Accelerating Action on Nature-Based Solutions Together in 2020

When
Wednesday, 11 December, 16h30-18h30

Where
Torres del Paine – Hall 4, next to Climate Action Amphitheatre

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What
The 2019 Climate Action Summit brought great political attention to the power of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) for sustainable development and climate. This event will link ambitious aspirations for 2030, that set the compass for NBS over the coming decade, with the concrete actions that can take place in 2020.

Framing NBS in 2020

(16:30 - 17:00)

Inger Andersen
Executive Director, UNEP

Achim Steiner
Administrator, UNDP

Qu Dongyu
Director-General, FAO

Karín Kemper
Global Director for the Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy, Global Practice, World Bank

Ovais Sarmad
Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC

The increased attention and momentum for NBS arising from the Climate Action Summit, along with the 2020 Super Year presents a unique opportunity to accelerate progress on NBS, in order to pave the way towards exponential implementation during the following decade that will deliver for climate and development.

NDCs and Finance

(17:00 – 17:30)

Lee White
Minister of Forests, Oceans, Environment and Climate Change, Gabon

Carlos Manuel Rodríguez
Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica

Naoko Ishii
CEO and Chair, Global Environment Facility

Dr Grethel Aguilar
Acting Director General, IUCN

The revision of NDCs during 2020 presents a unique opportunity to increase commitments on NBS. Alongside NDCs, finance is also key to unlock the potential of NBS. This requires the transformation of existing flows of domestic and international finance, as well as the generation of new sources of finance.

Growing the NBS Movement

(17:30 – 18:00)

Daniel Callaja Crespo
Director General Environment, European Commission

Vanessa Pérez-Cirera
Deputy Leader WWF Global Climate and Energy Practice, Nature4Climate Coalition

Marina Melandidis
Founder, Youth4Nature

Juan Carlos Jintiach
Coordinator, COICA

Rachel Mumba
Deputy Director, Defra, UK

Oliviero Montanaro
Director General Ministry of Environment, Italy

While the movement advocating for nature as a climate solution has been growing steadily within societies, internationally and intergenerationally, it will be critical to continue to grow this. In particular, 2020 is a super year with a number of key convening points that can be used to build out the NBS action areas. Speakers will highlight how these moments can serve to accelerate political momentum and delivery of NBS actions.

NBS for Adaptation – Launch of the Global Commission on Adaptation Action Track on Nature-Based Solutions

(18:00 – 18:20)

Patricia Fuller
Ambassador for Climate Change, Government of Canada

Martha Delgado
Vice Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico

Patrick Verkooijen
CEO Global Center on Adaptation (moderator)

The Global Commission on Adaptation calls for climate risks to be reduced for hundreds of millions of people by 2030, including through NBS and increased ecological resilience. Canada and Mexico will showcase key examples that highlight the value of NBS, and discuss opportunities the run-up to the Climate Adaptation Summit in Amsterdam on 22 October 2020.