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PREAMBLE

The 2nd Regional Conservation Forum for North Africa was held in Cairo, Egypt from 4 to 6 October 2015. Around 70 participants attended the three days event representing IUCN Secretariat, Members, Partners and Commissions.

Held every four years, the Forum was an ideal opportunity for the current 19 IUCN Members in North Africa to prepare and discuss proposals for the IUCN North Africa Programme 2017-2020 in view of its formal approval at the World Conservation Congress, to be held in Hawaii in September 2016. It has also offered IUCN Members the opportunity to review, with the Secretariat, current and potential joint initiatives related to the Red Lists of species and ecosystems, to the Green List of Protected Areas, and to Key Biodiversity Areas particularly in North Africa.

The Forum was organized by the IUCN Mediterranean Cooperation Center in close collaboration with the Arab Office for Youth and Environment in Egypt (AOYE) and with the support of the Egyptian Ministry of Environment. We seize this opportunity to thank deeply all AOYE staff for their efforts during the preparation phase and throughout the Forum. We also convey our sincere thanks to the government of Egypt for hosting the event and to all IUCN members and Partners for their participation and valuable contribution.

All the presentations given during the Forum and the photos highlighting key sessions and activities undertaken during and on the sidelines of the event are available by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.iucnmed.org/projects/documentationplatform/84>

Summary and main conclusions of the three days of the Forum are presented in the following:

Day one, 4th October 2015

The **opening ceremony** was attended by: **H.E. Dr. Khaled Fahmy**, Minister of Environment in Egypt, **Ms Inger Andersen**, IUCN Director General, **Mr. Zhang Xinsheng**, IUCN President, **Dr. Emad Adly**, President of AOYE, **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, IUCN Councillor for Africa and **Ms Nermin Wafa**, from the League of Arab States. They all highlighted the importance of joining efforts to address more efficiently critical challenges faced by our world, in terms of biodiversity loss and climate change impacts. H.E. the Minister of Environment made a promise to continue fostering collaboration with North African and Mediterranean States through IUCN, acknowledging its role in influencing the conservation agenda in both national and international arenas. The opening ceremony was moderated by Mr. Antonio Troya, IUCN-Med Director.

SESSION I: IUCN TOWARDS 2020

Following the opening ceremony, **Ms Inger Andersen** gave a presentation on IUCN vision on state of conservation, priorities and strategic outlook. In her speech, she stressed the following elements:

- Donors contribution for conservation agenda is much lesser (51 b\$) than what is needed (300 b\$);
- Members are expressing different expectations about what IUCN should look like;
- Urbanization is on steep incline, causing more resources consumption;
- We are not comfortable when we talk outside the conservation arena. Further efforts should be made to reach business and development sectors;
- State membership should be increased as a way to influence national conservation agenda and to support governments technically and financially;
- We need to shift at the secretariat from doing several small projects to doing larger projects with concrete impacts and sustainable achievements;

Following, Ms Andersen presentation, the floor was given to the representative of the host country to introduce the Egyptian strategy, policy and action plan in relation to nature conservation. **Dr. Mostafa Fouda**, special advisor to H.E. the Minister of Environment made the presentation.

SESSION II: IUCN PROGRAMME 2017-2020 AND MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE 2013-16 PROGRAMME

During this session two presentations were given. The first presentation was given by **Dr. Thomas Brooks** (IUCN, HQ) on the draft IUCN Programme 2017-2020. The second presentation, delivered by **Mr. Maher Mahjoub** (North Africa Programme Coordinator, IUCN-Med) presented the main outcomes of the mid-term review of the 2013-2016 Programme in which Members and partners participated through an online evaluation. The main points raised by the audience during the aforementioned session are summarized in the following points:

Regarding the draft IUCN Programme 2017-2020:

- Several questions about the budget needed for the Programme implementation were asked;
- The importance of involving Members and the young generation in the Programme preparation and implementation was stressed;
- There should be a well elaborated situation analysis in order to focus the programme on the main priority themes and needs;
- It is highly important to align the new Programme with international agreements (Hyogo, ABS protocol, CDB Aichi Target) and the recent SDGs to optimize resources and to support national governments in fulfilling their commitments;
- Nature-based solutions could be misunderstood by decision makers and they could use natural resources for economic benefits such as ecotourism, mining, etc. more explanation need to be added to avoid any confusion;
- Need to find and investigate more tools that will help strengthen linkages between conservation and socio-economic activities;
- The French version of the programme has 35 pages and should include a summary in which the “HOW” should be clearly stated and clarified. How will this programme be implemented? Who will be involved in its implementation? Who will be in charge of the fundraising? How could we ensure Members’ involvement in early stages and how can we get their feedback as the programme evolves?
- Need to tailor the Programme to regional and national priorities, so that it can be more relevant for decision makers, and ensure projects ownership and sustainability;
- “UNEP/MAP-RAC/SPA and MedPAN representatives recommended strengthening the

opportunities and discussions on marine activities among IUCN Members regarding the Programme 2017-2020. Marine conservation should be, as up to now, an important future axis of IUCN contribution to Mediterranean conservation, considering notably the strong CBD call on conserving the high seas and the recent listing of 15 EBSAs in the Mediterranean, a major priority field of action for UNEP, which needs enhanced attention regarding priority conservation of biodiversity and features as well as management of life resources.”

Regarding the Mid-term review of the 2013-2016 Programme:

- Members acknowledged the efforts made by the secretariat of the IUCN Mediterranean Office in implementing the 2013-2016 Programme.
- Members considered that they should be more informed and should get regular feedback on Secretariat activities within their respective countries and region;
- Need to increase communication means and tools between IUCN constituency, especially to ensure proper follow up of Programme implementation;
- Initiatives that involves Mediterranean countries (Southern and Northern shores) should be increased to boost regional cooperation and technology transfer between Members ;
- Members considered that they should be more proactive and that they should increase their contributions in implementing IUCN’s mission and vision within their countries;
- Some of the urgent measures identified were to reactivate National Committees, and to better the understanding of international environmental goals and their implementation;
- Members recalled the need for establishing an IUCN regional commission for North Africa as a platform to exchange information and to ensure sound contribution in implementing IUCN new Programme 2017-2020;
- Members recommended doing more efforts to increase membership in North Africa and to establish national committees where they don’t exist yet.

SESSION III: IUCN GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORMS

During this session two presentations were made by **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, IUCN Councilor for Africa. The first presentation was on the latest and main governance improvements and reforms and the second one was on the Framework of Action for Strengthening the Union. The aim of this session was to inform Members about the latest governance reforms in relation to the preparation for the World Conservation Congress and the rules of conduct for the Member’s Assembly at the Congress.

Day two, 5^h October 2015

SIDE EVENT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL FOR BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES)

This presentation was made by **Dr. Thomas Brooks** (IUCN HQ). Its goal was to inform Members and Partners about IPBES state of the art and its link with the new IUCN Programme. Participants, who have already been involved in IPBES, participated actively in the debate. Main elements highlighted during this session are summarized in the following:

- Already many links exist between IPBES conceptual framework and the IUCN Programme 2013-2016;
- IUCN has had a significant role in the establishment of the IPBES to avoid any duplication of

efforts;

- Experts from North Africa should be more encouraged to participate in this platform;
- Members invited Secretariat to encourage more State Members to revise Biodiversity reports content prepared by the IPBES, as they may need some adjustments and updating.

SESSION IV: COMMISSIONS AND IUCN PROGRAMME

This session provided information about the different programmes and initiatives of IUCN Commissions. The aim was to increase visibility of Commissions' initiatives and achievements at regional level, to strengthen representation of North Africa experts within the Commissions, and to identify the role of Commissions and experts in the implementation of the new IUCN North Africa programme. Three presentations were given and include two talks on The Species Survival Commission and on the Commission on Ecosystem Management by **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, the Regional vice Chair of these two Commissions in North Africa and a presentation on the World Commission on Protected Areas, performed by **Mr. Brahim Abouelabbes**, a WCPA member. The other three Commissions: CEC (Commission on Education and Communication), CEESP (Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy) and CEL (Commission on Environmental Law) were briefly introduced by Dr. Haddane.

Highlights of the main interventions from the Members are summarized in the following points:

- Commission working language is mainly English. This is a handicap for the majority of Commission members from North Africa, which prevents them from following and contributing to their respective knowledge field ;
- There is a need to establish a database for North Africa experts that be used by IUCN Commissions;
- Commission Chairs should appoint focal points in the North Africa Region, in order to maintain a regular contact and to ensure North Africa experts' participation in the activities and in the decision making processes of the Commissions;
- Members have been encouraged to use the IUCN Portal and to enrich it with their activities and with their relevant national and regional information;

SESSION V: IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS (Hawaii, 1-10 September 2016)

This session provide general information on the Congress, its organisation and content. The main changes from previous congresses, including key deadlines and Members involvement and expectations have been also highlighted. The presentation on the WCC was made remotely by **Ms. Michelle Cartín**, Deputy Forum Manager at IUCN HQ. She further indicated the deadlines to submit proposals for the Forum, to register to the Congress and all the conditions that Members should fulfill (membership dues paid, etc.) to be eligible to participate to the WCC.

Also, many issues have been raised by Members and are summarized in the following points:

- Workshops during the Congress should provide translations to other IUCN languages and not be limited to English;
- IUCN should encourage participation of youth to this important event;
- Motion voting sessions during the congress are too long and need to be well structured to help Members participate in those relevant to their respective region or to those related to IUCN governance;

- Members acknowledged the effort made by secretariat to ensure participation of North Africa Members in this important event;
- Members have been invited to think about any potential contribution during the Forum and send it before the deadline of October 15th, 2015;

SESSION VI: MOTIONS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS AT THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

This session informed Members about the **motion process** as per IUCN Statutes and the impact that motions once voted could have on IUCN Programme and the overall conservation agenda globally. The presentation was made by **Mr. Antonio Troya**, IUCN-Med Director. He mentioned that the motion process is among the important components in the WCC along the adoption of the Programme and the election of the Council Members. Members have been informed about the motion portal in which they could follow the level of their implementation. Reactions from the audience are summarized in the following points:

- Motion follow up and implementation is the responsibility of all IUCN constituency and not only the role of the Secretariat;
- Identification of motions for the next WCC should take into consideration some criteria among them: to be relevant for the region, to help boosting partnership and to be feasible within the existing implementing mechanisms;
- Motions should take into consideration the existing initiatives and efforts at both national and at international levels;
- Members proposed to establish an efficient platform to continue drafting the motions. Current IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa Dr. Haddane has offered to coordinate the motion process with North Africa members;
- It has been recalled that the deadline to submit motions is 12 February 2016.

Regarding the candidates to be elected for the Council, Members agreed to support Dr. Emad Adly, President of AOYE for the position of Councilor for Africa. Dr. Adly expressed his acknowledgment to all Members ensuring his full engagement to IUCN mission and vision. No other candidates have been proposed for the other Council positions. Regarding Commissions, they reiterated the importance of appointing Commission focal points within North Africa region to ensure involvement of experts in IUCN projects and initiatives.

SESSION VII: WRAP UP AND FUTURE STEPS

The closing session remarks were made by **Dr. Khaled Allam**, General Manager in the Egyptian Ministry of Environment, **Dr. Emad Adly**, President of AOYE, **Mr. Antonio Troya**, IUCN-Med Director and **Mr. Zhang Xinsheng**, IUCN President. Highlight of the main messages and recommendation are summarized in the following points:

- Valuable contribution recorded during the sessions that will be taken into consideration to increase IUCN engagement in North Africa;
- Consultation on the elaboration of the North Africa Programme 2017-2020 will continue at national level with the participation of IUCN Members and commissions in the framework of National Committees where they exist;
- Communication and information flow between the three IUCN Pillars (Secretariat, Members and

Commission) should be increased while taking advantage of Members capacity in project implementation;

- Members reiterated their commitment in ensuring efficient participation to the next WCC in 2016 and to take all the necessary steps to prepare well in advance their contribution and common positions regarding the Programme, the motion process and the election of Candidates.

Day three, 6^h October 2015

SESSION 1: IMPLEMENTATION OF IUCN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS IN NORTH AFRICA: Overview of current regional initiatives in North Africa

This session informed participants on so called “knowledge products” of IUCN, and the achievements of different initiatives in North Africa. The session included four presentations:

Ms. Catherine Numa (Species Programme Coordinator, IUCN-Med) presented a general overview of IUCN Knowledge products, and the IUCN Red list of threatened species. The linkages between the global red list and the national red lists were highlighted.

Mr. Brahim Abouelabbes (Member of the World Commission on Protected Areas) and **Mr. Marcos Valderrábano** (Ecosystem Programme Coordinator, IUCN-Med) presented the World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA), and highlighted the importance of containing accurate, up to date data as it becomes a reference worldwide. A short overview of the Green List of protected area process and potential implications for the region was also provided.

Ms. Sabah Tahari (High Commissariat on Forest, Water and Combating Desertification of Morocco) and **Mr. Marcos Valderrábano** presented the initiative to prepare the Red List of forest ecosystems of Morocco. This presentation showed the methodological approach used for the Red List of Ecosystems, and the scientific challenges than need to be addressed.

Dr. Khaled Allam Harhash (Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency) presented a national initiative conducted in Egypt to survey biodiversity information, and Egypt’s strategy in addressing data gaps to support decision making.

The main points raised during this session were:

- A need for support, mainly in the form of capacity building, from IUCN secretariat in order to conduct national red listing. IUCN-Med confirmed its availability,
- Interest in spreading the scope of Red list of Ecosystems in North Africa, and to know more about results in Morocco (once they are published). How to review the RLE assessments and contribute with new data? was a question that remains to be answered;
- Need for more communication on the red listing process and the contribution that each partner Secretariat, Members and Commissions should provide in each stage.

SESSION 2: IMPLEMENTATION OF IUCN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS IN NORTH AFRICA: Special focus on Key Biodiversity Areas in North Africa

This session informed the participants in the process about how to identify Key Biodiversity Areas, the existing initiatives ongoing in the region, and explored the potential to develop a common

regional approach.

Mr. Pierre Carret (Grant Director Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund-CEPF). Presented the CEPF process to identify the “Mediterranean Ecosystem Profile of CEPF”, used to identify KBAs and prioritize urgent conservation sites for CEPF investment.

Mr. Marcos Valderrabano presented an overview of KBAs processes and introduced the standards and criteria used to identify KBAs. He invited participants to respond to the KBA consultation process. He also presented the process of identification of plants KBAs, also called Important Plant Areas, in North Africa and the potential use of such initiatives, which can lead to a regional conservation Programme.

Ms. Catherine Numa presented the project results, following the identification of Freshwater KBAs in North Africa.

Mr. Jorge Lobo, from the National Research Council of Spain,) presented a theoretical exercise of possible uses of KBA identification in a scenario of Protected Area site selection, and possible implications of uses of surrogates.

Main points raised during this session were:

- Mediterranean Ecosystem profile of CEPF may be reviewed in the future (upon availability of funds). National authorities and experts will be invited to contribute;
- Strong interest on developing a common regional initiative for KBA identification in North Africa;
- National involvement: Alignment with national process was highlighted a critical key for success. Conducting national workshop for identification of Key biodiversity areas were also suggested.

We would like to thank all moderators and rapporteurs who have participated actively in all the Forum sessions namely: Sidi Imad Cherkaoui, Zohir Sekkal, Brahim Abouelabbes, Ahmed Chokki, Naïm Nachid, Abdelhadi Bennis, Nacer Riad Bendaoud, Abdelhamid Belemlih, Ramzi Hedhli, Leila Bahri, Usama Ghazali, Saida Laouar, Sabah Tahari, Houssine Nibani, Hatem Ben Belgacem, Mohamed Ftouhi and Khaled Allam



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ANNEXES

Annex 1: RCF agenda



Saturday 3rd

- All Day Long** Arrival of participants / Transfer airport-hotel.
- 18:00 – 20:00** Registration of participants at the hotel (*Grand Nile Tower*).



Sunday 4th

Day 1

- 8:30 – 9:00** Welcome of participants and registration (*Akhnaton Hall*)
- 9:00 – 10:15** **OPENING CEREMONY OF THE IUCN REGIONAL FORUM**
Moderator: **Mr. Antonio Troya**, IUCN-Med Director
- ❖ **Dr. Emad Adly**, President of Arab Office for Youth and Environment (AOYE)
 - ❖ **Ms. Nermin Wafa**, League of Arab States
 - ❖ **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa
 - ❖ **Mr. Zhang Xincheng**, IUCN President
 - ❖ **Ms. Inger Andersen**, IUCN Director General
 - ❖ **Dr. Khaled Fahmy**, Minister of Environment in Egypt
- 10:15 – 12:30** **SESSION I: IUCN TOWARDS 2020**
Rapporteurs: **Mr. Marcos Valderrábano**, Ecosystem Programme Officer (IUCN-Med) and **Dr. Sidi Imad Cherkaoui**, Groupe de Recherche pour la Protection des Oiseaux in Morocco (GREPOM)
- 10:15 – 11:00** **Vision for IUCN: State of Conservation, Priorities and Strategic Outlook (20')**
by **Ms. Inger Andersen**, IUCN Director General
- This session will provide an overview by IUCN Director General on her vision for IUCN, explaining what this means for the conservation agenda and for the North Africa Region.*
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Networking and Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 11:40** Presentation of the Forum agenda and objectives by **Mr. Maher Mahjoub**, North Africa Programme Coordinator (IUCN-Med)
- 11:40 – 12:30** **Conservation challenges and opportunities in Egypt (20')**
by **Dr. Mostafa Fouda**, Ministry of Environment - Egypt
- Introductory presentation from the host country on conservation priorities, and the main strategies and action plans developed at national level.*
- 12:30 – 13:50** **Lunch Break**
- 14:00 – 16:00** **SESSION II: IUCN PROGRAMME 2017-2020 AND MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE 2013-16 PROGRAMME**
Moderator: **Dr. Zohir Sekkal**, President of Mouvement Écologique Algérien (Algeria)
Rapporteurs: **Ms. Irene Morell**, North Africa Programme Assistant (IUCN-Med); and **Mr. Brahim Abouelabbes**, President of Association Marocaine de l'Écotourisme et de la Protection de la Nature (Morocco)

14:00 – 14:45 **Presentation of the draft of the global Intersessional Programme 2017-2020 (20')**
by **Dr. Thomas Brooks** Head of Science and Knowledge Unit (IUCN HQ)

This session will provide an overview of the IUCN draft Global Programme 2017-2020 and describe the current situation for conservation globally and in the region. It will also provide an overview of how IUCN will focus its efforts over the next four years to achieve results for people and nature. This will also be an opportunity for Members and Commission Members to provide inputs to the new Programme before it is endorsed at the 2016 World Conservation Congress (WCC). Members are invited to take the floor.

14:45 – 16:00 **Regional situation analysis: main achievements of 2013-2016 Programme and perspective for the new North Africa Programme 2017-2020 (20')**
by **Mr. Maher Mahjoub**, North Africa Programme Coordinator (IUCN-Med)

This session will present the lessons learned from the mid-term review of the 2013-2016 North Africa Programme implementation. The discussion will focus on the priority themes and on how to build a strong IUCN constituency commitment for an effective implementation of the new Programme.

16:00 – 16:15 **Networking and Coffee Break**

16:15 – 17:45 **SESSION III: IUCN GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENTS AND REFORMS**

Moderator : **Mr. Ahmed Chokki**, Fédération Nationale des Associations de Chasse et des Associations de Chasse Spécialisées. Rapporteurs: **M. Naim Nachid**, President of Ecosysla (Morocco) and **Mr. Abdelhadi Bennis**, President of Club de l'Environnement (Association Ribat Al Fath, Morocco)

16:15 – 16:40 **Latest and main governance improvements and reforms (25')**
by **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa

- ❖ Elections procedure
- ❖ Accreditation & statutory deadlines
- ❖ Assembly's authority
- ❖ Membership category or sub-category for Indigenous Peoples Organizations (IPOs) and Local & Sub-national Governments

This session will inform Members about the latest governance reforms to familiarize them with the preparation for the World Conservation Congress and the rules of conduct for the Member's Assembly at the WCC.

16:40 – 17:10 **Framework of Action for Strengthening the Union (FASU) (20')**
by **Dr. Brahim Haddane**, IUCN Regional Councillor for Africa

Discussion and inputs from Members on the FASU (on the basis of the six questions of the Union Portal Discussion in 2014)

17:10 – 17:45 **General Discussion**

17:45 – 18:00 **Closing Remarks of the 1st Day**

19:30 – 21:00 **Official Dinner (Al Azhar Park)**



Monday 5th Day 2

08:15 – 09:15 **SIDE EVENT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL FOR BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (IPBES)**

Why is IPBES so important for the 2017–2020 IUCN Programme, and how can you get involved?

by **Dr. Thomas Brooks** Head of Science and Knowledge Unit (IUCN HQ)

This side event will inform Members and Partners about IPBES state of the art and its link with the new IUCN Programme. Participants, who have already been involved in IPBES, will be invited to a small discussion panel, in which, they will share their experience. The floor will be open for discussion

09:15 – 10:45 SESSION IV: COMMISSIONS AND IUCN PROGRAMME

Moderator: **Mr. Nacer Riad Bendaoud**, President Association Écologique de Boumerdes (Algeria)

Rapporteurs: **Prof. Abdelhamid Belemlih**, President of SPANA (Maroc) and **Mr. Ramzi Hedhli**, Association des Amis des Oiseaux (AAO) Tunisia.

09:15 – 10:15 **Presentations from IUCN Commissions: Programmes Objectives and Action Plans (45')**

by IUCN Commission Representatives

This session will provide information about the different programmes and initiatives of IUCN Commissions, to increase visibility of Commissions' initiatives and achievements at regional level, to strengthen representation of North Africa experts within the Commissions, and to identify the role of Commissions and experts in the implementation of the new IUCN North Africa programme.

10:15 – 10:45 **Discussion**

10:45 – 11:00 **Networking and Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 SESSION V: IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS (Hawaii, 1-10 September 2016)

Moderator: **Mrs. Leila Bahri**, President de l'Alliance Femme et Environnement (Tunisia).

Rapporteurs: **Mr. Usama Ghazali**, Nature Conservation Egypt and **Mrs. Saida Laouar**, Ministry of Water Resources and Environment (Algeria)

11:00 – 11:45 **General information on the Congress: Logistics, sponsorship, Forum and Members Assembly (45')**

Ms. Michelle Cartín, Deputy Forum Manager (IUCN World Conservation Congress, 2016)

This session will provide general information on the Congress, its organisation and content. The main changes from previous congresses, including key deadlines and Members involvement and expectations will also be discussed.

11:45 – 12:30 **Discussion**

12:30 – 13:50 **Lunch Break**

14:00 – 16:00 SESSION VI: MOTIONS AND CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIONS AT THE WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Moderator: **Ms. Sabah Tahari**, High Commissariat for Water, Forest and Combating Desertification (Morocco)

Rapporteurs: **Mr. Houssine Nibani**, Association de Gestion Intégrée des Ressources (Morocco) and **Mr. Hatem Ben Belgacem**, Ministry of Environment in Tunisia.

14:00 – 14:20 **Overview of the motions voted at the previous Congress related to the Mediterranean and North Africa**

by **Mr. Antonio Troya**, Director of IUCN-Med

This session will inform Members about the motion process and its implementation since the last Congress. It will provide the opportunity to identify potential motions from the regional themes, so that they can be prepared and submitted at the next IUCN Congress.

14:20 – 15:00 **General discussion about motions to be presented at the Congress**

15:00 – 16:00 **Candidates for elections at IUCN Congress (Regional Councillor for Africa, etc.)**
The Members will have to identify future candidates for the Council to be presented at the Congress.

16:00 – 16:15 **Networking and Coffee Break**

16:15 – 17:00 **SESSION VII: MAIN CONCLUSIONS OF THE FORUM AND FUTURE STEPS**

16:15 – 16:30 **Closing remarks and acknowledgment by the host country representatives**
 Ministry of Environment and AOYE representatives

16:30 – 16:40 **Closing remarks and acknowledgment by IUCN representatives**
 Mr. Zhang Xincheng, IUCN President
 Mr. Antonio Troya IUCN-Med Director

16:40 – 16:50 **Presentation of the agenda for the 3rd day of the Forum**
 Mr. Maher Mahjoub (IUCN-Med)

19:30 – 21:00 **Dinner in downtown Restaurant**



Tuesday 6th Day 3

09:00 – 10:45 **PLENARY SESSION: IMPLEMENTATION OF IUCN KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS IN NORTH AFRICA**

Moderator : **Mr. Antonio Troya**, Director (IUCN-Med)
 Rapporteurs: **Prof. Mohamed Ftouhi**, Président du Club Marocain pour l'Environnement et le Développement (Maroc) and Representative of **Nature Conservation Egypt**

09:00 – 10:30 **SESSION 1: Overview of current regional initiatives in North Africa (1h15')**

This session will inform IUCN Members and Partners of the main and current initiatives related to IUCN Knowledge products. It will also trigger discussion on main country needs, Members expectations, available resources, potential partnerships to be built and IUCN contribution to develop similar initiatives at regional and national levels.

- ❖ **IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: linkages between regional and national lists**
 By **Ms. Catherine Numa**, Mediterranean Species Programme officer (IUCN-Med)
- ❖ **IUCN Red List of Ecosystems: Morocco case study**
 By **Ms. Sabah Tahari** (HCELCD, Morocco) and **Marcos Valderrábano** (IUCN-Med)
- ❖ **World Database on Protected areas and the Green List initiative**
 By **Mr. Brahim Abouelabbes** (AMEPN, Morocco)

10:30 - 10:45 **Networking and Coffee Break**

10:45 – 12:30 **SESSION 2: Special focus into “Key Biodiversity Areas” (KBAs) in North Africa (1h15')**

This session will focus on the main initiatives that deal with the identification of KBAs in the region, to evaluate future perspectives. KBAs are considered as a useful conservation tool to ensure representativeness and persistence of biodiversity, while contributing to the achievement of national and international conservation policy (Aichi targets of CBD).

- ❖ **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF): Ecosystem profile and hotspot conservation priorities: by Mr. Pierre Carret** (Grant Director, CEPF)
- ❖ **IUCN Standard for identification of KBAs and consultation process**
- ❖ **Important Plant Areas (IPAS): Regional initiative**

- Both presentations by **Mr. Marcos Valderrábano**, Ecosystem Programme Officer (IUCN-Med)
- ❖ **Freshwater Key Biodiversity Areas in North Africa**, by **Ms. Catherine Numa** (IUCN-Med)
 - ❖ **Approaches for KBAs identification in North Africa**, by **Mr. Jorge Lobo** (Spanish National Research Council, CSIC)

SESSION 3: The way forward: shaping a common regional approach

By **Mr. Marcos Valderrábano**, Ecosystem Programme Officer (IUCN-Med)

12:30 – 12:45

Wrap-up Session

13:00

Lunch at the Hotel

Afternoon

Early departure of participants



Wednesday 7th

Departure of all participants

Annex 2: List of Participants to the Forum

NORTH AFRICA MEMBERS

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