

8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum

Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future

Bangkok, Thailand
3-5 September 2024
DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1 (3 September 2024)

Time and Venue	Session and Description	Agenda
0800 Main lobby	Registration	
0900-1015 Room: Ballroom	I. Inaugural Session (75 mins) high-level session for official opening of RCF Asia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcome remarks by Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN 2. Remarks/Message by Dr Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General 3. Opening Remarks: Ms Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President 4. Address by the Governor of Bangkok (Tbc) 5. Keynote address by Chief Guest, Government of Thailand (Tbc) 6. Vote of thanks by Prof Ma Keping, Chair of the IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee and Councillor 7. Cultural performance
1015-1130	Networking break Inauguration of Exhibition and Learning Zone	
1130-1245 Room: Ballroom	II-a. Reimagining Conservation in Asia (75 mins)	<p>Panel discussion: Perspectives on the RCF theme, from IUCN Asia’s key external stakeholders</p> <p>Panel members to be confirmed.</p>
1245-1400	Lunch	
1400-1515 Room: Ballroom	<p>Plenary session (75 mins)</p> <p>II-b. 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union</p> <p>II-c. Highlights and Perspectives from ARMC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and discussion on the 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union and IUCN Programme (45 mins) - Highlights and perspectives from ARMC (30 mins) – Presentation of ARMC and members’ summary of feedback to 20-year vision and programme from pre-RCF dialogues
1515-1545	Networking break (30 mins)	
1545-1700 Room: Ballroom	II-d. IUCN Programme 2026-29: Road to Abu Dhabi (75 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation and discussion of draft IUCN intersessional programme - Presentation and discussion on the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 - key processes, deadlines and statutory requirements, including sponsorship criteria for delegates/Members,

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		Congress Forum, Members Assembly; medals & awards
1700-1830 Room: Ballroom Riverside 1 and 2	Youth Leaders Forum – Part 1 (60 mins) Youth-led plenary session on feedback to IUCN vision and programme Part 2 (30 mins) Youth-led interactive session or performance	Led by Youth leaders' group
1900-2100 Ballroom	Welcome Dinner / Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN • Remarks by Chief guest from the Government of Thailand (TBC) • Announcement of results of the elections of office bearers of the Asia Regional Members' Committee • Congratulatory remarks by Dr Grethel Aguilar, Director General, IUCN • Remarks by Ms Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President • Cultural performance • Dinner

Day 2 (4 September 2024)

Note: To confirm session chairs, speakers and facilitators (from selected Members/Commissions/ Councillors)

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0900-1015	III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance	
Room: Ballroom 1	Parallel session: Water and Wetlands (75 mins)	Welcome and opening remarks Introducing water and wetlands issues in Asia Facilitated discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA)/Nature-based Solutions (NbS) in Asia</i> • <i>Water governance</i> • <i>Water, Energy, Food and Environment</i> • <i>Freshwater biodiversity conservation</i> • <i>Freshwater challenge- country perspectives</i> Q&A Summary and wrap-up
Room: Ballroom 2	Parallel session: Healthy Ocean (75 mins)	Welcome and opening remarks Introducing the marine issues-global and Asia context Facilitated discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Large marine ecosystem (LME) conservation</i> • <i>Policy frameworks for delivering coastal ecosystems conservation and sustainable development in Asia</i> • <i>Progress in tackling plastic waste pollution</i> Q&A Summary and wrap-up
Ballroom 3	Parallel session: Healthy Lands (75 mins)	Welcome and opening remarks

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		<p>Introducing the topic: The triple planetary crisis and Healthy Lands</p> <p>Facilitated discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Restoring and sustaining Asian forest landscapes through regional programmatic frameworks for FLR and primary forests</i> • <i>Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) – Act30 and KM-GBF Target-3</i> • <i>Scaling Governance and effective management across PCAs – IUCN Green List</i> • <i>Integrating Strategies for Sustainable Land Management – One Health and sustainable land-use practices</i> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Summary and wrap-up</p>
Room: Riverside VI+VII	Parallel session: Species actions (75 mins)	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Introducing the topic: Species extinction crisis in Asia</p> <p>Facilitated discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Global Species Action Plan and NBSAP</i> • <i>Wildlife trafficking</i> • <i>Conservation success Partnership for species conservation</i> • <i>Technology in species conservation</i> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Summary and wrap-up</p>
1015-1045	Networking break	
1045-1200	III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2026-29	
Room: Ballroom 1	Parallel session: NbS for Climate Action (75 mins)	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Introducing the topic: IUCN approaches for designing NbS at scale</p> <p>Facilitated discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>NbS for Climate at national scale</i> • <i>Civil society perspective on Nature as an ally to tackle adaptation</i> • <i>Toward a larger space for NbS and ecosystems in the Global dialogue – integration of NbS into NDCs and NAPs</i> • <i>Climate finance for NbS</i> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Summary and wrap-up</p>
Room: Ballroom 2	Financing conservation (75 mins)	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Introducing the topic: Financing mechanisms to sustain conservation actions</p> <p>Facilitated discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovative financing mechanisms – a critical overview</i> • <i>Examples of innovative financing from IUCN Members across Asia</i> <p>Q&A</p> <p>Summary and wrap-up</p>
Room: Ballroom 3	Reimagining Asian cities (75 mins)	<p>Welcome and opening remarks</p> <p>Introducing the topic: nature positive urban planning</p>

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		Facilitated discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Integration of NbS into mainstreamed urban development policy</i> • <i>Informed climate policy for climate resilient urban planning</i> • <i>Civil society perspective</i> Q&A Summary and wrap-up
Room: Riverside VI+VII	Transforming agri-food systems (75 mins)	Welcome and opening remarks Introducing the topic: common ground for accelerating the transition to sustainable agriculture Facilitated discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lessons shared by Members on sustainable agriculture approaches</i> • <i>Mainstreaming biodiversity conservation and climate resilience in agriculture</i> • <i>Sustainability challenges and areas for shared collaboration</i> • <i>Driving change through finance and economics</i> Q&A Summary and wrap-up
1200-1300	Lunch	
1315-1500 Ballroom	IV-a. Members Session (105 mins)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motions process – Ms Sonia Peña Moreno (30 mins) 2. Discussion (15 mins) 3. IUCN Resolution 123 - Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation – Dr Nicholas Macfarlane (15 mins) Discussion (15 mins) 4. Contributions for Nature Platform (15 mins) 5. Discussion (15 mins)
1500-1530	Networking break (30 mins)	
1530-1645 Ballroom	IV-b. Commissions in Action (75 mins.)	Panel discussion on commissions engagement in Asia: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) 2. Climate Crisis Commission (CCC) 3. Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) 4. Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) 5. Species Survival Commission (SSC) 6. World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) 7. World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)
1645-1800 Room: Riverside II, III, VI and VII	Side events Part I (75 mins)	Four parallel sessions involving Members/Commissions (subject to further discussion/consultation)
1815-1930 Riverside II, III, VI and VII	Side events Part II (75 mins)	Four parallel sessions involving Members/Commissions (subject to further discussion/consultation)
1645-1915 Room: Pompadour	Learning Zone (150 mins)	IUCN Academy Training courses to be confirmed

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1930-2030 Ballroom	Dinner - Celebrating nature and the Union in Asia	Dinner events - Act30 launch - Awards – Green List certificates - Award, medal giving ceremony by CEC (tbc)

Day 3 (5 September 2024)

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0900-1030 Room: Ballroom	IV-b. Members Session (90 mins)	1. Discussion on the proposals from Council or Members for governance improvements and reforms including possible amendments to the Statutes 2. Identification/presentation of candidates to nominate for election as IUCN Councillors
1030-1100	Networking break (30 mins)	
1100-1230	Side events Part III (75 mins, Ballroom and Riverside VI)	Four parallel sessions involving Members/Commissions (subject to further discussion/consultation)
	Youth Leaders Forum (Part II, Riverside I)	Parallel event
	Learning Zone (Pompadour)	Parallel session
1230-1330	Lunch	
1330-1530 Room: Ballroom	V. Closing Session (120 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of guests • Arrival of the Chief Guest, Government of Thailand • Opening remarks by Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN • Remarks by the newly elected Chair of IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee • Remarks by Dr Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General • Remarks by Chief Guest, Government of Thailand (tbc) • Event highlights video • Vote of thanks by Ms Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President