

# MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN: A JOURNEY TOWARDS SUSTAINABILITY

It's not just the final destination  
that makes a journey worthwhile,  
but everything we learn along the way



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Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean is one of the regions richest in terrestrial and marine biodiversity, with communities, ethnic groups and indigenous peoples who have inhabited the area for thousands of years, protecting and living in harmony with natural resources.

Mesoamerica has 12% of the world's biological wealth in just 2% of the planet's land above sea level. It contains the second most important barrier reef in the world, and 8% of the earth's remaining mangroves.

The Caribbean islands form one of the major centres of endemic biodiversity in the world due to the region's geography and climate.



The IUCN's vision is a just world that values and conserves nature. Since 1948, hand in hand with Member organizations, commission experts, governments, and communities, the IUCN has promoted knowledge and actions on the ground for nature's benefit. It has maintained a marked presence in the region since 1988, reaching conservation goals and bringing wellbeing to the most vulnerable communities.

For the 2017-2020 period, the IUCN Programme is calling for work that links ecosystem health and human wellbeing, contributing environmentally to the Sustainable Development Goals and Biodiversity Targets agreed by the countries.

# CONSERVATION, RIGHTS AND GOVERNANCE: THE SAILS OF OUR JOURNEY

In our region, rights-based conservation and governance systems and schemes are vital to achieve the goals of conservation and sustainable use of nature.



In these latest years of our journey, diverse experiences stand out for fostering the recovery, sustainable use, and connectivity of ecosystems to improve the livelihoods of local communities, as well as innovative processes undertaken to strengthen civil society participation in governance and decision-making about natural resources.

We have produced useful and vital knowledge tools, such as the database on species for forest restoration; guidelines for applying the approach of consultation and free, prior, and informed consent with forest-dependent communities; or the map of Indigenous Peoples, Protected Areas and Natural Ecosystems of Central America, scientifically demonstrating that the best preserved natural resources are found where indigenous peoples live.



We recognise the role of local governments, communities, indigenous peoples and Afro-descendants in sustainable natural resource use and management. We have been able to collect information and identify strategies so that communities can adapt to climate change and national governments can establish lines of development—or in the case of the Caribbean Gateway, obtain data for sound decisions about the protected areas of the Caribbean.

In the region's shared watersheds, which occupy 40% of Mesoamerican territory, a range of innovative processes have been implemented for the strengthening and participation of civil society in natural resource governance and decision-making, with a variety of experiences in good environmental practices for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Thanks to all these actions, added to the thousands of efforts by IUCN Member organizations, we have achieved results and generated knowledge, lessons, and good practices. As a whole, they contribute a wealth of concepts and actions to the global environmental agenda helping paradigms of sustainable development to prevail.

Together with our Members and partners, the IUCN Regional Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean has sought to bring all this learning on our journey to the 2016 World Conservation Congress, in hopes that it will allow us to connect with other regions experiencing similar challenges and with global proposals including thematic interests aligned with these problems.

The best examples of this thematic linkage will be exhibited in the different spaces of the Conservation Forum, such as knowledge cafés, pavilions, high-level dialogues, workshops, posters, and the Conservation Campus. Please join us in our journey to the World Conservation Congress Hawai'i 2016.



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**MEXICO, CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN JOURNEY JOIN MEMBERS, EXPERTS AND THE IUCN REGIONAL OFFICE ORMACC**

**EVENTOS DE MÉXICO, AMÉRICA CENTRAL Y EL CARIBE ÚNASE A LOS MIEMBROS, EXPERTOS Y LA OFICINA REGIONAL DE LA UICN-ORMACC**



**Thursday, 1 September - Foro / Forum**

<b>Código Code</b>	<b>Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity</b>	<b>Tipo de actividad Type of activity</b>	<b>Lugar y hora Place &amp; time</b>
	Shuttle buses to Opening Ceremony.	Transfers	Convention Center 6:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
WCC-10931	<a href="#">Opening Ceremony of the WCC.</a>	Ceremony	Neil Blaisdell Center 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 m.
WCC-11039	<a href="#">Celebrating IUCN NCs &amp; RCs - Taller Mundial de Comités Nacionales y Comités Regionales de la UICN.</a>	World Meeting	Convention Center Room 313 C- Level 3 13:30 – 17:30
WCC-11023	<a href="#">Welcome Reception.</a>	Reception	Convention Center 18:00 -20:00

**Friday, 2 September - Foro / Forum**

<b>Código Code</b>	<b>Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity</b>	<b>Tipo de actividad Type of activity</b>	<b>Lugar y hora Place &amp; time</b>
WCC-10931	<a href="#">Forum Opening.</a>	Ceremony	Convention Center 8:30 – 10:30
WCC_13825	<a href="#">A Changing Climate: Championing Nature-Based Solutions.</a>	High-level Session	Ballroom B 11:00 - 13:00
WCC_9913	<a href="#">La verdad detrás del plástico.</a>	Poster	Screen 23 13:00-13:30
WCC_9861	<a href="#">Community economic development through MPAs and sustainable small-scale fisheries: Costa Rica.</a>	Poster	Screen 14 13:00-13:30
WCC_9976	<a href="#">Developing Capacity for a Protected Planet in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific (BIOPAMA).</a>	Poster	Screen 1 13:00-13:30
WCC_9756	<a href="#">La conservación de cuencas como estrategia para el cumplimiento de acceso al agua limpia y saneamiento (Objetivo 6 de los ODS).</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-1 14:30-16:30
WCC_9769	<a href="#">Instruments for the implementation of the rights based approach (RBA) in conservation: Developing instruments for Consultation and Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) with Forest Dependent Communities, Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendants.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-10 14:30-16:30
WCC_13826	<a href="#">Private Finance for Public Good.</a>	High-level Session	Ballroom B 14:30 - 16:30
WCC_10278	<a href="#">Empoderar a las mujeres en Salud Reproductiva: Estrategia necesaria para la Conservación de la Biodiversidad.</a>	Workshop	Room 317 A 17:00 -19:00
WCC_9767	<a href="#">Desafíos y oportunidades para mejorar la gobernanza de los recursos naturales en territorios indígenas en América Latina.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-1 17:00-19:00
WCC_9826	<a href="#">Una experiencia exitosa para restaurar bosques con participación conjunta.</a>	Poster	Screen 22 19:00-19:30
WCC_10479	<a href="#">El uso de nuevas tecnologías (drones - UAV Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles) en la conservación de la biodiversidad y el control y vigilancia en ASP.</a>	Poster	Screen 24 19:00-19:30
WCC_9866	<a href="#">The BIOPAMA Reference Information System.</a>	Poster	Screen 14 19:00-19:30
WCC_12174	<a href="#">BRIDGE - Building River Dialogue and Governance.</a>	Pavilion Event	Water Pavilion 19:30-21:30
WCC-15473	<a href="#">Honolulu Zoo Aloha Reception.</a>	Social Event	Rooftop Garden Area 6-7

### Saturday, 3 September – Foro / Forum

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC_10205	<a href="#">Making Ecosystem based Adaptation Effective: Evidence from the field to improve policy and practice.</a>	Conservation Campus	Room 305B 08:30-13:00
WCC_9715	<a href="#">Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Expected outcomes and opportunities at the CBD COP13.</a>	Taller	Room 315 11:00-13:00
WCC_9810	<a href="#">What's in your chocolate bar? Fair trade, conservation and sustainable livelihoods: lessons and opportunities from Lachua Community in Guatemala.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-2 11:00-13:00
WCC_13827	<a href="#">Conservation 2.0: Empowering Next Generations.</a>	High-level Session	Ballroom B 11:00 - 13:00
WCC_12484	<a href="#">Public-private alliances: Consolidating a shared vision of conservation.</a>	Pavilion Event	Protected Planet Pavilion 12:00-13:00
WCC_10307	<a href="#">People Matter: Enhancing Conservation and Natural Resource Management through Socioeconomic Monitoring.</a>	Conservation Campus	Room 304 B 14:30-19:00
WCC_10399	<a href="#">Linking data to better decisions-Improving the performance of PAs in the Caribbean.</a>	Workshop	Room 311-13 14:30-16:30
WCC_12180	<a href="#">Water governance and forest land restoration in Xayá-Pixcayá basins to improve water production for Guatemala City.</a>	Pavilion Event	Water Pavilion 14:30 - 15:30
WCC-12302	<a href="#">Forest landscape restoration in Mexico: The importance of building partnerships to undertake and communicate restoration.</a>	Pavilion Event	Forests Pavilion 14:30-15:30
WCC_12181	<a href="#">Coastal Watershed Conservation in the Context of Climate Change.</a>	Pavilion Event	Water Pavilion 15:30-16:30
WCC-12303	<a href="#">Experiences in Forest landscape restoration: From the forests of Central America to the world.</a>	Pavilion Event	Forests Pavilion 15:30-16:30
WCC_10317	<a href="#">Estrategias para la Conservación de la Biodiversidad en Mesoamérica.</a>	Workshop	Room 317B 17:00-19:00
WCC_13828	<a href="#">Everybody's Business: Ending Wildlife Trafficking.</a>	High-level Session	Ballroom B 17:00 - 19:00
WCC_9759	<a href="#">The Enciclical Laudato Si and Protected Areas: A Call for Action.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-3 17:00-19:00
WCC_10001	<a href="#">Nuestra agua, aplicación colectiva para la difusión y el entendimiento de las cuencas en México.</a>	Poster	Screen 20 19:00-19:30
WCC_10112	<a href="#">La interrelación entre los Derechos Reproductivos y la Conservación de la Biodiversidad en Guatemala.</a>	Poster	Screen 22 19:00-19:30
WCC-15481	<a href="#">Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Night (BIOPAMA).</a>	Social Event	19:30 – 21:00 Rooftop Garden Area 8

### Sunday, 4 September – Foro / Forum

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC_9650	<a href="#">Bringing the High Seas down to Earth. Multi-sectoral governance of the Costa Rica dome.</a>	Workshop	Room: 316 B 8:30-10:30
WCC-10666	<a href="#">Nature-Based Solutions for Sustainable Development.</a>	Conservation Case	Room 313 – A 11:00-13:00
WCC_10332	<a href="#">Compartir conocimientos y experiencia para recargar acuíferos en zonas de vocación forestal.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-1 11:00-13:00
WCC_10259	<a href="#">Windows to the Future: Islands as Innovators for a Renewable Energy Transition.</a>	Workshop	319 A 11:00-13:00
WCC_10491	<a href="#">El Jaguar, emblema mesoamericano para la conservación.</a>	Poster	Screen 7 14:00-14:30



## Sunday, 4 September – Foro / Forum

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC_10108	<a href="#">Acción clima, una herramienta tecnológica para la toma de decisiones en la adaptación al cambio climático.</a>	Poster	Screen 10 14:00-14:30
WCC_10262	<a href="#">Managing Transboundary Ecosystems: Learning from Experiences in Hydrodiplomacy and Governance of Shared Waters.</a>	Workshop	Room 313 C 14:30-16:30
WCC-12627	<a href="#">Mapeo de Pueblos Indígenas, Áreas Protegidas y Ecosistemas Naturales en Centroamérica: Lineamientos para avanzar en la aplicación del enfoque de derechos en la conservación.</a>	Workshop	UNDP-Kauhale Room 314 14:30 – 16:30
WCC_13829	<a href="#">Actions for a Sustainable Ocean.</a>	High-level session	Room 310 14:30 - 16:30
WCC_10442	<a href="#">Mainstreaming biodiversity and protected areas into cross-sectoral instruments under a climate change context.</a>	Workshop	Room 311-14 17:00-19:00
WCC_10419	<a href="#">Implementing the Task on Protected Areas of the CBD Plan of Action on Customary Sustainable Use.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-11 17:00-19:00
WCC_10427	<a href="#">Innovative Financial Mechanisms for conservation, a discussion with Environmental Funds.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-12 17:00-19:00
WCC_10015	<a href="#">Consolidación y sistematización de modelos de gobernanza para sitios de importancia para conservación marino costera.</a>	Poster	Screen 14 19:00-19:30
WCC_9977	<a href="#">Metodología de mapeo de territorios indígenas, ecosistemas naturales y áreas protegidas en AC.</a>	Poster	Screen 11 19:00-19:30
WCC-15521	<a href="#">3D Exhibition of Protected Areas and Climate Change in Cuba.</a>	Social Event	Room 316-C 19:30 – 21:00



## Monday, 5 September – Foro / Forum

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC-9618	<a href="#">¿Cómo vender un proyecto de conservación?</a>	Conservation Campus	Room: 307B 08:30 - 19:00
WCC_10411	<a href="#">Descentralización de la gobernanza ambiental: el papel de los gobiernos locales, comunidades y otras organizaciones no estatales en la gestión de áreas protegidas.</a>	Workshop	Room 311-1 08:30-10:30
WCC_10301	<a href="#">Los Pueblos Indígenas y la Implementación de la Promesa de Sidney.</a>	Workshop	Room 317 A 8:30-10:30 AM
WCC_10408	<a href="#">Mainstreaming resilience thinking into national sustainable development plans and policies.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-8 11:00-13:00
WCC-10660	<a href="#">Natural Capital Approaches: Identifying common grounds and fracture points.</a>	Conservation Case	Room 313-A 11:00 – 13:00
WCC_9873	<a href="#">Adapting livelihoods. The case of chocolate in Rio San Juan Biosphere Reserve.</a>	Poster	Screen 6 13:00-13:30
WCC_10508	<a href="#">Effective incorporation of biodiversity impacts in product environmental footprint assessments, the case of timber.</a>	Poster	Screen 7 13:00-13:30
WCC_12505	<a href="#">Protected areas management for long term sustainable development: BIO-PAMA II.</a>	Pavilion Event	Protected Planet Pavilion 13:00-14:30
WCC_9931	<a href="#">Access and Benefit Sharing: Opportunities for People and Biodiversity.</a>	Poster	Screen 19 14:00-14:30



### Monday, 5 September – Foro / Forum

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC_13830	<a href="#">Connections: Spirituality and Conservation.</a>	High-level Session	Room 310 14:30 - 16:30
WCC_10364	<a href="#">Actions for sharks in the Eastern Tropical Pacific.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-11 14:30-16:30
WCC_9775	<a href="#">Manejo Holístico de Territorios de Vida Plena.</a>	Knowledge Café	Room 311-1 14:30-16:30
WCC_10273	<a href="#">Categorías Indígenas de Gestión Colectiva de los Recursos Naturales y Culturales. Protocolos bioculturales para la conservación de la Biodiversidad.</a>	Workshop	Room 319B 14:30-4:30 pm
WCC_10560	<a href="#">Reproductive Health and Conservation: Stories of integrated conservation and women's health from Guatemala and Uganda.</a>	Poster	Screen 12 19:00-19:30
WCC_10556	<a href="#">Lista Roja: Estado actual de la biodiversidad en Nicaragua.</a>	Poster	
WCC-15179	<a href="#">Reunión del Comité Regional de Mesoamérica y Suramérica - Presentación de candidatos.</a>	Meeting	Room 310 19:30 – 21:30
WCC-15180	<a href="#">Meeting of the Regional Committee of the Caribbean, USA and Canada - presentation of candidates.</a>	Meeting	Room 313-C 19:30 – 21:30



### Tuesday, 6 September Asamblea de Miembros / Members' Assembly

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC-12710	<a href="#">1st Sitting - Reports / Governance Motions.</a>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 8:30 – 13:00
WCC-12711	<a href="#">2nd Sitting - IUCN Programme 2017-2020 /vote on Motions.</a>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 14:30 – 18:30
WCC-12712	<a href="#">3rd Sitting - Medals and Awards.</a>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 19:00 21:00

### Wednesday, 7 September Asamblea de Miembros / Members' Assembly

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC-12713	<a href="#">4th Sitting - Issues of strategic importance for the Union / Vote on motions.</a>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 8:30 – 13:00
WCC-12714	<a href="#">5th Sitting- Reports and mandates – Commissions and vote on motions. Pledges and Hawaii Commitments. Area #2.</a>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 14:30 – 19:00



Thursday, 8 September Excursion Day



**Friday, 9 September Asamblea de Miembros / Members' Assembly**

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC-12715	<u>6th Sitting - Issues of strategic importance for the Union / Vote on motions.</u>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 8:30 – 13:00
WCC-12716	<u>7th Sitting - Vote on other motions / Financial matters / Elections.</u> Pledges and Hawaii Commitments. Area #3	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 14:30 – 19:00

**Saturday, 10 September Asamblea de Miembros / Members' Assembly**

Código Code	Nombre de la actividad Name of the activity	Tipo de actividad Type of activity	Lugar y hora Place & time
WCC-12717	<u>8th Sitting - Adoption of the IUCN Programme and Financial Plan/ Governance report / Announcement of the Hawai'i Commitments.</u>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 8:30 – 13:00
WCC-12718	<u>Closing Ceremony - WCC.</u>	Assembly	Ballroom ABC 14:00 – 15:00
	90th Meeting of the IUCN Council.		16:30 – 19:00



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