



INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE

7th Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council

Held by conference call on 27 September 2022

Decisions

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

DECISION B7/1

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Adopts the agenda of its 7th Meeting, as revised. (**Annex 1**)

Agenda Item 2: Council's strategic priorities and objectives 2022-25

DECISION B7/2

In response to the request of the Council (decision C107/15, May 2022),

Recommends to the Council to approve the revised version of the *IUCN Council's priorities and objectives for the term 2022-25* as well as the lead responsibility in Council and timeline (**Annex 2**), and

Invites the Director General to bring forward to Council for its consideration at the time the Budget 2023 is presented, a request for additional resources, if any, required to provide Secretariat support for any Council priority / objective.

Agenda Item 3: IUCN 20-year Strategy

DECISION B7/3

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

In response to the request of the Council (decision C107/16, May 2022), taking into account the nominations received based on the [Terms of Reference](#) approved by Council on 18 August 2022,

Recommends to the Council to appoint the following individuals as members of the *Intersessional Council Working Group on the Development of a new 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union* established pursuant to [2021 Congress decision 147](#): (in alphabetical order)

1. Monique Catherine BISSECK Epse YIGBEDEK, Cameroon
2. Alejandro A. Imbach, Argentina
3. Marco Lambertini, Italy
4. Zdenka Piskulich, Costa Rica
5. John Robinson, US
6. Kanyinke Sena, Kenya
7. Swetha Stotra Bhashyam, India
8. Linda Wong, China/US
9. Dedee Woodside, Australia

Agenda Item 4: IUCN Engagement with TotalEnergies

DECISION B7/4

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,
In response to Council decision C107/23 (May 2022),

Requests the Private Sector Task Force¹ (PSTF) established by the Council's Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) in accordance with Regulation 59, to undertake the work requested by Council decision C107/23 and make a recommendation to Council on the proposed engagement with TotalEnergies taking into account the revised version of the *IUCN Operational Framework for Engagement with the Extractives Sector* prepared by members of the Bureau in cooperation with the Secretariat;

Requests the Private Sector Task Force to review the *IUCN Operational Framework for Engagement with the Extractives Sector* in view of the PPC making recommendations to Council for its adoption.

Agenda Item 6: IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

DECISION B7/5

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Recommends to Council to confirm that the term "Interim" could be dropped for the purpose of branding / promoting IUCN's Climate Crisis Commission provided that any promotional material mention in small characters that the Commission was provisional and its Chair and Steering Committee were "interim" until the next IUCN World Conservation Congress adopts the Commission's mandate and elects its Chair.

Agenda Item 7: Issues with regard to the membership dues

DECISION B7/6

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,
On the recommendation of the Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC),

Takes note of the Second report of the Council Working Group on Membership Dues; and

Requests the Secretariat to proceed with sending the membership fee invoices for 2023 in November 2022 together with an explanatory note on the Membership Dues situation.

Agenda Item 8: Issues related to the 108th Council meeting

DECISION B7/7

The Bureau of the IUCN Council,

Decided that the standing committees be convened in person for a full day on 17 January 2023 prior to the 108th Council meeting, and

Re-affirms the importance for good governance of the current practice of the standing committees meeting virtually well ahead of the Council meeting with the purpose of making their written recommendations available to Council two weeks before the Council meeting.



Bureau of the IUCN Council

7th Meeting (Zoom), Tuesday 27 September 2022 – 11:00 to 14:00 UTC

Agenda

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

Agenda Item 2: Council's strategic priorities and objectives 2022-25

During the 6th meeting of the Bureau on 29 June 2022, a process was agreed to complete the Council's strategic priorities and objectives 2022-25 approved by C107 in May ([decision C107/15](#)), with designation of lead responsibility in Council, a timetable and the resources required for each priority/objective. A revised version including the lead responsibility and timeline prepared by the President and VP Peter Cochrane (see the document link hereafter) was transmitted to the DG on 15 September in order to add the required resources – which might take more time beyond the Bureau meeting to complete.

Documents:

- B7/2 Council priorities and objectives 2022-25 - revised incl. lead responsibility and timeline 15 September 2022

Agenda Item 3: IUCN 20-year Strategy

By [decision C107/16](#), the Council requested the Bureau to “reach out to IUCN Members for expressions of interest to become part of the Council working group and recommend names for appointment by Council before the end of September 2022” taking into account the Working Groups’ ToR approved by Council on 18 August 2022. Deadline for Member nominations is 19 September 2022. Bureau members will receive the list of all nominations soon after the deadline (with CC to all Council members).

Documents:

- B7/3 Intersessional Council Working Group 20-year Strategy – List of nominees (all nomination documents can be viewed online via One drive and via Dropbox)

Agenda Item 4: IUCN Engagement with TotalEnergies

During the 6th meeting of the Bureau on 29 June 2022, the Bureau “accepted Peter Cochrane and Kristen Walker’s offer to work with the Secretariat reviewing the guiding principles for working with extractive industry and run them by PPC’s Private Sector Task Force (PSTF) with a sense of urgency. Bureau could subsequently take decisions on TotalEnergies” in follow-up to Council [decision C107/23](#).

Documents:

- B7/4 Operational Framework Extractives Sector - revised version 26.09.2022

Agenda Item 5: Progress Tracker

Review of progress with implementation of Council and Bureau decisions.

Documents:

- B7/5 Progress Tracker update 25 Sep 2022

Agenda Item 6: IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

6.1 Update on the process for appointing the members of the Steering Committee of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

Documents:

- B7/6.1 Update on the process for appointing the members of the Steering Committee of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission

6.2 Update on the preparation of Draft ToR of the Climate Crisis Commission by the Interim Steering Committee and process/timeline for Bureau/Council approval

6.3 Increased visibility and branding

Item postponed from B6 on 29 June 2022 due to time constraints. During the Council meeting on 18 May 2022, the question was raised whether/how better use could be made of the new Commission in particular in the context of the UNFCCC COPs, as working with a provisional Commission and Interim Chair for three years was not considered effective. The Chair, with the support of Council, referred the question of increasing the Commission's visibility and branding to the Bureau for consideration and suggested CEC to designate an expert to facilitate the discussion.

Agenda Item 7: Issues with regard to the membership dues

In May 2022, the Council *“requested the Working Group to assess the situation further and based on that, present a report on the status of the dues computation and payment taking into account financial implications, and recommendations for potential solutions, including changes to the new Dues Guide that would require electronic voting of the membership by the next Council meeting.”* The WG on membership dues, which met in August, reported with recommendations to GCC during its meeting of 6 September 2022 in accordance with the President's request that GCC submit its recommendations in an actionable format to the Bureau by 10 September 2022 with a consideration on whether or not this will have an impact on the 2023 budget. If the Bureau concludes that a decision of the Council is required, this could be achieved by an email ballot, and if also discussion in Council is required, by referring the matter either to the virtual meeting of the Council C108 on 29 November 2022 or to an extraordinary meeting of Council to be scheduled before that time.

Documents:

- B7/7 GCC5 – Second report of the Working Group on membership dues dated 6 Sep 2022
- B7/7 GCC5 – Outcomes and recommendations to Council

Agenda Item 8: Issues related to the 108th Council meeting**8.1 Meetings of the Standing Committees**

The Secretariat seeks the Bureau's advice on the timing of the standing committees which requested to meet in person at the occasion of the next Council meeting held in Abu Dhabi on 17, 18 and 19 January 2023. Preparations are underway for a three-day Council meeting of which two days are reserved for Council's plenary meeting and one day for committees.

Options are:

- a. standing committees meet on 17 January followed by Council on 18-19 January
- b. Council meets on 17 and 18 January followed by standing committees on 19 January
- c. standing committees meet for half a day on 17 January to finalize pending issues followed by another half day on 19 January in order to organize the work requested by the Council. Council would begin after lunch on 17 January and end on 19 January at lunch time.

8.2 Agenda of the virtual meeting of C108 on 29 November 2022

The President will seek the Bureau's advice on the draft agenda for the virtual meeting.

Agenda Item 9: Proposed process for the Legal Adviser's evaluationDocuments:

- B7/9 Proposed process for the Legal Adviser's evaluation

Agenda Item 10: Any other business

Council priorities / objectives 2022 – 2025

Priorities & objectives	Desired impact by 2025	Lead responsibility	VP	Timeline ¹
1-Governance Reforms				
Complete the implementation of the Council Response to 2019 Governance External Review with particular attention to optimal transparency of Council and its effective communication and engagement with Members in the regions, and effective cooperation between Secretariat and Commissions	Each component of the Union effectively performs its statutory functions	DG submits proposals to C108; GCC makes recommendations to C108 on selected proposals that are ready for adoption GCC makes recommendations to C109 on all other proposals taking into account C108 discussion Immediate implementation of approved proposals in 2023-24 “Light” review of results by external reviewer at C112	Hilde Eggermont	15Nov22 17Jan23 09May23 Nov24
2-Resolutions				
Ensuring implementation of all Resolutions and Decisions requiring action by Council with particular attention to: a. 2021 RES 110 establishing a Climate Crisis Commission b. 2021 DEC 148 on increased Member involvement in Congress c. Increased effectiveness / transparency of the motions process d. Impact of armed conflict on biodiversity	Effective implementation of IUCN Resolutions and Decisions adopted by WCC Improved levels of Member participation and confidence in, and management of, Congress and intersessional decision-processes	PPC proposes and Council approves in accordance with the process approved by Council (DEC C107/11) except: a- Interim Chair proposes, Council approves b- Advisory Group proposes, GCC reviews, Council approves c- GCC proposes, PPC and FAC review, Council approves	Imèn Meliane	Overall: 2025 Congress a- ToR approved and Commission operational by/before C108 b- Council approval of final proposals for online vote at C110 c- Idem

¹ **C108**: 29 November 2022 (Part I – virtual) and 17-19 January 2023 in person; **C109**: May 2023; **C110**: November 2023; **C111**: May 2024; **C112**: November 2024; **C113**: February/March 2025

Council priorities / objectives 2022 – 2025

3-Strategic Vision				
<p>a- Develop the 20 year Strategy incl. a financial strategy to achieve a sustainable Union and submit to Congress</p> <p>b- Measure and communicate the delivery of conservation outcomes and impact of Nature 2030</p>	<p>20 year Strategy delivered and adopted at Congress</p> <p>IUCN financially secure</p> <p>Conservation outcomes and impacts measured</p>	<p>a- DG proposes; Intersessional Council WG reviews (FAC on financial strategy); Council reviews; WG approves the final version for submission to Congress</p> <p>b- DG reports; PPC reviews; Council takes decisions as required</p>	Razan AlMubarak	<p>a- Per Council DEC C107/16: C109 draft for consultation C111 approval final version C113 approval of statutory amendments required</p> <p>b- 2025 Congress</p>
4- Membership value proposition				
<p>a- Modify as required and implement the membership strategy with particular attention to engagement of IUCN Members as part of the <i>One Programme</i> approach</p> <p>b- Improve the transparency of IUCN investment in countries and Regions (programs, presence, projects)</p> <p>c- Retain and grow State party membership</p>	<p>Increased engagement and satisfaction of Members National & Regional Committees and Commissions in IUCN's work</p> <p>Number of State members is increased</p> <p>Greater equity in the distribution of IUCN resources</p>	<p>a- GCC proposes; Council approves</p> <p>b- DG reports; FAC reviews; Council takes decisions as required</p> <p>c- DG reports; GCC reviews; Council takes decisions as required</p>	Ramiro Batzin	Ongoing, annual review by Council, and report to Congress
5-International positioning				
<p>a- Identify international policy priorities and areas where IUCN can have a maximum impact</p> <p>b- More effectively leverage expertise, networks, collaborations and influence of IUCN's constituent parts and new partners</p> <p>c- Expedited and measured responses to international issues</p>	<p>IUCN's influence is improved and mobilizes all of its constituents</p> <p>High ambition conservation goals are secured</p>	<p>a- DG reports or proposes; PPC reviews; Council takes decisions as required</p> <p>b- DG reports or proposes; PPC reviews; Council takes decisions as required</p> <p>c- CEC to draft, Council to take decisions as required</p>	Peter Cochrane	All by 2025 Congress