##### **10.1 Finance and Audit Committee (55<sup>th</sup> Meeting)** (8:30 to 16:00)

- 1) Endorsement of the Audited Financial Statements 2013 for submission to Council for approval
- 2) 2014 Financial results to date
- 3) Fund-raising update and report from the fund-raising sub-committee
- 4) Investment update
- 5) Progress report on cost structure analysis,



- 6) Reserves policy and incentives
- 7) Update on information systems projects
- 8) Report from the Head of Oversight
- 9) Report from the Legal Adviser
- 10) Any other business

## **10.2 Programme and Policy Committee (35<sup>th</sup> Meeting) (8:30 to 17:00)**

- 1) Update on the 2013-2016 Programme Implementation, including:
  - a. IUCN World Heritage Programme, including the IUCN World Heritage Programme evaluation and Management's response
  - b. IUCN's implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and application of the Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC)
  - c. IUCN Forest Conservation Programme and related Resolutions of the 2012 Congress
  - d. Biodiversity Offsetting policy development
  - e. Update on the Arctic cross-sector initiative and other relevant Polar related topics
- 2) Programme and policy matters proposed for consideration/decision:
  - a. The naming and governance of IUCN Knowledge Products
  - b. Recommendation to Council for the adoption of categories and criteria for assessing the risk of collapse of ecosystems
- 3) Update on IUCN Congresses other than the World Conservation Congress:
  - a. World Parks Congress 2014: consideration of issues, if any, arising from the reports of the Director General (Item 6) and the Chair of the World Commission on Protected Areas (Item 7.1)
  - b. First World Congress on Ecosystem Management (2015)
- 4) Recommendations from Council Task Forces:
  - a. 2012 Resolutions Task Force:
    - i. Consideration of the recommendations of 'A Study to develop monitoring for results of IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations' in particular those related to enhancing implementation and monitoring, including the Management's Response
    - ii. Communicating Resolutions and Recommendations: progress in the establishment of a database and web-based mechanism
    - iii. Support to the Secretariat in the development of systems for monitoring the implementation of Resolutions by all components of the Union concerned
  - b. Council Climate Change Task Force:
    - i. Propose Terms of Reference for the Task Force to PPC/Council for approval
    - ii. Consider and invite additional members (from Commissions, Secretariat and Members), and
    - iii. Consider a proposal for a schedule of activities for the two year period leading up to the 2015 Paris COP meeting of UNFCCC.
  - c. Gender Task Force
- 5) Any other business:
  - a. Nicaragua Inter-Oceanic Canal Project
  - b. Briefing note on Ecosystem based Disaster Risk Reduction
  - c. Criteria for identifying matters on which to issue IUCN statements
  - d. Any other matter of relevance to the work of PPC, including suggestions for priority items on the agenda of its next meeting

## **10.3 Governance and Constituency Committee (3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting) (8:30 to 16:00; to be continued at 17:00 if necessary)**

### **I. Governance Issues**

- 1) World Conservation Congress:
  - a. Recommendation to Council on venue/date of the 2016 World Conservation Congress
  - b. Recommend to Council the Terms of Reference of the Congress Preparatory Committee and a process for the appointment of its members

- c. Update from the Advisory Group on the motions process concerning the follow-up to Resolution 1 (2012) on the review of the motions process
  - d. Consideration of the recommendations of the 'A Study to develop monitoring for results of IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations' in particular those related to motions process, including the Management's Response
  - e. Members' participation in the 2012 Members' Assembly, voting and sponsored delegates program: update on online discussion and letters sent to non-complying sponsored Members
- 2) Recommendations from the subgroup on IUCN governance issues
- a. Amendments to the Regulations concerning a procedure for electronic votes of the membership between sessions of Congress (Council decision C/82/20): reconsideration of the amendments following feedback from the membership
  - b. Update on the preparation of amendments to the Statutes, Rules and Regulations regarding:
    - i. procedures and deadlines
    - ii. local and sub-national government authorities in the Union
    - iii. authority of the Members' Assembly
    - iv. the revised motions process
  - c. Update on consultations regarding Indigenous Peoples' Organizations in IUCN
  - d. Formal recognition of the Task Force on Intergenerational Partnerships for Sustainability as a Council Task Force
  - e. First discussion on proposals to review the election procedures
- 3) Any other business
- a. Modifications to Council's transparency policy
  - b. Registre du commerce

## II. Constituency issues

- 1) Admission of new Members
- 2) Amendments to the Regulations:
  - a. Second approval of the amendments regarding the requirement of an independent and autonomous board for INGOs (Council decision C/82/26)
  - b. Second approval of the amendments regarding membership dues (Council decision C/82/27)
  - c. Consideration of a possible amendment to Regulation 3 concerning the dues of State Members adhering to IUCN
- 3) Update on the status of the membership
- 4) Recognition of National Committees
- 5) Discussion of the affiliate membership category (C)
- 6) Correction of inconsistencies in the sliding scale of IUCN State/GA membership dues approved by the 2000 Congress (Amman)
- 7) Any other business

**10.4 Joint meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Governance and Constituency Committee (16:00 to 17:00)**

Discussion of issues, and possible amendments to the Regulations, regarding the membership dues:

- a. Implications of merging dues Groups A and B for Governmental Agencies
- b. Members experiencing a difficult financial situation and the rules regarding rescission, withdrawal and re-admission/adherence, or transfer to another membership category
- c. Calculation of dues for National and International NGO Members

**10.5 Joint meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee and the Programme and Policy Committee (17:00 to 18:00)**

- 1) Annual Progress Monitoring Report (Council decision C/82/12 - Monitoring Union-wide progress including the implementation of the IUCN Programme)
- 2) Programme Delivery Options for IUCN
- 3) EU Policy Advisory Group: a potential model for effective One Programme working

**18:00-19:15** Professional updating session: **Enhancing public speaking skills** - facilitated by the IUCN Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) – follow-up session from the one held on 24 November 2013

**Wednesday 21 May 2014 from 08:30 to 17:00** (IUCN Conservation Centre, Gland)

**11. Reports with recommendations from the standing committees of Council**

- 1) Report of the GCC
- 2) Report of the FAC
- 3) Report from the Joint meeting of the FAC and the GCC
- 4) Report of the PPC
- 5) Report from the Joint meeting of the PPC and the FAC

**12. Arrangements for the 84<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (Sydney, 7-10 November 2014) and date and place of Council meetings in 2015**

## CONGRESS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

(Approved by Council at its 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting, May 2014, decision C/83/6)

The Congress Preparatory Committee is established by Council<sup>1</sup> to ensure the necessary preparations are made for the IUCN World Conservation Congress. The role of the Committee is to provide strategic guidance for the preparations for the Congress while the Director General is responsible for organizing the Congress according to the guidelines provided by the Preparatory Committee. The Committee will, in consultation with the host country and the Director General, decide on the scope and nature of the Congress. It will also ensure consistency with and adherence to IUCN's Statutes, Regulations and the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress. And, as called for in the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress<sup>2</sup>, it will assume the role of the Steering Committee during the Congress.

In fulfilment of these responsibilities the Congress Preparatory Committee shall:

- Provide the overarching philosophical framework in which the Congress will be planned and approve the objectives for the Congress;
- To achieve the Congress planning framework and objectives, coordinate with the Motions Working Group and the Election Officer and oversee any other body established for the purpose of performing specific tasks in the preparation of Congress;
- Monitor the response to the recommendations of the previous Congress evaluations;
- Ensure that the host country is fully engaged in the planning and implementation of the Congress and that the host country meets its commitments with regard to the hosting of the Congress;
- Monitor Secretariat progress in the development of the Congress ;
- Consider the draft agenda for the Congress and recommend its approval to Council;
- Recommend to Council the registration fees for participants attending the Congress;
- Ensuring the needs and rights of IUCN's Members and Commissions are addressed in the design, planning and execution of the Congress;
- Provide input and guidance in the development and implementation of a fundraising strategy including the involvement of the private sector;
- *-[Subject to the approval of the revised motions process proposed by the Advisory Group and of the amendments to the Rules/Regulations required to give it effect] Act as appeals body for motions referred to the electronic debate and vote to be held prior to Congress. When acting as appeals body, CPC's membership will be extended with individuals representing the interests of Members as provided in the Rules/Regulations.*
- Keep Council informed, as the case may be with recommendations, on the fulfilment of its responsibilities

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<sup>1</sup> Statute 46 (p)

<sup>2</sup> Rules 15-18

## Procedure for electronic votes of the membership of IUCN between sessions of the Congress

Annex to Decision C/83/7 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IUCN Council, May 2014

(Modifications to the version approved by the 82<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Council are indicated as follows: deletions in ~~strike-through~~; new text underlined)

### Regulation 94

Where a mail ballot is required under the Statutes, an electronic ballot pursuant to ~~Articles 94 and 95 of the Statutes~~ shall be carried out in accordance with the following procedure:

- a. At least six weeks before issuing the first notice of the electronic ballot referred to in paragraph b. of this Regulation, the Director General shall transmit the proposal(s) on which to vote, together with the background documentation, to the Members of IUCN, inviting comments or amendments either by email or through an online discussion forum;
- b. A first formal notice of the electronic ballot, together with relevant background documentation, shall be circulated by the Director General of IUCN via email to the Members of IUCN at least eight weeks one month in advance of the date/time of the opening of the electronic ballot, and shall be followed by a second notice of the electronic ballot to be sent by the Director General three two (2) weeks following the date of the first notice;
- c. The IUCN Members who are or become eligible to vote at the latest as of two weeks prior to the date/time of the opening of the electronic ballot shall be notified by email from the Director General of the opening of the electronic ballot together with the link to the electronic system to cast their vote. The notification shall specify the closing date/time of the electronic vote which will not be sooner than two one weeks as of the date/time of the opening of the vote;
- d. The voting options shall be: 'yes', 'no', 'abstain', and where appropriate, 'refer to the next session of the World Congress'. Any Member who is unable to log in and cast its vote may contact the Secretariat for assistance via email and the Secretariat will email to the Member a paper ballot form which the Member may use to cast its vote and must return via email prior to the date and time of the closing of the particular ballot.
- e. The Government Agency Member that cast the Government Agencies' collective vote at the previous IUCN Congress shall cast the vote for the electronic ballot, unless the Government Agency Members duly notify the Secretariat in writing, at the latest one week twenty-four (24) hours before the date/time of the opening of the electronic ballot, of their agreement to designate a different Member to that will cast their collective vote. The Agency casting the collective vote during an electronic ballot will cast the collective vote at every subsequent electronic vote unless the Secretariat receives a notification of a different agreement among the Members concerned;
- f. The IUCN Legal Adviser shall monitor and ensure the accuracy of the electronic voting process; and
- g. Consistent with the requirement under Rule of Procedure 71bis, the complete voting record of each IUCN Member shall be made available to all IUCN Members within two weeks following the close of the electronic ballot. Consistent with the requirement under Rule of Procedure 72, this voting record shall also include the written statements of any Members

explaining their vote, which the Secretariat shall have received by email before the closing date/time of the electronic ballot.

#### Regulation 95

Where ~~a mail~~ an electronic ballot is conducted by other components of IUCN, the same format as specified in Regulation 94.d shall ~~should~~ be used *mutatis mutandis*.

**Membership Applications  
to be considered by the IUCN Council in May 2014**

Statutory region	#	Organisation name	Acronym	Country	Website	Member Category	Letters of endorsement from IUCN Members	Detailed application
Africa	1	Cameroon Wildlife Conservation Society	CWCS	Cameroon	<a href="http://www.cwcs-cameroon.org/">http://www.cwcs-cameroon.org/</a>	NG	1) NG/24856 Cameroon Environmental Watch, Cameroon 2) NG/25162 Centre d'Appui aux Femmes et aux Ruraux, Cameroon (Support to Women and Rural People Center)	<a href="https://db.tt/1Ys8pDd">https://db.tt/1Ys8pDd</a>
	2	Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux (Gabonese National Parks Agency)	ANPN	Gabon	<a href="http://www.parcsgabon.org">www.parcsgabon.org</a>	GA	<i>n/a for Government agency applicants</i>	<a href="https://db.tt/9WAp3rZY">https://db.tt/9WAp3rZY</a>
Meso & South America	3	Asociación Ak'Tenamit (Ak'Tenamit Association)	AAT	Guatemala	<a href="http://www.aktenamit.org">http://www.aktenamit.org</a>	NG	1) NG/25031 Centro para la Investigación y Planificación del Desarrollo Maya SOTZ'IL, Guatemala (Center for Maya Research and Development) 2) NG/1199 Fundación para el Ecodesarrollo y la Conservación, Guatemala (Foundation for Ecodevelopment and Conservation )	<a href="https://db.tt/VA2QrSfD">https://db.tt/VA2QrSfD</a>
North America & the Caribbean	4	Cree Nation Government	CNG	Canada	<a href="http://www.gcc.ca">http://www.gcc.ca</a>	AF	1) NG/416 Nature Canada, Canada 2) NG/1091 Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Canada	<a href="https://db.tt/r5nvffIQ">https://db.tt/r5nvffIQ</a>
South & East Asia	5	Mai Khao Marine Turtle Foundation	MKMTF	Thailand	<a href="http://www.maikhaomarineturtlefoundation.org">http://www.maikhaomarineturtlefoundation.org</a>	NG	1) NG/ 24838 Good Governance for Social Development and the Environment Institute, Thailand 2) NG/24716 Seub Nakhasathien Foundation, Thailand	<a href="https://db.tt/P5PskbSD">https://db.tt/P5PskbSD</a>
West Asia	6	Friends of Nature Association	FON	Lebanon	<i>n/a</i>	NG	1) NG/25276 Green Hand Organization, Lebanon 2) NG/1446 Environment Protection Committee, Lebanon	<a href="https://db.tt/gMQMJQLm">https://db.tt/gMQMJQLm</a>
	7	Lebanese Environment Forum	LEF	Lebanon	<a href="http://www.lbeforum.org/">http://www.lbeforum.org/</a>	NG	1) NG/1263 Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon, Lebanon 2) NG/1446 Environment Protection Committee, Lebanon	<a href="https://db.tt/xfpqYp12">https://db.tt/xfpqYp12</a>
West Europe	8	Hellenic Botanical Society	HBS	Greece	<a href="http://www.hbs.gr">http://www.hbs.gr</a>	NG	1) NG/72 Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature, Greece 2) NG/1146 WWF Greece	<a href="https://db.tt/PHOoky8">https://db.tt/PHOoky8</a>
	9	Asociación Herpetológica Española (Spanish Herpetological Society)	AHE	Spain	<a href="http://www.herpetologica.com/">http://www.herpetologica.com/</a>	NG	1) NG/24932, SEO/BirdLife, Sociedad Española de Ornitología, Spain (Spanish Ornithological Society (Birdlife)) 2) NG/1356, Asociación Española de Entomología, Spain (Entomological Association of Spain)	<a href="https://db.tt/1HfySrAa">https://db.tt/1HfySrAa</a>

GA Government Agencies  
 NG Non Governmental Organizations  
 IN International Non Governmental Organizations (applicants in this category are listed according to the country where their legal seat is located)  
 AF Affiliates

Amendments to the IUCN Regulations pertaining to the membership admission criteria and membership dues

Approved in 2<sup>nd</sup> reading by the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IUCN Council on 21 May 2014 (decisions C/83/12 and C/83/13)

(deletions in ~~strike-through~~; new text underlined)

**Regulation 6. International Non-Governmental Organizations**

Any international non-governmental organization seeking admission as a Member of IUCN shall, in addition to the requirements of the Statutes:

- (a) be a not-for-profit entity which conforms with the laws of the State where its seat is located;
- (b) have been in existence for at least three years;
- (c) have a substantial record of activity in two or more States and out posted or country offices reporting back to Headquarters;
- (d) have a governing body open to nationals from at least two States; ~~and~~
- (e) have a governance structure which is transparent, accountable and representative; and
- (f) have a board that is autonomous and independent.

**Regulation 22.**

Dues for ~~State~~ Members in Category A shall be established by the World Conservation Congress and be calculated for the period until the next World Congress on the basis of the latest available percentage assessed for States concerned in the budget of the United Nations. The Council may establish ~~divide State Members into~~ groups for the setting of dues. In cases where a Category A Member of IUCN is not, or is not located in, a member of the United Nations as such but is, or is located in, a member of any of the United Nations Specialized Agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, or a party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, such a Member will be assigned to the dues group having a similar Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as indicated in the list used by the United Nations.

**Regulation 23.**

Dues for ~~other~~ Members in Categories B and C shall be established by the World Congress on the proposal of the Council.



Sliding scale in relation to the calculation of dues for State and government agency Members of IUCN

Approved by the 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the IUCN Council (May 2014, decision C/83/15)

Table 1: IUCN sliding scale of State, government agency, political and/or economic integration organisation Members and corresponding UN assessment percentages

IUCN CATEGORY A MEMBERS IN DUES GROUPS:		UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGES:			
0	CORRESPOND TO STATES WITH A UN ASSESSMENT PERCENTAGE OF:			Less than	0.01%
1		From	0.01%	up to & including	0.05%
2		More than	0.05%	up to & including	0.07%
3		More than	0.07%	up to & including	0.11%
4		More than	0.11%	up to & including	0.19%
5		More than	0.19%	up to & including	0.35%
6		More than	0.35%	up to & including	0.67%
7		More than	0.67%	up to & including	1.31%
8		More than	1.31%	up to & including	2.59%
9		More than	2.59%	up to & including	5.15%
10		More than	5.15%		



Summary of the five criteria (A-E) used to evaluate if an ecosystem is threatened. For details on definitions and methods for estimating the variables described below, please refer to Keith *et al.* (2013) Scientific foundations for an IUCN Red List of Ecosystems. *PLoS ONE* 8(5): e62111 (available at: <http://www.iucnredlistofecosystems.org/resources/key-documents/>).

A. Reduction in geographic distribution over ANY of the following time periods:		CR	EN	VU
A1	Present (over the past 50 years).	≥ 80%	≥ 50%	≥ 30%
A2a	Future (over the next 50 years).	≥ 80%	≥ 50%	≥ 30%
A2b	Future (over any 50 year period including the present and future).	≥ 80%	≥ 50%	≥ 30%
A3	Historic (since 1750).	≥ 90%	≥ 70%	≥ 50%

B. Restricted geographic distribution indicated by EITHER B1, B2 or B3:		CR	EN	VU
B1	Extent of a minimum convex polygon enclosing all occurrences (Extent of Occurrence) <b>AND</b> at least one of the following (a-c): (a) An observed or inferred continuing decline in <b>EITHER</b> : i. a measure of spatial extent appropriate to the ecosystem; <b>OR</b> ii. a measure of environmental quality appropriate to characteristic biota of the ecosystem; <b>OR</b> iii. a measure of disruption to biotic interactions appropriate to the characteristic biota of the ecosystem. (b) An observed or inferred threatening processes that are likely to cause continuing declines in either geographic distribution, environmental quality or biotic interactions within the next 20 years. (c) Ecosystem exists at ...	≤ 2,000 km <sup>2</sup>	≤ 20,000 km <sup>2</sup>	≤ 50,000 km <sup>2</sup>
B2	The number of 10 × 10 km grid cells occupied (Area of Occupancy) <b>AND</b> at least one of a-c above (same subcriteria as for B1).	1 location ≤ 2	≤ 5 locations ≤ 20	≤ 10 locations ≤ 50
B3	A very small number of locations (generally fewer than 5) <b>AND</b> prone to the effects of human activities or stochastic events within a very short time period in an uncertain future, and thus capable of collapse or becoming Critically Endangered within a very short time period (B3 can only lead to a listing as <b>VU</b> ).			<b>VU</b>

C. Environmental degradation over ANY of the following time periods:		Relative severity (%)			
	Extent (%)	≥ 80	≥ 50	≥ 30	
C1	The past 50 years based on change in an abiotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 80	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 50	EN	VU	
		≥ 30	VU		
C2	The next 50 years, or any 50-year period including the present and future, based on change in an abiotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 80	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 50	EN	VU	
		≥ 30	VU		
C3	Since 1750 based on change in an abiotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 90	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 70	EN	VU	
		≥ 50	VU		

D. Disruption of biotic processes or interactions over ANY of the following time periods:		Relative severity (%)			
	Extent (%)	≥ 80	≥ 50	≥ 30	
D1	The past 50 years based on change in a biotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 80	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 50	EN	VU	
		≥ 30	VU		
D2	The next 50 years, or any 50-year period including the present and future, based on change in a biotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 80	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 50	EN	VU	
		≥ 30	VU		
D3	Disruption of biotic processes or interactions since 1750 based on change in a biotic variable affecting a fraction of the extent of the ecosystem and with relative severity, as indicated by the following table:	≥ 90	CR	EN	VU
		≥ 70	EN	VU	
		≥ 50	VU		

E. Quantitative analysis ...		CR	EN	VU
... that estimates the probability of ecosystem collapse to be:		≥ 50% within 50 years	≥ 20% within 50 years	≥ 10% within 100 years

## The IUCN Council's Climate Change Task Force

Approved by the IUCN Council (decision C/83/19 – May 2014)

### Membership of the Climate Change Task Force

As approved by Council, the Task Force membership comprises:

- Angela Andrade, Deputy Chair IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management
- Malik Amin Aslam Khan, IUCN Vice President
- Brendan Mackey (**Chair**)
- Nilufer Oral, Regional Councillor
- Spencer Thomas, Chair of Council's Finance and Audit Committee
- Anna Tiraa, Regional Councillor
- James Watson, Head Climate Change Program at Wildlife Conservation Society; Chair of the IUCN Species Survival Commission Climate Change Specialist Group
- Stewart Maginnis, Global Director Nature-based Solutions Group
- Cyriaque Sendashonga, Global Director Programme and Policy (interim until the arrival of the new Senior Climate change Policy Officer, who will then represent the Secretariat)

Experts from Commission and Member organisations will be identified and invited, as required, to provide input to policy statements, contribute to delegations, among other contributions.

### Terms of Reference of the Climate Change Task Force

1. Coordinate IUCN's policy influencing engagement with international processes related to the climate change problem from the entry point of biodiversity, ecosystems and sustainable livelihoods.
2. Draft key policy statements consistent with IUCN's policy procedure which, among other things, requires that statements are consistent with general policy and draw upon relevant expertise from all Union components.
3. Help ensure IUCN's climate change policy portfolio is (a) based on IUCN's nature-based solutions work within the context of climate change mitigation and adaptation, (b) tailored to the key international policy processes IUCN seeks to influence especially UNFCCC, post-2015 SDGs, and CBD, and (c) where possible, evidenced-based drawing upon IUCN's programmatic work.
4. Identify opportunities, including key events and new partnerships, which can significantly amplify IUCN's voice and increase its impact.
5. Promote optimal use of IUCN's organisation assets including the new climate change policy focal point, IUCN's UN Permanent Observer Status, IUCN Environmental Law Centre in Bonn, IUCN State and NGO Members, regional offices and IUCN National Committees, and the knowledge networks represented by IUCN's Commissions.

## **Climate Change Task Force: Strategic Plan (main elements)**

### **1. Policy influencing processes, events and partners**

- a. UNFCCC
- b. World Parks Congress
- c. UN Small Islands Developing States
- d. Post-2015 – SDGs
- e. World Meteorological Organisation

### **2. Policy portfolio**

- a. Ecosystem-based adaptation
- b. Ecosystem-based forest and land use mitigation
- c. Gender

### **3. Project based activities and advisory role**

## **Background**

In many respects, and increasing so, IUCN's conservation efforts are contingent on the international community success or failure in addressing the climate change problem. The pressure is on to reduce emissions from all sources - primarily fossil fuels but also from land use impacts on ecosystems - and to adapt to the now unavoidable impacts of a rapidly changing climate. Nature-based solutions provide a powerful framework for formulating policies with co-benefits for both climate solutions, conservation and people.

The task force's mandate was specific in COUNCIL DECISION C/82/15 (approved at the 82nd Council meeting) which, among other things, requires that a strategic plan, including terms of reference, be drafted and submitted for Council approval. In response, the task force has developed this proposed strategic plan. It makes sense for this strategic plan to cover the remaining period of this Council and to lay down some medium-term tracks that the next Council can follow.

## **Policy influencing processes, events and partners**

In terms of international policy influencing, there are of a number of key processes and events that provide important avenues for IUCN's nature-based climate solutions. The most relevant of these is the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. There are other significant international processes, however, where our climate change policies can make significant contributions. Here we have focused on 2014 events, most of which IUCN is already planning to be engaged at some level. More consideration is needed to identify key opportunities in 2015 and 2016.

## 1. UN Framework Convention on Climate Change

To have influence in the UNFCCC, IUCN needs to engage with key events in the intervening period including the following:

*a. Twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, Paris, France, 30 November – 11 December 2015*

The 2015 Paris CoP will be a major milestone in advancing international climate change commitments and present an exceptional opportunity for IUCN's voice to be heard. The climate change challenge, however, will continue beyond the Paris CoP, whatever its outcomes, and so we must also map out our priorities actions over the medium-term. The major opportunity for IUCN is to develop a strong partnership with the host country, France.

*b. 40th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), 40th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA), 3rd session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP), 4-15 June 2014: Bonn, Germany*

SBSTA 40 will continue to develop guidance on non-market-based approaches non-carbon benefits. As prospect of additional “cooperative actions” gains traction under the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action and the work on FVA (framework for various approaches), it is likely that forests and land-use will continue to play a prominent role. This event provides an important and fruitful avenue for IUCN interventions now and into the future. A number of interventions are planned and additional actions are warranted.

*c. Climate Summit, 23 Sept 2014*

This summit is being organized by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon where, among other things, Heads of States will be invited to make complementary pledges to those made at recent CoPs. This Summit presents an important policy influencing opportunity for IUCN and a concerted effort should be made to have a substantial presence and input, especially around forest issues.

*d. Twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, Lima, Peru, 1-12 December 2014*

To have any chance of influencing negotiations at the 2015 Paris CoP21, IUCN will require substantial engagement with Lima CoP20.

## 2. World Park Congress 12-19 November, 2014, Sydney, Australia

The World Park Congress provides an important opportunity to bring IUCN's nature-based climate change solutions to the international community with a particular emphasis on the role of protected areas in mitigation, adaptation, and disaster risk management. Of particular relevance is WPC- Streamline 2 Responding to Climate Change.

### **3. UN Conference on Small Island Developing States, 1-4 September 2014, Apia, Samoa**

IUCN will be sending a significant delegation to the SIDS conference and an effort should be made to integrate into its efforts our nature-based climate solutions.

### **4. Post-2015 SDGs**

One of the main outcomes of the Rio+20 conference was agreement by state members to develop a set of Sustainable Development Goals. Climate change is recognized in the SDG process as a thematic cluster. IUCN is already deeply engaged with the SDG process and endeavoring to have goals and targets related to biodiversity and ecosystems, drawing upon CBD Aichi Targets, among other others. There is an additional opportunity therefore to inject our nature-based climate policies into the deliberations that are exploring options to integrate climate change into the goals and targets for post-2015 development.

### **5. The World Meteorological Organization has to be included.**

IUCN has recently signed an agreement of collaboration with the WMO and this presents an entirely new avenue for IUCN's climate.

#### **Policy portfolio**

There is a need to update, revise and enhance our climate change policy portfolio in terms of policy statements and supporting papers for our key themes. In some cases, existing documents just have to be updated, for other themes, major revisions are required or entirely new statements written. In most cases, the first draft will be written by the Secretariat.

#### *(i) Ecosystem-based adaptation*

Reasonable progress has been made in injecting elements of ecosystem-based adaptation concepts into the deliberations, decisions and official record of the UNFCCC negotiations. However, neither the term itself nor the principles as defined by the Convention on Biological Diversity have been accepted by UNFCCC parties. Achieving formal recognition of ecosystem-based adaptation along the lines of the CBD definition therefore remains a goal for IUCN.

To advance our agenda within UNFCCC processes we need now draw upon IUCN's work in the area of ecosystem accounting including valuation of ecosystem services. Documenting the benefits, in ecological economic terms, of ecosystem-based approaches, will provide essential information and evidence for policy and decision makers and greatly strengthen our case.

Another critical aspect of adaptation concerns the urgent need to consider the impact of climate change on species. This of course is an important issue in the CBD. Within the UNFCCC, opportunities exist to bring species-based biodiversity policy options to the deliberations on the full scope of REDD+ and biodiversity safeguards and discussions on co-benefits.

An emerging opportunity for advancing ecosystem-based adaptation are the negotiations on Loss and Damage and related international work on Disaster Risk Reduction & Management including the role of protected areas as an insurance and buffers against future disasters. For example, Japan has created a national coastal national park explicitly as an ecosystem-based adaptation tool in response to the tsunami disaster. IUCN should therefore contribute to the 2015 World Congress on Disaster Management.

*(ii) Ecosystem-based forest and land use policies*

The forest and land use policy mechanism for developed countries with binding emissions targets listed in Annex 1 of 230 the Kyoto Protocol (KP) is called Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF). For non-231 Annex 1 countries (developing countries including Brazil, India and China), the equivalent 232 mechanism is called Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+). There is also the possibility that the post-2015 agreement will be based on a single-track negotiation where there will be pressure for universal forest and land use policies.

As with adaptation, IUCN's contributions here are in advancing ecosystem-based approaches to mitigating emissions from forests and land use. In forests, there are three opportunities: protection; improve management practices; and ecological restoration. The first – forest protection – avoids emissions while the other two are ways of reducing emission rates. Protected areas, including Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas, are one important mechanism for avoided emissions

*(iii) Gender*

IUCN is recognized globally as the “*go-to*” organization on gender considerations in the climate negotiations, training delegates and giving policy guidance. The strategy the IUCN team has taken has four elements; i) raise awareness and build support among delegates as to why gender mainstreaming is not just desirable but required; ii) influence the UNFCCC negotiations and support ancillary bodies – e.g. the Climate Investment Funds; iii) build capacity at national level to respond proactively and meaningfully to international provisions for gender mainstreaming; and iv) facilitate and support local partners and members to design and implement gender-related components in national climate policies.

As a result meaningful gender provisions are now mainstreamed across a range of COP decisions, including on REDD+, financing mechanism and adaptation. Over 500 trainers-of-trainers have been supported and IUCN is now supporting them to develop and implement national gender-responsive climate change and REDD+ strategies. The Gender Team will continue with this strategy making sure that gender is adequately addressed in outcomes from Paris and the workings of the Green Climate Fund – while at the same stage promoting early action at national policy level. In the immediate future a side event is being organized for the June 2014 SBSTTA Side Event on “*raising the bar for REDD+: best practices from gender and REDD+ programs and projects*”.

## Project-based activities & technical advisory role

Given the “pause” in international climate change negotiations, the Secretariat has undertaken a number of projects addressing: “on-the-ground” action in ecosystem-based adaptation & mitigation; linking these to national policy dialogues and capacity building; and facilitating development of gender and climate roadmaps.

These projects, in addition to their inherent value, provide a source of evidence in support of IUCN’s policy recommendations. The task force will help ensure that the lessons from project-based and national-level activities are drawn upon in the international policy influencing documents and interventions.

IUCN is recognized as a source of reliable information on REDD+, EBA and gender and our technical advice is sought by Parties, UNFCCC Secretariat and the ancillary processes (Nairobi Work Plan, Green Climate Fund, REDD+ Partnership, FCPF (World Bank), UN-REDD). This technical advisory role is an important way in which IUCN can inject its nature-based solutions into the climate change policy “ecosystem” and helps enhance the credibility of our policy interventions.