



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

1st Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council

Held by conference call on 4 March 2022

Decisions

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the agenda

DECISION B1/1

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,
Adopts the agenda of its 1st Meeting, as revised. (**Annex 1**)

Agenda Item 2: Approval of criteria for the position of Interim Chair (IC) and Interim Steering Committee (ISC) members of the Climate Crisis Commission

DECISION B1/2

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,
Pursuant to Council decision C107/2,
Recommends to Council that it approves the Call for expressions of interest, incl. criteria, for the positions of Interim Chair and member of the Interim Steering Committee of the Climate Crisis Commission. (**Annex 2**)

Agenda Item 3: Establishment of a working group on membership dues

DECISION B1/3

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,
Approves the Terms of Reference incl. names of the members and chair of the Council Working Group on membership dues. (**Annex 3**)



Bureau of the IUCN Council

1st Meeting, Friday 4 March 2022 - 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM UTC

Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Introduction by the President and approval of the agenda

Agenda Item 2: Approval of criteria for the position of Interim Chair and Steering Committee members of the Climate Crisis Commission

As part of the process to operationalize the *Climate Crisis Commission* established by 2021 Congress Resolution [WCC-2021-Res-110](#), the Council decided, at its 107th Meeting (virtual, 10 February 2022, [decision C107/2](#)) to “request the Bureau of the IUCN Council to develop, with the support of the Secretariat, criteria for the positions of Interim Chair and member of the Interim Steering Committee of the Commission, for approval by Council by 10 March 2022”. Based in these criteria, IUCN Members and members of the IUCN Commissions will be invited to send in, by 28 April 2022, expressions of interest to be considered for the position of Interim Chair and/or member of the Interim Steering Committee from individuals who meet the criteria. The Bureau will subsequently make a recommendation to Council for appointment as Interim Chair of the Commission in time for Council’s consideration during its 107th meeting (in person) on 18-19 May 2022.

Documents:

- [B1/2 - Draft Criteria for the positions of Interim Chair and member of the Interim Steering Committee of the Climate Crisis Commission prepared by the Secretariat](#)

Agenda Item 3: Establishment of a working group on membership dues

Following the discussion in Council (107th Meeting, virtual, 10 February 2022), the President – with the support of the Council – requested the Bureau to set up a working group to work with the Secretariat to enable Council to fully understand the membership issues raised and to propose options to solve them.

Agenda Item 4: Follow-up from Council’s virtual meeting 8-10 February 2022 and preparations for the *in person* Council meeting in May

Documents:

- [Progress Tracker](#)
- [Agenda of the 107th Council meeting approved on 8 February 2022](#)

Agenda Item 5: Calendar of Bureau meetings

Consideration of a calendar for periodical meetings of the Bureau.

Agenda Item 6: Any other business (announced in advance of the meeting)

- 6.1 Communication to, and from Council
- 6.2 Financial issues in light of the rapidly changing economic environment
- 6.3 Situation in Ukraine

Email to IUCN Members and Commission members

To: IUCN Members in Categories A, B and C, IUCN Commission members
Cc: National and Regional Committees, IUCN Council, Director General's Office, Membership Focal Points, Membership and Commission Support Unit

Subject: Call for expressions of interest for Interim Chair and members of the Interim Steering Committee of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission. Deadline 28 April 2022

Dear IUCN Members and Commission members,

IUCN Members in Categories A, B and C and IUCN Commission members are invited to send in expressions of interest from individuals for the positions of Interim Chair, and members of the Interim Steering Committee of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission. ([WCC-2021-Res-110](#))

The IUCN Council will consider proposals received during its meeting in May 2022 at which point it will appoint the Interim Chair. The Interim Chair will select the candidates for membership of the Interim Steering Committee for appointment by Council from the list of those who submitted expressions of interest pursuant to this announcement.

When considering possible candidates for Interim Chair, IUCN Members and Commission members are asked to keep in mind that the individual concerned must not only have the relevant professional expertise, but also the time, personal commitment and if at all possible, institutional support to make it possible to carry out the demanding duties of a Commission Chair. Creative leadership, vision and dynamism are important qualities for the position of Interim Chair if the voluntary networks concerned are to be motivated and able to contribute to implementing the Mission of the Union.

The Council has identified a series of qualifications for the positions of Interim Chair and member of the Interim Steering Committee. The list of criteria for each are included in Annexes 1 and 2 below.

May we also remind you of the statutory requirement that, as a whole, the Commission Chairs come from a diverse range of Regions and that not more than two Commission Chairs may be from any one State. The list of Commission Chairs currently in office indicating the State they are from is available below.

The Interim Chair appointed by the Council will serve until the close of the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress, when the election process will follow the details set out in the IUCN Statutes. Similarly, the Interim Steering Committee members will serve from the date of their appointment until the close of the 2025 IUCN Congress subject to Regulations 73 and 73bis.

IUCN Members and Commission members are invited to forward expressions of interest from individuals who meet the relevant criteria to the IUCN President by email to president@iucn.org to arrive **no later than 28 April 2022 at 13:00 GMT/UTC**.

We very much appreciate your attention to this important aspect of the governance of the Union.

Yours sincerely,

Commission	Chair	State
Commission on Education and Communication	Sean Southey	Canada/South Africa
Commission on Ecosystem Management	Angela Andrade	Colombia
Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy	Kristen Walker Painemilla	USA
Species Survival Commission	Jon Paul Rodriguez	Venezuela
World Commission on Environmental Law	Christina Voigt	Germany
World Commission on Protected Areas	Madhu Rao	India/UK

Call for expressions of interest to be the Interim Chair of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

Background

In September 2021, at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseilles, IUCN members agreed to initiate the establishment of a new IUCN Commission on the Climate Crisis, tasking the IUCN Council with appointing an Interim Chair (IC) and establishing an Interim Steering Committee (ISC) for the Commission. ([WCC-2021-Res-110](#))

The aim of the new Commission is to mobilise and coordinate the Union and engage with Regional and National IUCN Committees and broader civil society efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change based on the best available scientific evidence coming from the IPCC and taking into account the actions and initiatives that are developed in the UNFCCC through the Global Climate Action Agenda.

The IUCN Council invites IUCN Members and members of IUCN Commissions to send in expressions of interest from individuals who meet the criteria below for the position of Interim Chair and/or members of the Interim Steering Committee by 13:00 UTC on 28 April 2022.

The IUCN Bureau will consider candidates and make a recommendation to Council for the appointment of the Interim Chair at its 107th meeting on 18-19 May 2022. Gender equity and regional diversity will be taken into consideration in the review of candidates.

The Interim Chair will, with the support of the Bureau and in accordance with the criteria defined for the membership of the ISC, propose to Council the candidates for membership of the ISC at the latest by 30 June 2022, taking into account the expressions of interest received, with a view to Council appointing them by 31 July 2022. The IC and ISC will be requested to develop draft terms of reference for the Commission by 15 October 2022 for Council's consideration.

The term of the IC will be until the end of the next IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2025.

Candidates for Interim Chair must be of high standing, with well-respected leadership qualities; a track record of experience, expertise and knowledge in climate policy and action and its nexus with the biodiversity crisis; a demonstrated capacity to inspire colleagues and mobilise resources; with a working knowledge of IUCN; a commitment to build cohesion across the Union's components; and the commitment to dedicate substantial unpaid time to this role for the next three years.

Criteria for the position of Interim Chair

Candidates wishing to be considered for the position of interim Chair – Climate Crisis Commission should possess the following attributes:-

General

- a) have previous governance/Board experience, preferably in an international or intergovernmental organization or a large regional organization
- b) be committed to conservation, equity, justice and sustainable development
- c) have a global view of the Union, and the ability to contribute to the strategic directions of IUCN and determination of its priorities
- d) financial literacy
- e) experience in mobilizing financial resources from different sources
- f) commitment to participate in Council and one of its standing committees
- g) have the capacity to work in English and if possible, at least one of the other official languages of IUCN

Specific

- h) documented, outstanding and widely respected expertise with respect to climate science, policy, governance and action and the nexus with biodiversity
- i) good knowledge of IUCN, its structures, governance processes and ongoing work in the context of climate change
- j) network of contacts around the world and proven networking skills
- k) ability to work across cultures, disciplines, north-south
- l) leadership qualities - able to give vision, sense of direction and inspiration
- m) effective chair of meetings
- n) proven strategic planning and organizational management skills
- o) good communicator
- p) the ability to build and achieve strategically coherent consensus and a commitment to building cohesion across the Union's components

Requirements

- (i) No conflict of interest;
- (ii) Serve in a personal capacity and not as a representative of State, Member organization or interest groups;
- (iii) Time available for the full discharge of the interim Commission Chair's duties until the next World Conservation Congress in 2025;

Desirable

- (i) Support at institutional/employment base
- (ii) Experience from regional and/or international networking
- (iii) Prior IUCN involvement

Expressions of interest should be sent to the IUCN President [president@iucn.org] by 28 April 2022, and must include:

1. the candidate's response to the above criteria
2. an up-to-date CV
3. a declaration of any relevant interests (to manage (potential) conflict of interests)
4. confirmation of the candidate's commitment to dedicate the time to effectively discharge the role of a Commission Chair for the next three years
5. at least two endorsements from IUCN members in different IUCN regions
6. A document, no longer than 5 pages, of the candidate's vision for the Commission, views on how the Commission, once established, could add value to IUCN without duplicating efforts

Call for expressions of interest as a Member of the Interim Steering Committee of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

Background

In September 2021, at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseilles, IUCN members agreed to initiate the establishment of a new IUCN Commission on the Climate Crisis, tasking the IUCN Council with appointing an Interim Chair (IC) and establishing an Interim Steering Committee (ISC) for the Commission. ([WCC-2021-Res-110](#))

The aim of the new Commission is to mobilise and coordinate the Union and engage with Regional and National IUCN Committees and broader civil society efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change based on the best available scientific evidence coming from the IPCC and taking into account the actions and initiatives that are developed in the UNFCCC through the Global Climate Action Agenda.

The IUCN Council invites IUCN members and members of IUCN Commissions to send in expressions of interest from individuals who meet the criteria below for members of the Interim Steering Committee by 13:00 UTC on 28 April 2022.

Once appointed, the Interim Chair will, with the support of the Bureau and in accordance with the criteria defined for the membership of the ISC, propose to Council the candidates for membership of the ISC at the latest by 30 June 2022, taking into account the expressions of interest received, with a view to Council appointing them by 31 July 2022. Expressions of Interest received through this call will be made available to the Interim Chair, who will consider them in view of preparing a list of ISC nominees to Council.

The IC and ISC will be requested to develop draft terms of reference for the Commission by 15 October 2022 for Council's consideration.

The term of the ISC members will be until the end of the next IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2025, subject to Regulations 73 and 73*bis*.

Criteria

Candidates wishing to be considered as a member of the Interim Steering Committee of the Climate Crisis Commission should possess the following attributes:

- Technical qualification and in particular possess the necessary knowledge and documented expertise in climate science, policy and action, including issues concerning mitigation, adaptation and climate resilient development, and the role of nature-based solutions in these

Other factors which the Interim Chair and Council will take into account during the selection process:

- Diversity of points of view
- Geographic representation
- Gender equity and the inclusion of the vital voices of Indigenous Peoples and Youth

Expressions of interest should be sent to the IUCN President [president@iucn.org] by 28 April 2022, and must include:

1. the candidate's response to the above criteria
2. an up-to-date CV
3. a declaration of any relevant interests (to manage (potential) conflict of interests)
4. confirmation of the candidate's commitment to dedicate the time necessary serve in the Interim Steering Committee

Draft Terms of Reference of a Council Working Group on membership dues
(Approved by the Bureau of the IUCN Council on 18 March 2022)

Introduction

During the virtual part of the 107th Council meeting held on 8-10 February 2022, the Council discussed concerns expressed by IUCN Members over the recent increase of the level of membership dues experienced by some IUCN Members. See also [C107/7/3 PPT IUCN membership dues – Background slides on key facts](#) and [C107/7/4 Letter - Executive Committee - IUCN National Committee USA – membership dues](#). Following the discussion, the President –with the support of the Council– requested the Bureau to set up a working group to work with the Secretariat to enable Council to fully understand the membership issues raised and to propose solutions.

Mandate

The Council Working Group is requested to:

1. Study the issues with regard to the recent increase of membership dues resulting from [2021 Congress Decision 152](#) adopting the Membership Dues Guide 2022-24, taking into account the discussion during the February meeting of the 107th Council, paying particular attention to how Members' budgets were computed, cases where Members' dues increased by more than 100%, and how the Secretariat communicates with Members on such issues, and propose options to resolve them.
2. Study a) the dues for venue-based organisations and government agencies and b) Members facing difficult financial situations and not being able to pay their dues, and propose options to resolve them, in time to enable Council to submit proposals for approval by IUCN Members by electronic vote before the next Congress as requested by [2021 Congress Decision 152](#).¹

Timetable and sunset clause

The Council Working Group is requested to present its recommendations to Council:

- On point 1 of its mandate: by 20 April 2022 in time for review by GCC and FAC and discussion at the resumed 107th Council meeting (18-19 May 2022)
- On point 2 of its mandate: by 28 October 2022 in time for review by GCC and FAC and discussion at the 108th Council meeting (30 November – 1 December 2022)

The Council Working Group will have completed its mandate at the end of the 108th Council meeting unless Council decides to extend it.

Membership

By analogy with the Joint GCC/FAC Task Force on membership dues ([established by Council in 2018](#)), the Council Working Group will be composed of:

- 1) Three members of the GCC: Maud Lelièvre (chair), MA Keping and Ana Di Pangracio
- 2) Two-three members of the FAC: Jon Paul Rodriguez, Rick Bates

and will be supported by the Secretariat.

¹ The issue of the “value of membership” referred to in [2021 Congress Decision 152](#) will be discussed by Council as part of its Priorities and Objectives 2021-25.