

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

91st Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council Held by conference call on 11 March 2021

Decisions

Approval of the agenda

BUREAU DECISION B91/1

The Bureau of the IUCN Council, Adopts the agenda of its 91st meeting as revised. (Annex 1)

Appointment of an Election Officer and Deputy Election Officer¹

BUREAU DECISION B91/2

The Bureau of the IUCN Council, <u>Decides</u> to nominate to Council for appointment as:

- 1. Election Officer: Dr Nilufer Oral
- 2. Deputy Election Officer: Dr Rahmat Mohamad

Implementation of the Council's Response to the External Review of IUCN's Governance

BUREAU DECISION B91/3

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

<u>Decides</u> to request the Succession Planning Committee (SPC) to examine the DG's proposal of a checklist / succession plan for the DG and senior leadership positions of the Secretariat and make a recommendation to the Bureau. The Bureau will submit a final proposal to Council for approval.

BUREAU DECISION B91/4

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

<u>Decides</u> to request the President, in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, to decide who will work with the Director General on behalf of the Bureau in the months of July/August 2021 with a view to adapting the Planning and Reporting Framework and submitting it to the Bureau for approval in time to hand it over to the next Council.

Addendum to the IUCN Programme 2021-24 on the impact of the pandemic on the implementation of the Programme

BUREAU DECISION B91/5

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

On the recommendation of the Chair of the Programme and Policy Committee (PPC), <u>Decides</u> to mandate the PPC to approve the draft Addendum to the IUCN Programme 2021-24 on the impact of the pandemic on Programme implementation, for the purpose of consulting the IUCN Members.

¹ The IUCN Council appointed Dr Oral and Dr Mohamad as, respectively, Election Officer and Deputy Election Officer, on 23 March 2021.



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(Approved by the Bureau at its 91st Meeting, decision B91/1)

Agenda Item 1: The President's opening remarks and approval of the Agenda

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of an Election Officer

On 11 February 2021, the IUCN Council approved the revised version of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Election Officer by including ToR of a Deputy Election Officer. Council invited the Steering Committee of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) to nominate to the Bureau, within two weeks from Council's approval of the ToR, four candidates for the purpose of the Bureau selecting one candidate for each position and recommending them to Council for appointment. The Bureau is invited to consider the candidates nominated by WCEL on 8 March 2021.

Agenda Item 3: Covid vaccinations and impact on the IUCN World Conservation Congress

Agenda Item 4: Actions required from the Bureau in the context of implementing the Council's Response to the External Review of IUCN's Governance

The action plan to implement selected topics from Council's Response to the External Review of IUCN's Governance, approved by GCC on 2 September 2020, requests the Bureau to provide directions on two points:

- 1. Does the Succession Planning Committee (SPC, see its ToR approved by C96/3, March 2019) still exist and, if so, will it prepare a succession plan for the DG in accordance with its ToR or, if not, does the Bureau recommend to Council to approve another mechanism to prepare and approve a succession plan for the DG?
- 2. Is the current Planning and Reporting framework, provided as Annex 2 to the Council Handbook (pp. 35-37) sufficient as the mechanism by which Council can hold the Secretariat to account, whether the formats are good, what could be improved, etc. and what, if anything, is required in terms of professionalizing oversight functions?

Agenda Item 5: Briefing on the financial strategy

The Treasurer will present an update on the financial strategy.

Agenda Item 6: Members facing difficult financial situations and unable to pay their full dues as a result of the pandemic

Letters received from the Chair of the National Committee of Mexico and from the State Member of Vanuatu, comments made by IUCN Members during the online discussion of the Financial Plan 2021-24 and the Membership Dues, requesting either to waive the obligation to pay their dues or to reduce them, and notes from an informal meeting of the Chairs of the Regional Committees of South America and Meso America with the Secretariat on 2 February 2021 during which the issue of membership dues was raised.

Agenda Item 7: Any other business announced in advance of the meeting

- 7.1 Request for information on the status of implementation of the Resolutions and Recommendations adopted by electronic vote of IUCN Members on 21 October 2020 as part of the motions process of the forth coming IUCN World Conservation Congress. See in this regard the note from the Global Policy Unit.
- 7.2 Request for information on the preparation of Council decisions regarding the format of the forthcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress.
- 7.3 Update on the development of the addendum to the IUCN Programme on *The impacts and implications of COVID-19 pandemic and Human Health on the IUCN Programme 2021-2024.*