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REGIONAL DIALOGUE: TRANSBOUNDARY CONSERVATION IN CENTRAL ASIA

28-30 November 2023

PANARAMS Tashkent Hotel, 2 BoyKurgon Street
Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

AGENDA

Day 1, 28 November 2023, Hall Silk Road		
Local time	Session name and description	Speaker(s)
08:45-09:15	Welcome coffee, registration	
09:15-09:30	Media statements Statements and short interviews	- Kazbekov Jusipbek , Deputy Minister of ecology, environmental protection and climate change of the Republic of Uzbekistan (tbc) - Keynote speakers
09:30-10:00	Official opening The keynote will include remarks about political commitment to international conventions on nature conservation, state of regional cooperation related to biodiversity and protected areas, and transboundary cooperation.	- Kazbekov Jusipbek , Deputy Minister of ecology, environmental protection and climate change of the Republic of Uzbekistan; - Marco Mantovanelli , World Bank Country Manager for Uzbekistan; - Dr. Michael Wimmer , Head of Cooperation <i>or</i> Alice Woelken , Deputy Ambassador, German Embassy (tbc); - Boris Erg , Director of IUCN's Regional European Office (online); - Joachim Fritz , Director of Country Office, GIZ
10:00-10:20	Setting the scene: Resilient Landscape Restoration Program (RESILAND CA+) This session will present the strategic objectives of the RESILAND CA+ Program, including specific country objectives; will cover so far achievements and will mention	- Urvashi Narain , Sustainable Development Program Leader for Central Asia, the World Bank



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	remaining activities until the phase out of the programme.	
10:20-10:30	<i>Q&A session</i>	
10:30- 10:45	<p>Setting the scene: Transboundary conservation – Global aspects of transboundary conservation</p> <p>This session will introduce transboundary conservation (TBC) as a concept, state of play globally and highlight its key challenges and benefits; good practices/examples to follow.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> IUCN</p>	<p>- Maja Vasiljević, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group & Norwegian Institute for Nature Research: Global aspects of transboundary conservation</p>
10:45-11:00	<i>Q&A session</i>	
11:00-11:15	Coffee break	
11:15-12:05	<p>Setting the scene: Peace parks and Environmental Peacebuilding</p> <p>This session will explore the theme of Peace Parks and biodiversity, and how biodiversity can be a valuable tool for peace.</p> <p>- Introducing the Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative (PBDI) that promotes transboundary cooperation in protected areas globally; presenting a case study on current PBDI activities in West Africa/Central Asia; and the PBDI's role within the current and future global biodiversity frameworks.</p>	<p>- Shaadee Jasmine Ahmadnia and Phoebe Girouard Spencer, the World Bank, Defueling Conflict: Environment and Natural Resource Management as a Pathway to Peace;</p> <p>- Kevan Zunckel, IUCN WCPA Transboundary Conservation Specialist Group and Zunckel Ecological & Environmental Services: Peace Parks and their relevance to transboundary conservation;</p> <p>- Mariano Castro Jiménez, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity: Peace and Biodiversity Dialogue Initiative</p>
12:05-12:15	<i>Q&A session</i>	
12:15-12:50	<p>Facilitating Transboundary Conservation: Transboundary and Regional Programmes</p> <p>Cooperation under the auspices of the Ramsar Convention, Convention on Migratory Species, the World Heritage Convention, and the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme</p>	<p>- Christian Welscher, Michael Succow Fdn: Transboundary project activities of Succow Foundation in Central Asia;</p> <p>- Polina Orlinskiy, CMS Central Asian Mammals Initiative (CAMI) (online);</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elina Maltseva, UNESCO National Commission in Kazakhstan World Heritage and transboundary cooperation; - Ludmilla Kiktenko, Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC): Innovative approach for sustainable and wise use of wetlands in Central Asia through partnership and collaboration; - Maksim Mitropolsky, Regional Ramsar Network in Uzbekistan: Ramsar Regional Network in Central Asia
12:50 -13:00	Q&A session	
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<p>Regional Dialogue 1 – on the importance of TB cooperation and conservation opportunities in Central Asia</p> <p>Country – focussed scene setting / priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are needs and challenges for transboundary cooperation in the country? - Main benefits and opportunities for TB cooperation for your country. <p>Conclusions and mapped opportunities on TB conservation in Central Asia.</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Shirin Karryeva, IUCN-WCPA, Focal Point for Central Asia</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shirin Karryeva, IUCN-WCPA, Focal Point for Central Asia, Transboundary conservation initiatives in Turkmenistan; - Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan (tbc); - Arazmyrat Amanov, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan, Gaplankyr State Nature Reserve; - Talantbek Turdumatov, Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Technical Supervision, Kyrgyz Republic; - Madina Amanova, The Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic; - Khursandmurod Fattokhov, Committee for Environmental Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan: Prospects for establishing transboundary PAs of the Republic of Tajikistan with Central Asian countries; - Solijon Mirzoev, Committee for Environmental Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan: Transboundary cooperation in RESILAND CA+ Project in Tajikistan;



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rinat Nurgazin, Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources, Kazakhstan; - Vera Voronova, Association for the Biodiversity Conservation of Kazakhstan (online); - Elena Osipova - Transboundary cooperation under international agreements and conventions: Example of transboundary management framework for Western Tien-Shan World Heritage site (online)
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-17:00	Regional Dialogue 1 continuation, wrap-up and conclusions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roadmap for regional transboundary cooperation 	Discussion IUCN concluding remarks
17:00-18:00	Official cocktail	

Day 2, 29 November 2023, Hall Bukhara

1. Session on Role of nature-based tourism, protected areas and local communities in conservation

09:00-09:30	Welcome coffee, registration	
09:30-10:30	Regional Dialogue 2 – Nature-based tourism: globally and regionally <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Principles of sustainable nature-based tourism - Benefits and economic impact of nature-based tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Urvashi Narain, World Bank, Uzbekistan Country Office, Banking on Protected Areas: Promoting Sustainable Protected Area Tourism to Benefit Local Communities; - Ulbosin Mirzanazarova, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Karakalpakstan Republic, Uzbekistan: Development of ecotourism in protected natural areas of the Republic of Karakalpakstan; - Barno Mammetova, Institute for Cultural Heritage and Tourism Development Uzbekistan: Development of sustainable tourism in the Aral Sea



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		<p>region: problems, prospects and new directions;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Koustubh Sharma, The Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme (GSLEP) Secretariat, Nature-based tourism: Transcending Borders through Nature's Wonders (online); - Mirzonazar Mirzoev, Tajikistan Nature Foundation (former ANCOT), Tajik NP World Heritage site – tourism development
10:30-10:45	<i>Q&A session</i>	
10:45-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<p>Nature-based tourism as a catalyst for transboundary conservation (TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Opportunities for nature-based transboundary tourism in Central Asia - Benefits for TBC from nature-based tourism - Communities and Nature. Strengthening the role of local communities in the management and conservation of protected areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thiago do Val Simardi Beraldo Souza, IUCN WCPA Tourism and Protected Area Specialist Group (TAPAS); - Zairbek Kubanuchbekov, Ilbirs Foundation, Kyrgyz Republic; - Maksim Mitropolsky, Regional Ramsar Network in Uzbekistan, Birdwatching opportunities for tourism in Central Asia; - Murat Zhumashev, CAMP Alatoo Public Foundation, Kyrgyz Republic; - Evgenia Leshina, Program coordinator, EcoCentre Zapovedniks, Russia: Integrated territory development and digitalization of PA services as a tool for tourism development (online)
12:30-12:45	<i>Q&A session</i>	
12:45-13:00	Day 2 wrap-up and conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - representative, the World Bank (tbc); - Milica Mišković, Conservation Action Programme Officer, IUCN ECARO
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
<p>2. Training workshop: Initiating Transboundary conservation in Central Asia, 29- 30 November 2023 (by invitation, hall Silk Road)</p>		