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About this Journey

The [COP 27 UN Climate Change Conference](#), hosted by Egypt, will take place from 6 November to 18 November 2022 in the Sharm El-Sheikh International Convention Center (SHICC) in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

This document delineates a journey through COP27 for individuals interested in following events related to Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) – an approach that falls under the umbrella of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) – and countless other related, cross-cutting topics. The items listed in this document also relate to the breadth of topics covered by the [FEBA Working Groups](#).

Note: Speakers and event details are subject to change. Be sure to check the [Official Programme](#). Confirm all event details via the [Green Zone Programme](#), the [Presidency Programme](#), and further programmes available online.

Further events of interest can be found from:

- [IUCN](#),
- [Global Fund for Coral Reefs](#),
- [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change](#) (IPCC),
- [European Union Side Events](#),
- [We Don't Have Time](#) (including free, daily live broadcasts),
- [Resilience Hub](#),
- [IIED](#),
- and many more!

Stay up to date throughout COP27 by following [@FriendsofEbA](#) on Twitter and reading IISD's [Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#) (ENB).

About FEBA

The [Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation](#) is a global collaborative network of more than 100+ agencies and organisations involved in EbA working jointly to share experiences and knowledge, to improve the implementation of EbA related activities on the ground, and to raise awareness and understanding of EbA in adaptation planning processes and multilateral policy frameworks. IUCN serves as the FEBA Secretariat. The coordination of the FEBA network is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI). The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) supports this initiative on the basis of a decision adopted by the German Bundestag.

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FEBA News during COP27

One of the core missions of the FEBA network is to elevate a collective voice of the ecosystem-based adaptation community to inform climate negotiations. For the UNFCCC COP27, FEBA produced two issue briefs, to inform the respective negotiations on both **Loss & Damage** and the **Global Goal on Adaptation**. These briefs will lay out the background of the state of negotiations, and how and why nature-based solutions should be reflected.

Loss and Damage, Ecosystem Integrity and Nature-based Solutions

Loss and damage refers to the current and unavoidable impacts of climate change experienced by millions of people across the globe. Ecosystem loss and degradation, exacerbated by climate change, is a major component of loss and damage. The Friends of EbA and the Partnership for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction launched a joint issue brief for UNFCCC COP27 to provide clarity around the negotiations with a focus on how ecosystem integrity and the implementation and financing of Nature-based Solutions can contribute to averting, minimising and addressing loss and damage.

Read more [here](#).

Nature-based Solutions and the Global Goal on Adaptation

Nature-based Solutions for adaptation – consisting of a wide range of ecosystem management activities, such as the sustainable management of forests, grasslands and wetlands, that increase the resilience and reduce the vulnerability of people and the environment to climate change – offer a critical pathway to define and implement an effective Global Goal on Adaptation and drive and enhance countries' adaptation actions. The Friends of EbA network published an issue brief for UNFCCC COP27 to provide clarity around the Global Goal on Adaptation and the incorporation, implementation, monitoring and financing of Nature-based Solutions in this context.

Read more [here](#).

Week 1

Sunday, 6 Nov	Mon, 7 Nov	Tues, 8 Nov	Wed, 9 Nov	Thurs, 10 Nov
<p>Formal opening of COP27</p>	<p>Scaling up Comprehensive Risk Management to avert, minimize and address losses and damages 15:30-17:00 (Resilience Hub)</p> <p>The Great Blue Wall Accelerating and Scaling Up Ocean Action in the Western Indian Ocean 17:30-19:00 (Africa Pav.)</p>	<p>Ocean Future Lab: Thinking outside the shell: Towards the sustainable blue future we need 08:30-10:00 (Nature Pav.)</p> <p>Adaptation Solutions #ForCoral Nations 11:15-12:45 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Driving investment and building knowledge for coastal and ocean resilience 19:00-20:30 (Resilience Hub)</p>	<p>The Importance of People in Forest Restoration 11:30-12:30 (WMBC Pav.)</p>	<p>Fishing for Climate Resilience: Unlocking the collective potential of vulnerable, coastal communities for climate action 09:00-10:15 (Resilience Hub)</p> <p>Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation in Mountains: Promoting women leadership for agricultural landscapes 09:30-11:30 (Korea Pav.)</p> <p>Launch of the Mangrove Breakthrough 10:30-11:00 (Nat. Media Zone)</p> <p>Advancing Resilience Measurement: Measuring Resilience in Complex Ecosystems 12:00-13:00 (Resilience Hub)</p> <p>Bringing Forests Forward: Scaling corporate action for nature, climate and people 16:00-17:00 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Mid-way through the Glasgow Sharm el-Sheikh (GlaSS) work programme on Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA): Is the GlaSS half full or half empty? 19:00-20:00 (WWF Pav.)</p>

Sun, 13 Nov	Mon, 14 Nov	Tues, 15 Nov	Wed, 16 Nov	Thurs, 17 Nov
	<p>Supporting Local Adaptation Knowledge to Scale Up Nature-based Solutions 09:00-10:00 (PCCB Hub)</p> <p>Doing it Better: Unpacking evidence from the field and lessons learned from NbS for Adaptation 14:10-15:10 (PCCB Hub)</p> <p>Nature-based Solutions 17:00-18:00 (Resilience Hub)</p>	<p>Two sides of the same coin: climate resilience and ecological resilience 11:00-12:00 (Water Pav.)</p> <p>Partnership to accelerate action to protect blue carbon ecosystems for mitigation and adaptation 13:15- (Rm Thutmose)</p> <p>Ocean-Climate-Society: Challenges & opportunities for ocean mitigation, adaptation, finance & UNFCCC 16:45-18:15 (Rm Memphis)</p> <p>Accelerating NbS for adaptation: Engaging stakeholders and securing finance to build resilience 17:00-18:00 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Future of Nature-based Solutions for Adaptation and Resilience: Progress, evidence and action 19:00-21:00 (Korean Pav.)</p>	<p>Biodiversity Day 09:00-18:00</p> <p>Ocean for Climate: Implementing ocean-based climate action to build coastal adaptation and resilience 10:00-12:00 (Rm Ibis)</p> <p>From Global Commitments to Local Action on Biodiversity and Climate 12:05-12:50</p> <p>Opportunities and challenges to respond to climate change in Vietnam 13:00-14:00 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change and Human Health 14:00-15:15 (WHO Pav.)</p> <p>Building capacity to implement rights-based approaches to nature-based climate solutions 14:30-15:30 (Canada Pav.)</p> <p>Catalyzing Nature-based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity Action: Global Commitments to Local Action 15:30-16:30 (UNFCCC Pav.)</p> <p>Financing and Scaling Up Nature Action 17:00-18:30 (MDB Pav.)</p> <p>Advancing Indigenous-led Conservation for a carbon neutral and biodiversity positive future 17:30 (Canada Pav.)</p>	<p>Ecosystem-based Adaptation and the successful implementation and achievement of the SDGs 08:30-09:45 (SDG Pav.)</p> <p>Nexus between Nature-based Solution for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation 11:30-12:30 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Making the Most of the Road Between COP 27 and CBD COP 15 13:00-14:00 (WWF Pav.)</p> <p>Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Enhancing Action on Climate and Implementation of the SDGs 13:15-14:45 (Rm Akhenaten)</p> <p>Ecosystem-based adaptation and forest restoration for increased resilience: Experiences and strategies and from Haiti, Cuba and the Dominican Republic 15:00-16:30 (Rm 7)</p>

Monday, 7 November 2022

Scaling up Comprehensive Risk Management to avert, minimize and address losses and damages

Time: 15:30 - 17:00 | Venue: Resilience Hub

Organised by: IFRC and UNDRR

Description: The adverse effects of climate change and associated risks and impacts depend strongly on near-term mitigation and adaptation actions, including efforts to reduce, prepare for and anticipate risks, which will help reduce the needs for future humanitarian actions.

Risk-blind planning can - and in some cases already has - create new risks and result in maladaptation and reducing community resilience. Hence, risk reduction cannot occur without the use of climate information; climate change adaptation will not be successful without incorporating efforts to reduce risks.

However, globally, and in most countries, efforts to avert, minimize and address losses and damages related to climate change, including disaster risk management, humanitarian action and climate change adaptation have evolved in parallel, with little linkages between their planning, coordination and/or financing mechanisms. At the same time, there is a growing recognition of the value of integrated and collaborative approaches to resolve complex challenges associated with the effects of climate change. In the most vulnerable contexts, e.g. SIDS and LDCs, the role of disaster and climate risk management and humanitarian action is increasingly recognized to help in averting, minimizing and addressing losses and damages.

Speakers:

1. Animesh Kumar, UNDRR
2. Tiziana Quarta Bonzon, IFRC
3. Antonia Yulo Lozaga, Philippines
4. Harsen Nyambe, African Union
5. Robert Kweiga, Uganda Red Cross
6. Martin Frick, WFP
7. Ali Raza Rizvi, IUCN

The Great Blue Wall: Accelerating and Scaling Up Ocean Action in the Western Indian Ocean

Time: 17:30-19:00 | Venue: Africa Pavilion

Organised by: Government of Seychelles, IUCN, High Level Climate Champions, UNECA

Description: The “Great Blue Wall” (GBW) initiative, which was endorsed by the World Conservation Congress in 2021, then subsequently launched at UNFCCC COP26 in Glasgow, is a major Africa-led effort toward a nature-positive world. Under the Great Blue Wall, proponents aim to create interconnected protected and conserved marine areas (“seascapes”) to counteract the effects of climate change and global warming in the Western Indian Ocean region while unlocking the potential of the blue economy to become a driver of nature conservation and sustainable development outcomes. These seascapes will form a regional network of inclusive, fair, and productive large-scale marine conserved areas that will deliver both socio-economic and conservation outcomes by promoting regenerative practices and sustainable use of natural resources that benefit local livelihoods.

In this event, World leaders from the Western Indian Ocean region and beyond will come together to discuss the potential of the Great Blue Wall as an African-led initiative to counteract the effects of climate change and

global warming while unlocking the potential of the blue economy to become a driver of nature conservation and sustainable development outcomes.

Speakers:

1. H.E. Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles
2. Ambassador Peter Thomson, UNSG's Special Envoy for the Oceans
3. Børge Brende, President, World Economic Forum
4. Razan Al Mubarak, President, IUCN
5. Nigel Topping, High-Level Champion of the United Kingdom
6. Antonio Pedro, Acting Executive Secretary, UNECA

Tuesday, 8 November 2022

Ocean Future Lab - Thinking outside the shell: Towards the sustainable blue future we need

Time: 08:30-10:00 | Venue: Nature Pavilion

Organised by: High Level Climate Champions, GCA Ocean & Coastal Zones & partners of Ocean Action Events, Ocean & Climate Platform, Bloomberg Philanthropies

Description: Building on the Ocean for Climate Declaration, launched at COP26 in Glasgow, the event will be a creative session looking into the future of the ocean, specifically focusing on opportunities to tackle the global energy and food crises. It will showcase bold and innovative ocean actions for systems change to accelerate the transition to a regenerative, just and resilient world.

Adaptation Solutions #ForCoral Nations

Time: 11:15 - 12:45 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/wwfclimate

Organised by: WWF, Coral Reef Rescue Initiative, International Coral Reef initiative, Global Fund for Coral Reefs

Description: As COP27's premiere coral reef session, this event will focus on global, regional, and national organizations and entities engaged in reef-based adaptation action for ecosystems and communities. Demonstrative financing instruments, innovative technology, conservation solutions and partnerships scaling up and relaying hope for coral reef longevity will be presented. High-level remarks, solution 'deep dives', and a dynamic expert panel will showcase integrated climate-smart solutions and increased commitment toward cross-sector collaboration at the nexus of adaptation planning and implementation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

Wednesday, 9 November 2022

The Importance of People in Forest Restoration

Time: 11:30 - 12:30 | Venue: We Mean Business Coalition Pavilion

Organised by: Conservation International | Mastercard

Description: Nature-based solutions like restoring, protecting, and managing ecosystems must also help people adapt to the negative impacts of climate change. In this session, you'll hear from our panelists how Mastercard's Priceless Planet Coalition acknowledges that forest restoration is a key strategy for community adaptation and resilience, and how the needs of people and communities are put at the forefront.

Thursday, 10 November 2022

Fishing for Climate Resilience: Unlocking the collective potential of vulnerable, coastal communities for climate action

Time: 09:00 - 10:15 | Venue: Resilience Hub

Organised by: Rare | Global Island Partnership (GLISPA)

Description: The event will showcase how implementation of nature-based solutions (NbS) in coastal ecosystems have positively impacted vulnerable coastal communities and small-scale fishers, while supporting governments across all levels to implement and scale adaptation strategies with NbS and Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA). Local champions and international stakeholders involved in the [Fishing for Climate Resilience](#) project will describe their journey and invite attendees to learn about and discuss enabling factors to their of proven nature-based/EbA solutions for coastal and marine habitats, local livelihoods of small-scale fishers, and in support of NDCs, NAPs, and Green Recovery strategies.

Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation in Mountains: Promoting women leadership for agricultural landscapes

Time: 09:30 - 11:30 | Venue: Korea Pav.

Organised by: IUCN | Instituto de Montaña

Description: Ecosystem-based adaptation can underpin climate resilience in mountain ecosystems, and women's leadership plays a critical role in building climate adaptation and natural resource management strategies. Public policy and the private sector are also integral for scaling up EbA in mountain ecosystems and amplifying the voices of women. Through a panel discussion, this event will present success stories from relevant projects and hear from the local project leaders, indigenous communities, and global policy experts, showcasing the significance of EbA in the Year of Sustainable Mountain Development.

This event aims to highlight the gender disparities in mountain communities, showcase the benefits of women's leadership, and share experiences working with women in local communities to promote resource security. It will also offer an opportunity to discuss ways that public policy and the private sector can promote gender conscious EbA within mountain ecosystems.

Speakers:

1. Ali Raza Rizvi, Head of Climate Change, International Union for Conservation of Nature
2. Ms. Hyoeun Jenny KIM, Ambassador & Deputy Minister for Climate Change Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Korea
3. Dr. German Velasquez, Director Mitigation and Adaptation at the Green Climate Fund
4. Dr. Pasang Dolma Sherpa, Executive Director of the Center for Indigenous Peoples's Research and Development (CIPRED) Nepal and Chair of Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples' Customary and Environmental Laws and Human Rights (SPICEH) within CEESP-IUCN
5. Nema Michael, Ujamaa Community Resource Team, Nepal (UCRT)
6. Mirella Gallardo, Co-Director of Instituto de Montaña
7. Sonam Tobgay, Chief Forestry Officer, Forest Resources Management Division, Department of Forest & Park Services Ministry of Agriculture & Forests, Royal Government of Bhutan
8. Mana Omar, Youth Representative for the Feminist Action for Climate Justice Action Coalition under Generation Equality Forum

Launch of the Mangrove Breakthrough

Time: 10:30 - 11:00 | Venue: Nature Media Zone

Hosted by: UN High Level Climate Champions and Global Mangrove Alliance partners: IUCN, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International, Wetlands International, and the World Wildlife Fund

Description: The ability of mangroves to provide food, extreme weather protection, and livelihoods, while harboring incredible biodiversity, building coastal resilience, and acting as immense carbon sinks makes mangrove conservation and restoration an effective strategy to have in our arsenal to combat climate change. With coastal communities already facing the impacts of a changing climate, we urgently need to invest in conserving and restoring mangroves now as nature-based solutions to adapt to this changing planet.

The Mangrove Breakthrough is part of a set of Marrakech Partnership Adaptation and Resilience Breakthroughs which collectively define global milestones and high-impact solutions to reduce climate risks, particularly in vulnerable communities, through adaptation action. It aims to aims to catalyze the financial support needed to scale proven solutions by working to channel finance to the ground through the Global Mangrove Alliance: a world-wide collaboration between NGOs, governments, academics and communities working together towards a global vision for accelerating change and building a host of opportunities for coastal peoples and biodiversity around the planet.

The Breakthrough will be launched at UNFCCC COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt together with an alliance of early supporters and partners.

Speakers:

1. Nigel Topping, High-Level Climate Champion
2. Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Environment and Climate of the United Arab Emirates
3. Jennifer Morris, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy
4. Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature

Advancing Resilience Measurement: Measuring Resilience in Complex Ecosystems

Time: 12:00 – 13:00 | Venue: Resilience Hub

Organised by: Smithsonian Institution

Bringing Forests Forward: Scaling Corporate Action for Nature, Climate and People

Time: 16:00 – 17:00 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Description: Join this WWF-hosted panel discussion with private sector experts and conservation practitioners on how companies can set a new high bar for leadership by supporting high-integrity nature-based solutions in globally important forest landscapes, including in Brazil, Africa and Vietnam. The event will feature a panel discussion with leading global companies and WWF landscape managers participating in Forests Forward, WWF's global programme that engages businesses to improve forest management, reduce sourcing impacts and support forest restoration, protection and other nature-based solutions.

Speakers:

Moderator: Fran Price, WWF Global Forest Practice lead

1. James McCall, Chief Sustainability Officer, HP Inc.
2. Ulf Johansson, Head of Global Wood Supply & Forestry, Inter IKEA Group
3. Taruhim Miranda Cardoso Quadros, Conservation Analyst, WWF-Brazil
4. Georges Belmond Tchoumba, Central Africa Forest Program Coordinator, WWF-Cameroon

Mid-way through the Glasgow Sharm el-Sheikh (GlaSS) work program on Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA): Is the GlaSS half full or half empty?

Time: 19:00 – 20:00 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Description: At COP26 in Glasgow, CMA adopted a decision to establish and launch a comprehensive two-year Glasgow-Sharm el-Sheikh (GlaSS) work programme on the Global Goal on Adaptation (GGA). The GlaSS is to pave the way forward on operationalizing the GGA by COP28. It aims to provide greater understanding on the GGA, while increasing visibility of adaptation issues; assess the financial, technical and capacity building resources needed; and recognize adaptation efforts undertaken by countries. This WWF and NAP Global Network side event at COP27 aims to take stock of what key areas of consensus have been achieved over the year, what should be achieved at COP27, and what needs to be delivered ahead of COP28 - and the end of the GlaSS. The event aims to highlight the critical importance of the GlaSS work programme, and its linkages with ongoing national plans and systems, and recognizing the ongoing efforts of countries contributing to the GGA.

Speakers:

1. Moderator: Dr Emilie Beauchamp, Lead, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning for Adaptation to Climate Change IISD
2. Sandeep Chamling Rai, Senior Advisor – Global Climate Adaptation Policy, WWF Climate and Energy
3. Key Adaptation Negotiators

Friday, 11 November 2022

The Ocean, its ecosystems, and the UNFCCC: what actions now for effective Ecosystem based Adaptation?

Time: 09:00-10:30 | Venue: Ocean Pavilion

Organised by: Plymouth Marine Laboratory

Description: Investing in actions to sustainably manage, conserve & restore biodiversity & ecosystems is essential for maintaining the ecosystem services critical for climate change adaptation & disaster risk reduction, reducing vulnerabilities, & increasing resilience. Effective EbA could provide local adaptation & mitigation options but with rapidly advancing climate change is there still a window of opportunity for such investment & action? Is there a global warming limit when this window will close? Led by Plymouth Marine Laboratory, the expert panellists will bring the latest scientific evidence to the event to better inform policy makers on Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA), its uncertainties, its co-benefits, and temperature & time limits for action through short interventions & an interactive moderator-led round table discussion followed by Q&A with the audience.

Speakers:

Hans Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair IPCC WGII

Mayor Jean Te of Libertad, Antique, Philippines;

David Obura, Founding Director, CORDIO East Africa;

Nozi Mbongwa, Oceans Alive, South Africa;

Helen Findlay, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK tbc;

Ruth Mathews, Source 2 Sea

Soil restoration and drought resilience in the light of climate change

Time: 16:00-17:00 | Venue: Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas Pavilion | Hybrid

Organised by: WWF, UNCCD, Croptrust, RARE

Description: The event will discuss challenges and opportunities for investing in soil management and land restoration practices that enhance drought resilience; showcase concrete examples of effective national and regional policies and programmes that enhance drought resilience through sustainable soil management practices (focus LAC and African Countries); highlight the UNCCD Drought Initiative which assisted countries in the development of national drought plans to reduce vulnerability and risk, making available a comprehensive toolbox focused on drought preparedness for all stakeholders; and explore how policy commitments such as NDCs, LDN, NBSAPs, NAPs could be aligned to harness the potential of better land and soil management and attract long-term investments to transform these commitments into action.

Building Resilience in East African Community and Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities

Time: 16:45 - 18:15 | Venue: Side Event Room 9

Organised by: CI, East African Community, African Centre for Technology Studies, Frankfurt School of Economy

Description: To illustrate how East African Community region and Sub-Saharan Africa are implementing nature-based adaptation, and the opportunities and challenges in financing such options. It will also highlight options for leveraging local knowledge to build leadership for strengthening adaptation.

Speakers:

1. Viacom's Fedele, CI Adaptation Strategy Director
2. Elijah Toirai, CI Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions

15th Focal Point Forum of the Nairobi Work Programme Flagship event: Enhancing transformative adaptation on agriculture and food security

Time: 18:00 - 20:00 | Venue: TBD

Organised by: UNFCCC

Description: The Nairobi Work Programme (NWP), UNFCCC knowledge-to-action hub on adaptation and resilience and its partners help support countries in meeting their adaptation priorities, including formulating and implementing National Adaptation Plans. At COP27 this year, the NWP's 15th multi-part Focal Point Forum will provide an interactive space that contributes to scaling up adaptation action through knowledge. The multi-part forum will foster dialogue and knowledge-sharing among Parties, UNFCCC national focal points, Adaptation focal points, NWP thematic expert groups and partners, and UNFCCC constituted bodies. For more details on the other multi-part events, see below. The flagship event will launch the thematic area on agriculture and food security. It will be organized in engagement with the NWP thematic expert groups on the same theme, also drawing in experts from across other NWP thematic areas and initiatives which focus on ramping up adaptation efforts at national and subregional levels through knowledge.

Building Inclusive and Resilient Economies: How nature-based and finance solutions can inspire collective impact

Time: 18:30 – 19:30 | Venue: Resilience Hub

Organised by: Smithsonian, JP Morgan Chase and Co., MarshMcLennan

Speakers:

1. Ellen Stofan, Under Secretary for Science and Research, Smithsonian
2. Amy Barnes, Head of Climate Sustainability and Strategy, Marsh

3. Linda French, Global Head of ESG Policy & Regulation, JP Morgan Chase
4. Naoko Ishii, VP and Professor at University of Tokyo; Dir. for Center for Global Commons; Fmr. CEO of GEF
5. Josh Tewksbury, Director, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

Saturday, 12 November 2022

The Future of Nature-based Solutions for Adaptation and Resilience: Driving Ambition and Action

Time: 13:00 – 14:00 | Venue: Egypt Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN, UNEP, COP27 Presidency, Friends of EbA Network, and the Global EbA Fund

Description: Climate change is here, and we are already feeling its impacts around the world, from higher temperatures, rising sea levels, and increasing incidences of extreme events. The most vulnerable people – for example in least developed countries and small islands developing states - are too often the hardest hit, with recent studies demonstrating that over 3.3 billion people live in places that are highly vulnerable to climate change. Even under the most optimistic emissions scenarios, society will still need to adapt to climate impacts.

However, leaders of governments, communities, and corporations increasingly acknowledge that the health and preservation of ecosystems lay the foundation for climate adaptation, together with sustainable economic development, food and water security, and disaster risk reduction. Such nature-based solutions for climate adaptation have the potential to provide vulnerable countries with valuable protection against the economic cost of climate change – reducing the intensity of climate hazards by 26 percent, representing protection against the economic cost of climate change by USD 104 billion by 2030 and USD 393 billion by 2050 (IFRC & WWF, 2022). Investing in adaptation efforts for both ecosystems and humanity can enable transformative progress toward sustainable development – from health, water, nutrition, to clean energy, sustainable infrastructure and equality.

This session will convene experts from the Friends of EbA Network, the Global EbA Fund, IUCN, UNEP, and the COP27 Presidency to celebrate success stories of NbS for Adaptation from the ground in the last decade, hear from ministers around the world showcasing how their countries are implementing and scaling up these strategies, and together, set commitments to continue working together to accelerate global progress on working with nature to build climate resilience.

Speakers:

1. Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director of IUCN
2. Ali Raza Rizvi, Head of Climate Change at IUCN
3. Jessica Troni, Chief – Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP
4. Dr. Ulf Jaeckel, Head of European and International Adaptation to Climate Change of German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection
5. Marcia Toledo or Nady Mahmoud, UN High Level Climate Champions Team
6. Dr Mohamed Ahmed, GCF-UNDP Climate Change Adaptation Project Manager “Enhancing climate change adaptation in the North coast and Nile Delta Regions in Egypt”
7. Cristina Romanelli, Biodiversity, Climate Change and Health Focal Point at WHO

Act to Adapt: A roadmap for resilient coral reef communities and fisheries

Time: 16:30 - 17:30 | Venue: Nature Pavilion

Organised by: Wildlife Conservation Society, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Rare

Description: An interactive event bringing voices from the frontlines of climate impact together with the latest science around climate adaptation to share a hopeful message: local heroes are successfully leading coastal

adaptation work all over the world and new science provides a roadmap for helping communities, coral reefs, and fisheries adapt and survive in the face of climate change.

Accelerating action through partnerships to save the world's most threatened ecosystems

Time: 18:00 - 20:00 | Venue: Nature Pavilion

Organised by: Bloomberg Philanthropies and Communications, Inc.

Description: Following announcements through the first week of COP27, the purpose of this event is to host a brief discussion about dynamic new ocean partnerships, where they came from, why they matter, and how these partnerships can contribute to greater impact. A short set of remarks will be followed by panel Q&A, and then a networking event designed to boost additional partnerships in support of ocean reef resilience. Hosted by Rocky Sanchez Tirona, Managing Director of Fish Forever at Rare, the event will bring together voices from the civil society, governmental, entrepreneurial and non-governmental sectors, to discuss how partnerships can contribute to greater action in support of critical ocean ecosystems.

Reception: Partnerships for a Resilient Future

Time: 18:30 | Venue: Water Pavilion

Organised by: Smithsonian Institute

Monday, 14 November 2022

Supporting Local Adaptation Knowledge to Scale Up Nature-based Solutions

Time: 09:00 - 10:00 | Venue: Capacity-Building Hub

Organised by: FAO, GATC/COICA, CIFOR-ICRAF

Description: This session aims to share knowledge and practical experiences (project results, new scientific publications, lessons learned from IPLC/civil societies) about strengthening local capacities to sustainably manage forests and lands to support adaptation to climate change. The long-term benefits to which this session contributes is reduction of climate-related vulnerabilities thanks to shared learning for scaling up nature-based solutions for adaptation.

Doing it Better: Unpacking Evidence from the Field and Lessons Learned from NbS for Adaptation

Time: 14:10-15:10 | Venue: Paris Committee on Capacity Building Hub

Organised by: Friends of EbA network, IUCN, Rare, and the Green-Gray Infrastructure Community of Practice

Description: Nature-based solutions for climate adaptation have the potential to provide vulnerable countries with valuable protection against climate change hazards, reducing the intensity of climate hazards by 26 percent, representing protection against the economic cost of climate change by USD 104 billion by 2030 and USD 393 billion by 2050 (IFRC & WWF, 2022). Investing in adaptation efforts for both ecosystems and humanity can enable transformative progress toward sustainable development – from health, water, nutrition, to clean energy, sustainable infrastructure, and equality.

While the representation of nature's impact on climate action on the COP stage is greater than ever this year, from the Global Goal on Adaptation to negotiations on Loss & Damage, the implementation of Nature-based Solutions for building climate resilience are not new. Substantial investments have catalyzed concrete evidence for these approaches from around the world. In this session, speakers will present three inspirational case studies of completed NbS for Adaptation/Ecosystem-based Adaptation projects from around the world, diving into the accomplishments, lessons learned, return on investment, and impact of their projects on the ground. Speakers will share the long-term impact of their projects to local communities, and reflect on lessons that can be taken forward into future projects as adaptation efforts are scaled up around the world.

Speakers:

1. Ali Raza Rizvi, Head of Climate Change at IUCN
2. Mirella Gallardo, Co-Director, Instituto de Montaña
3. Ariane Steins-Meier, Vice President of Global Development, Rare
4. Rod Braun, Director of Green-Gray Infrastructure at Conservation International

Nature-based Solutions

Time: 17:00-18:00 | Venue: Resilience Hub

Organised by: CI, International Coalition of Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI)

Description: Making a strong case for Nature-based Solutions requires consideration of their whole lifecycle, from concept planning to design and implementation through to operations and maintenance. This includes defining the physical scope of the project, making the case for investment, identifying who owns and maintains the NbS and then measuring how the benefits, costs and impacts of NbS are generated and perceived across the project. This session will showcase real world examples of planning, delivery and management of NbS, with a focus on building the business case, implementing hybrid solutions and their long-term operation and maintenance.

Tuesday, 15 November 2022

Two sides of the same coin: Climate resilience and ecological resilience

Time: 11:00 - 12:00 | Venue: Water Pavillion

Description: There is no "climate-secure" world without an ecologically secure world. Healthy freshwater ecosystems, including their watersheds, underpin climate resilience and water security. However, freshwater ecosystems around the world are collapsing, threatening biodiversity and ultimately us. Organized by GIZ< AGWA, and TNC, this session will explore opportunities for increased investment in nature-based solutions to protect global freshwater ecosystems, including new approaches and tools at multiple scales (watershed level collective action, national planning and regulatory reform, connection to policy and decision makers, and most importantly deep connections to communities in watersheds).

Speakers:

1. Fred Kihara, TNC Africa
2. Agnes Yobterik, Kenya Ministry of Environment (TBC)
3. Dr. Susan Chomba (TBC)
4. This session will also include interventions from representatives from several additional national and state governments as well as representatives from communities implementing NBS.

Partnership to Accelerate Action to Protect Blue Carbon Ecosystems for Mitigation and Adaptation

Time: 13:15 | Venue: Room Thutmose

Organised by: Conservation International | Government of Australia

Description: This side event aims at demonstrating how partnerships across different sectors are key to driving credible action for the protection and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems (mangroves, seagrasses, tidal marshes), contributing to climate change mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity, ocean economies and livelihoods of coastal communities.

Speakers:

1. Emily Pidgeon, CI VP, Ocean Science and Innovation

Ocean-Climate-Society: Challenges & opportunities for ocean mitigation, adaptation, finance & UNFCCC

Time: 16:45-18:15 | Venue: Room Memphis

Organised by: Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML), Blue Marine Foundation, European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD), Rare, University of Strathclyde

Description: Ocean ecosystems & coastal communities are being impacted by climate change, but the ocean also offers adaptation & mitigation actions. We will show examples of ocean adaptation, incl. Africa & Asia-Pacific, blue finance; collaboration; equitably with communities & ocean integration in the UNFCCC.

Accelerating NbS for Adaptation: Engaging stakeholders and securing finance to build resilience

Time: 17:00-18:00 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Organised by: WWF, CEO Water Mandate, Voices for Just Climate Action

Description: Faced with worsening water-related impacts of climate change, the world must urgently accelerate transformational NBS for adaptation. Key to this is prioritizing effective, equitable and just stakeholder engagement & locally-led projects and innovative approaches to securing financing. This session will showcase global guidelines for stakeholder engagement, as well as practical examples of developing and attracting funding for largescale and community NbS.

Speakers:

1. Nachilala Nkombo, WWF-Zambia CEO
2. Gregg Brill, Technical Lead, CEO Water Mandate
3. Jason Morrison, President, Pacific Institute
4. Barbara Nakangu, Lead, Voices for Just Climate Action
5. Eric Oyare, WWF Lead, Blue Heart of Africa initiative
6. Chief Musungwa, Local leader in Zambia
7. Nitin Jain, Global Center for Adaptation
8. Dr Vanessa Ushie, Africa Development Bank (TBC)
9. Amanda Loeffen, Chief Executive Officer, Human Right 2 Water (TBC)
10. Madhu Rajesh, Senior Director, Water and Agriculture, Coca-Cola (TBC)
11. Elim Sritaba, Chief Sustainability Officer, Asia Pulp and Paper (TBC)

The Future of Nature-based Solutions for Adaptation and Resilience: Progress, evidence and action

Time: 19:00-21:00 | Venue: Korean Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN | IFRC | Friends of EbA Network

Description: This panel session will celebrate growing action for NbS for Adaptation and Resilience from sectoral experts on both conservation and humanitarian workstreams, and celebrate the announcement of the MoU between the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and IUCN to drive forward integrated environmental-humanitarian action.

Speakers:

1. Ninni Ikkala, Senior Officer for Climate Action IFRC
2. Zita Sebesvari, Deputy Director of UNU Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
3. Fabiano de Andrade Correa, IUCN WCEL Climate Change Law Specialist Group
4. National representatives, to be determined

Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Biodiversity Day

Time: 09:00 - 18:00

Description: Biodiversity Day is organized by the Government of Egypt in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme. It aims to advance global and regional efforts towards conserving, restoring and sustainably using biodiversity to reduce climate change impacts and leverage nature-based solutions to mitigate climate change and build resilience for people and nature. The day will also include various announcements of key initiatives in Egypt, Africa, and beyond to deliver on ambitions for climate and nature.

Speakers: Multiple sessions and speakers will be hosted throughout the day. For the opening ceremony:

1. Moderated by H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Egypt
2. H.E. Dr. Mostafa Madbouly, Prime Minister, Egypt
3. H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, UN Deputy Secretary-General
4. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP
5. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
6. Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, CBD

Resources:

Promoting Synergies Between Climate Change Adaptation and Biodiversity - Through the National Adaptation Plan and National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Processes

Description: [This technical brief](#) is a joint collaboration with the Nairobi work programme expert group on biodiversity and climate change adaptation and has been published as a supplement to the NAP technical guidelines. It targets country-level Convention on Biological Diversity and United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change focal points and technical staff of ministries who are engaged in the planning and implementation of NAPs and NBSAPs.

Ocean for Climate: Implementing ocean-based climate action to build coastal adaptation and resilience

Time: 10:00-12:00 | Venue: Ibis Room, Climate Action Zone

Organised by: Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action (MP-GCA) Ocean & Coastal Zones, the Ocean & Climate Platform and the High-level Climate Champions

Description: The Ocean Action Day at COP27 will gather Heads of State, IPLCs' leaders, businesses, UN organisations, scientific institutions, experts and practitioners alongside climate-ocean focused initiatives and NGO leaders. The event will call for unity, raised ambition, increased finance and ocean-based climate action to accelerate mitigation pathways and support ongoing resilience and adaptation needs.

From Global Commitments to Local Action on Biodiversity and Climate

Time: 12:05-12:50

Description: As part of the formal Biodiversity Day proceedings, this block aims to highlight the importance of local action from communities and societies across the world to develop and implement nature-based solutions to address climate change and sustain biodiversity. It will highlight successful approaches and examples for management of terrestrial and wetland ecosystems, including in relation to restoration.

This event will launch the COP27 Presidency ENACT Partnership for Nature-based Solutions ENACT will serve as a hub for Party and non-state actors working on NbS to foster collaboration and bring global coherence to activities. This will be done by sharing experiences and knowledge; supporting the implementation of NbS activities on the ground, and bringing a collective voice to the global community on NbS to inform evidence-based policies, while driving alignment across climate, land degradation, and biodiversity negotiations.

The ENACT Partnership for NbS will function as an enabler and accelerator of progress towards multilaterally - established global targets such as the UN Decade on Restoration, the proposed 30x30 target under the CBD Global Biodiversity Framework, and the G20 Global Initiative on Land Degradation under the UNCCD.

Speakers:

1. H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Egypt
2. H.E. Frans Timmermans, Vice-President of the European Commission
3. H.E. Eisenhower Nduwa Mkaka, Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Malawi
4. H.E. Steffi Lemke, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection
5. Razan Al Mubarak, President of IUCN

Opportunities and challenges to respond to climate change in Vietnam

Time: 13:00-14:00 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Organised by: WWF and Viet Nam

Description: This session will analyze the challenges facing Viet Nam to both mitigate and adapt to climate change. It will showcase solutions at the national and sub-national level that will help to achieve the Net-Zero goal as well as Nature-based Solutions to build resilience, especially in the Mekong delta.

Speakers:

1. Viet Nam government
2. HSBC
3. Stuart Orr, WWF

Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change and Human Health

Time: 14:00-15:15 | Venue: WHO Pavilion

Organised by: WHO, IUCN, Friends of EbA network

Description: Ecosystem health is an essential precondition for health and well-being. It can provide resilience to climate change, attenuate risks posed by extreme weather events, help regulate pests and disease, support food security, access to freshwater, and mental health, and support livelihoods. Investing in Nature-based Solutions to protect, conserve and restore natural ecosystems can offer a catalytic opportunity for health, climate and conservation actors to work together to address common challenges and drive improved health

outcomes. Building policy coherency at the public health, environment, and climate nexus through the lens of NBS can help prevent future health risks associated with ecosystem degradation, biodiversity loss and climate change. This session will showcase the intertwined connections between ecosystem health, climate change, disasters and human health and share best practices and actions that policymakers and other stakeholders can take to work towards shared solutions to shared and interconnected crises.

This session will also help to inform key messages for upcoming WHO-IUCN guidance to catalyze health leadership for Nature-based Solutions, laying out concrete actions that COP attendees can take to mitigate and adapt to climate change, safeguard nature and ecosystem health as a means to improving health outcomes. Key stakeholders from across the climate, health, humanitarian and conservation sectors, and policy makers will come together in an exciting dialogue focused on the health-environment-climate nexus, to support the health arguments for accelerating climate action, and how this can be taken forward within at the community, national to and global levels and within COP27 decisions.

Speakers:

1. Dr. Maria Neira, Director of Public Health, Environment and Social Determinants of Health at WHO
2. Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director of IUCN
3. Dr. Omnia el Omrani, COP27 Presidency Envoy on Youth
4. Dr. Maisoon Ali Al Shaali, Head of Environment at UAE Ministry of Health and Prevention
5. Rayan Kassem, West Asia Regional Director of Youth4Nature
6. Carol Devine, Lead of Humanitarian Action on Climate and Environment, Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
7. Dr. Chadia Wannous, One Health Global Coordinator, World Organisation for Animal Health
8. Roberto Mukaro, Indian Treaty Council, to be confirmed
9. Dr. Kinari Webb, Founder, Health in Harmony

Building capacity to implement rights-based approaches to Nature-Based Climate Solutions

Time: 14:30 – 15:30 | Venue: Canada Pavilion

Description: Nature-based climate solutions (NBCS) hold promise in helping people adapt to the impacts of climate change. To enhance their legitimacy and effectiveness, greater emphasis needs to be placed on rights-based approaches that ensure social inclusion, gender equality, and biodiversity co-benefits. Hosted by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the event will showcase knowledge and capacity-building products developed through IISD’s Nature for Climate Adaptation Initiative, supported by Global Affairs Canada. Through presentations and a Q&A session, the event will highlight examples from different regions and discuss expected outcomes for NBCS and social inclusion in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Speakers:

1. Anne Hammill, Senior Director, Resilience, IISD
2. Veronica Lo, Senior Policy Advisor, IISD
3. Heather Stager, Deputy Director, Climate Finance, Global Affairs Canada
4. Sheila Babauta, Member of the Northern Mariana Islands House of Representatives
5. Tristan Tyrell, Program Management Officer, Biodiversity and Climate Change, Convention on Biological Diversity
6. Government representative from Grenada (TBC)

Resources:

[Nature for Climate Adaptation Initiative:](#) IISD’s Nature for Climate Adaptation Initiative (NCAI) seeks to enhance understanding, knowledge, and capacity to design and deliver nature-based climate solutions for

adaptation that provide biodiversity and livelihood benefits to people of all genders and social groups. Supported by Global Affairs Canada, the NCAI uses three key tools: 1) a self-paced, accessible e-learning course developed in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN); 2) an online learning space with technical guidance, resources, and case studies; and 3) virtual and in-person learning exchange opportunities that foster a community of practice.

Catalyzing Nature-based Solutions for Climate and Biodiversity Action: Global Commitments to Local Action

Time: 15:30-16:30 | Venue: UNFCCC Pavilion

Organized by IUCN

Description: Nature-based Solutions have the potential to provide up to 30% of the global mitigation required to achieve the 1.5 C target under the Paris Agreement, together with the potential to reduce the intensity of climate hazards by 26 percent, representing protection against the economic cost of climate change by USD 104 billion by 2030 and USD 393 billion by 2050.

On Biodiversity Day, to drive collective action on climate change and biodiversity, the COP27 Presidency in collaboration with the IUCN will launch the ENACT Partnership on Nature-based Solutions to serve as a hub for Party and non-Party stakeholders working on NbS to bring coherence to global activities, to share experiences and knowledge, to support the implementation of NbS activities on the ground, and to bring a collective voice to the global community on NbS to inform policy alignment across climate and biodiversity negotiations.

Immediately following the ministerial launch of this Initiative as part of Biodiversity Day, this UNFCCC Pavilion Event will convene a high level panel of representatives to discuss the operationalization and next steps for the initiative; to share global commitments on scaling up action on NbS across the different identified initiative workstreams (i.e. adaptation; food security; health; carbon; oceans); and to lay out the collective pathway for catalyzing transformative action.

Speakers:

1. Bruno Oberle, Director General of IUCN
2. Moderated by: Stewart Maginnis, Deputy Director General of IUCN
3. Inka Gnittke, Director General for Nature, Germany,
4. H.E Dr Satyendra Prasad, Fiji Head of Delegation to COP28 and Permanent Representative to the United Nations,
5. Ing. Lucky Medina, Minister of Environment of Honduras
6. Pasang Dolma Sherpa, Executive Director of Center of Indigenous People's Research and Development (CIPRED),
7. Representative of UAE, to be confirmed
8. Other national focal points, to be confirmed

Financing and Scaling-up Nature Action for Adaptation

Time: 17:00-18:30 | Venue: Multilateral Development Bank Pavilion

Organised by: African Development Bank, World Bank, Islamic Development Bank, UN CBD, Green Growth Knowledge Partnership, WWF, World Resources Institute

Description: The session will also focus on the urgent need to accelerate investment in Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in Africa to adapt to climate change – through showcasing what ambitious and effective projects look like. It will highlight important lessons from NbS case studies involving AfDB and partners, including launching key reports and policy papers, as well as showcasing new NbS projects in the pipeline from Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and Tunisia that tackle societal challenges, such as food, water and energy security, and

demonstrate the opportunity to explore green infrastructure investment combined with grey infrastructure, which is critical for sustainable development on the continent.

Speakers:

1. Dr. Innocent ONAH, African Development Bank
2. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, UN CBD (tbc)
3. Prof. Kevin Urama, AfDB
4. Elizabeth Marsters, WRI (tbc)
5. Eric Oyare, WWF Blue Heart of Africa Lead
6. Nitin Jain, GCA
7. Dr. Vanessa USHIE, AfDB
8. Dr Daouda Ndiaye, IsDB (tbc)
9. Bernice van Bronkhorst, World Bank (tbc)
10. Stuart Orr, WWF

Advancing Indigenous-led Conservation for a carbon neutral and biodiversity positive future

Time: 17:30 | Venue: Government of Canada Pavilion

Organized by WWF Canada

Description: This panel will provide examples of Indigenous nature-based climate solutions (NbCS) in four regions of Canada. NbCS are essential to deliver measurable improved outcomes for climate mitigation and adaptation, and for biodiversity. They have a strong link to levels of ambition and implementation for both the UNFCCC COP 27 and the Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15. Incorporating Indigenous rights, governance, and knowledge is also necessary to ensure successful and long-lasting benefits from NbCS.

Speakers:

1. Steven Nitah, Canada
2. Angela, Nature for Justice
3. Angela Kane, CEO, Secwepemcul'ecw Restoration and Stewardship Society
4. Vern Cheechoo, Director, Lands and Resources, Mushkegowuk Council
5. William Goodon, Minister, Manitoba Métis Foundation

Thursday, 17 November 2022

Ecosystem-based Adaptation and the successful implementation and achievement of the SDGs

Time: 08:30 – 09:45 | Venue: SDG Pavilion | Hybrid

Description: This event, co-hosted FEBA members, including SwedBio, IUCN, Rare, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund, and others, will provide an overview of how an effectively implemented EbA approach can underpin successful achievement of the SDGs and provide case study examples of best practice.

Speakers:

1. IUCN;
2. SwedBio;
3. FAO;
4. Caribbean Biodiversity Fund;
5. CBD Secretariat

Nexus between Nature-based Solution for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

Time: 11:30 – 12:30 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Organised by: WWF and IFRC

Description: Nature-based Solutions (NbS) have been identified as unique and effective ways to support disaster risk reduction (DRR) and climate change adaptation (CCA) by addressing the environmental root causes of disasters while also contributing to multiple societal goals, including improvements in human health and well-being, food and water security, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. However, NbS are far from reaching their full potential, with initiatives remaining largely small-scale and project based, often with little cohesion across and between projects. IFRC and WWF will be organising a side event in order to highlight the nexus between NbS, DRR, CCA and biodiversity conservation and show case pragmatic ways forward by highlighting the partnership between a humanitarian and environmental organisation and discuss the challenges and opportunities around enhanced development and delivery of NbS for DRR and CCA.

Speakers:

1. Nena Stoiljkovic – Under Secretary General for Global Relations, IFRC
2. Marco Lambertini – Director General, WWF International
3. Private Sector representatives – TBC
4. Government Delegates - TBC

Making the Most of the Road Between COP 27 and CBD COP 15

Time: 13:00 – 14:00 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Hosted by: WWF Canada

Description: This premier event with Canada's Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Steven Guilbeault, and Manuel Pulgar Vidal, Head of WWF Climate and Energy Practice, will spotlight how momentum from COP 27 can drive high ambition and commitment at the Convention on Biological Diversity COP 15 in Montreal in early December.

Speakers:

1. The Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada and co-host of CBD COP 15
2. Manuel Pulgar Vidal, Head of WWF Climate and Energy Practice and Interim Chair of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Enhancing Action on Climate and Implementation of the SDGs

Time: 13:15 - 14:45 | Venue: Room Akhenaten

Description: The side event, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and co-convened by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), will discuss how the post-2020 global biodiversity framework could support climate change adaptation and mitigation, and accelerate progress on key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), through global collaboration, integrated approaches and inclusion of all stakeholders.

Speakers:

1. Ms. Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

2. Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, Executive Secretary, United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
3. Mr. Simon Stiell, Executive Secretary, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) (TBC)
4. Ms. Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
5. Ms. Inger Andersen, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) (TBC)
6. Ms. Jennifer Corpuz, Global Policy and Advocacy Lead, Nia Tero
7. Mr. Basile van Havre, CBD WG2020 Co-Chair, Government of Canada
8. Mr. Francis Ogwal, CBD WG2020 Co-Chair, Government of Uganda

Ecosystem-based adaptation and forest restoration for increased resilience: Experiences and strategies from Haiti, Cuba and the Dominican Republic

Time: 15:00 - 16:30 | Venue: Room 7

Description: Welthungerhilfe, OroVerde, partners and guests will show best practices and lessons from EbA projects in Haiti, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Panellists will share successful solutions how the project's EbA-approach helps to integrate ecosystem conservation, restoration and adaptation to climate change in rural communities.

Speakers:

1. Michael Kühn (Welthungerhilfe);
2. Johannes Horstmann (OroVerde);
3. Yulissa Alvarez (Centro Naturaleza, D.R.);
4. Ulrike Krauss (Caribbean Biodiversity Fund);
5. Caribbean Biological Corridor (TBC);
6. Z.U.G. (on behalf of IKI) (TBC)

Friday, 18 November 2022

Connecting the crises: Why conserving and restoring ecological connectivity combats the climate crisis, the biodiversity crisis, and can help prevent the next pandemic

Time: 10.30-11:30 | Venue: WWF Pavilion | Hybrid: youtube.com/WWFClimate

Organised by: WWF, United Nations Convention on Migratory Species, United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Center (UNEP-WCMC), IUCN Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group (CCSG), Center for Large Landscape Conservation.

Description: Ecological connectivity is the circulatory system of nature. The connectivity of lands, freshwaters, and oceans is increasingly recognized as one of the most important adaptation responses to ensure climate resilience of species and ecosystems, as well as helping prevent the next pandemic. The objective of this event is to increase awareness of UNFCCC delegates on the role of ecological connectivity in addressing climate change, and encourage the consideration of ecological connectivity in climate action and finance decisions.

Speakers:

1. Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF;

2. Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals;
3. Ronan Dantec, Senator of Loire Atlantique, France, President of Climate Chance;
4. Gary Tabor, Chair IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group;
5. Amrita Neelakantan, Center for Large Landscape Conservation;
6. Val Kapos, Head Nature Based Solutions, UNEP World Conservation Monitoring – Moderator