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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 marking official opening of Asia RCF	1. Welcome remarks by Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN 2. Remarks/Message by Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General 3. Opening Remarks: Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President 4. Address by the Governor of Bangkok (Tbc) 5. Keynote address by Chief Guest, Government of Thailand 6. Vote of thanks by 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** **Press conference**	
1130-1245 Room: Ballroom	**II-a. Reimagining Conservation in Asia (75 mins)**	Perspectives on the RCF theme, from IUCN Asia's key external stakeholders Chair: Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President Panel: 1. *United Nations:* Sangmin Nam, Director, Environment and Development Division, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) 2. *Financial institution:* Yoko Watanabe, Director, Environment, Asian Development Bank 3. *Private sector:* Pras Ganesh, Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor Asia (Thailand) Co. Ltd. 4. *Local community:* Kittisak Rrattanakrajangsri, Chairperson, Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment
1245-1400	**Lunch**	

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1400-1640 Room: Ballroom	**II-b. 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union and IUCN draft Programme 2026-29 (160 mins)**	1. Presentation of the change needed for nature by Dindo Campilan (10 min) 2. Presentation on 20-year vision by Kazuaki Hoshino, IUCN Councillor (15 min) 3. Presentation on Programme by Madhu Rao, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (10 min) 4. Ma Keping, Chair of the IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee and Councilor, to present reflections (10 min) 5. Discussion Q&A with Members– led by Mark Salway, Chief Operations Officer, IUCN (110 min)
1640-1700	**Networking Break (20 mins)**	
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	1. **Plenary Session (Part 1)**: Youth leaders presenting their ideas on: • IUCN Youth Strategy • What Does This Mean to the Youth? • Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future • Youth Visions for Life in Harmony with Nature **Networks participating:** IUCN Commission on Education and Communication Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), YOUNGO (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change), Mae Fah Luang Foundation, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences (IFESCU), University of Chittagong, Asian Youth Network on Protected Areas (AYNPA), KAWET, KNPS, Youth for Meghna, ECONOW 2. **Collaborative Workshop (Part 2):** • Group activities to brainstorm and develop innovative conservation strategies. • Creation of action plans for youth engagement in the IUCN programme.
1900-2100 Room: Ballroom	**Welcome Dinner / Reception**	1. Welcome by Dindo Campilan, Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania, IUCN 2. Remarks by Chief Guest from the Government of Thailand 3. Announcement of results of the elections of office bearers of the Asia Regional Members Committee 4. Chair, National Committee of IUCN Members in Thailand 5. Congratulatory remarks by Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General 6. Remarks by Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President 7. Commencement of key partnerships and initiatives • Partnership with ADB Nature Solution Finance Hub • Selection of the IUCN Asia Regional Office as Convention on Biological Diversity Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre • Others 8. Cultural performance 9. Dinner

Day 2 (4 September 2024)

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0900-1015	**III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance**		**III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2026-29**	
	Parallel session 1: Water and Wetlands (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 1	Opening: James Dalton, Global Water & Wetlands Team Director, IUCN Water and Wetlands Programme in IUCN Asia - An overview: Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Panel discussion Moderator: Alejandro Iza, Global Environmental Law Team Director, IUCN • Ramsar and wetlands conservation - Praon Udomprasert, Director, The Wetland Convention (Ramsar) Subdivision, Department of Water Resources Thailand and IBRRI Chair; • Youth engagement in water diplomacy, Brinda Kashyap, member of IUCN Meghna Water Futures programme • Rivers, more than water – Paul Sein Twa Director of the Karen Environmental and Social Action Network (KESAN – TBC) • The importance of cooperation on shared basins - Malik Fida Abdullah Khan, Executive Director, CEGIS and member of the National River Conservation Commission of Bangladesh Q&A Summary and wrap-up	**Parallel session 2: Financing conservation (75 mins)** Room: Ballroom 2	Opening: Dr Dindo Campilan, Regional Director, IUCN Asia Financing conversation- An overview: Anshuman Saikia, Portfolio Manager Asia and Oceania - Multilateral Finance (GEF, GCF), IUCN Panel discussion Moderator: Jake Brunner, Head, Lower Mekong Sub-region, IUCN Asia • Tiger Conservation Coalition (TCC), a sustainable financing plan for tiger conservation- Maya Bankova, Panthera • Community fisheries and sustainable financing in Cambodia- Raksmey Luy, CEPA • Regional Conservation Trust Fund with the Coral Triangle Initiative- (TBC) • Other speakers Q&A Summary and wrap-up

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	Parallel session 3: Species actions (75 mins) Room: Ballroom 3	Opening: 'We can make a difference' - Vivek Menon, IUCN Councillor (TBC) Asia programme- An overview: Alex McWilliam, Senior Programme Officer, Species, IUCN Asia Panel discussion • Ha Tang Long, Chairman, GreenViet (Viet Nam) • Xialin Wang, Project Manager, Eco Foundation Global, China • Bed Kumar Dhakal, Deputy Director General, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal • Nerissa Chao, Director, IUCN Species Survival Commission, Asian Species Action Partnership • Dao Nguyen, Senior Programme Manager, Conservation Action, IUCN Q&A Summary and wrap-up	**Parallel session 4: Reimagining Asian cities (75 mins)** Room: Riverside VI and VII	Opening: TBC Asia programme- An overview: Satrio Adi Wicaksono, Programme Officer, Forests, IUCN Asia Panel discussion • Experiences gained in strengthening urban ecological performance in the in Urban Biodiversity Hub - Jennifer Rae Pierce, Political Ecologist and Urban Biodiversity Planner • Bangkok Urban Biodiversity projects - Pornphrom N.S. Vikitsreth, Advisor to Governor of Bangkok (Environmental Affairs, TBC) • Urban Climate Resilient Planning & policy for Asian cities (TBC) • Urban OECM Strategy in Southeast Asia, National Parks Board of Singapore (TBC) • Other speakers (TBC) Q&A Summary and wrap-up
1015-1045	**Networking break (30 mins)**			
1045-1200	**Parallel session 5: Healthy Lands (75 mins)** Room: Ballroom 1	Opening: Theresa Mundita Lim, Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity Overview of the Asia programme: Khalid Pasha, Coordinator, Regional Protected and Conserved Areas, IUCN Asia Presentations • Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Goal A: Restoring Habitats, Rewilding and Scaling up effective governance	**Parallel session 6: NbS for Climate Action (75 mins)** Room: Ballroom 2	Opening: Radhika Murti, Director, Centre for Societal Transformation, IUCN Overview: IUCN Asia's NbS for Climate Programme: Raphael Glemet, Senior Programme Officer, Water and Wetlands, IUCN Asia Panel discussion • Opportunities to mainstream NbS for climate in the Hindu Kush Himalaya - Srijana Joshi Rijal, Ecosystem Specialist, ICIMOD

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		and management for area-based conservation- Trevor Sandwith – Director, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action • Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) – Act30 and KM-GBF Target-3 - David Gadsden, Director, Conservation Solutions, Esri • Scaling Governance and effective management across Protected and Conserved Areas – Role of IUCN Green List- Siti NuAidah, WWF Malaysia • OECMs and their role in scaling biodiversity conservation - Wanlop Preechamart, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand • Restoring and sustaining Asian forest landscapes for Biodiversity and Human well-being - Sheila Wertz, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Q&A Panel discussion on One Health and Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Moderator: Dao Nguyen, Senior Programme Manager, Conservation Action, IUCN • Marie-Yon Struecker, Biodiversity & One Health Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) • Kinley Choden, Animal Health Officer, World Organisation for Animal Health		• Strengthening local governance of NbS in forests and agriculture - Trees4All Initiative funded by Global EbA Fund- David J Ganz, Executive Director, RECOFTC • NbS for climate in China – Luo Ming, Deputy Director of the NbS Asia Hub, Ministry of Natural Resources China • Regional financing for NbS - the Nature Solutions Finance Hub, Anouj Mehta, Country Director, Asian Development Bank Thailand Resident Mission Q&A Summary and wrap-up

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		• Sudhir Misra, TrustLegal Q&A Summary and wrap-up		

	Parallel session 7: Healthy Ocean (75 mins)
	
	Room: Ballroom 3
		Opening: Maeve Nightingale, Senior Programme Officer, Coastal and Marine, IUCN Asia
		
		Panel discussion
		• Achieving Regenerative Blue Economy in Asia - Yingfeng Guo, National Marine Hazard Mitigation Service (NMHMS) of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) of China (TBC)
		• Achieving 30x30 in the Marine Realm - Brigitta Maria Andrea Gunawan, Young Explorer and ocean advocate
		• Marine plastic pollution in Asia - Ana Maria Kumarasamy, Associate Programme Officer, Plastic Pollution and Marine Litter Secretariat of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA), UNEP
		
		Q&A
		Summary of the session- Tim Badman, World Heritage and Culture Team Director, IUCN (TBC)
			Parallel session 8: Transforming agri-food systems (75 mins)
			
			Room: Riverside VI and VII
				Opening: Raquibul Amin, Head, Programme Management, IUCN Asia
				
				Overview: Ludovic Larbodière, Senior Expert for Agriculture and Environment, IUCN
				
				Panel discussion
				• Intersection of biodiversity and food security - Satyawan Pudyatmoko, Director General of the Conservation of Natural Resources and Ecosystem, Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Republic of Indonesia (TBC)
				• Sustainability challenges and areas for shared collaboration - Glenn Gregorio, Center Director, Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA)
				• Lessons shared by Members on sustainable agriculture approaches
				  - Archana Jagdish Godbole, Director, Applied Environmental Research Foundation, India (TBC)
				  - Other speakers
				
				Q&A
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1200-1300	**Lunch**	
1315-1500 Room: Ballroom	**IV-a. Members Session (105 mins)**	1. Motions process – Sonia Peña Moreno, Director, Centre for Policy and Law, IUCN (30 mins) 2. Discussion (15 mins) 3. IUCN Resolution 123 - Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation – Nicholas Macfarlane, Senior Scientist and Programme Manager, IUCN (15 mins) 4. Discussion (15 mins) 5. Presentation on the Contributions for Nature Platform (15 mins) *6.* Discussion (15 mins)
1500-1530	**Networking break (30 mins)**	
1530-1645 Room: Ballroom	**IV-b. Commissions in Action (75 mins)**	Panel discussion on Commissions' engagement in Asia: 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)**	Parallel sessions involving Members, Commissions and Partners
1815-1930 Riverside II, III, VI and VII	**Side events Part II (75 mins)**	Parallel sessions involving Members, Commissions and Partners
1645-1915 Room: Pompadour	**Learning Zone (150 mins)**	**IUCN Academy** Training courses to be confirmed

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1930-2030 Room: Ballroom	**Dinner - Celebrating nature and the Union in Asia**	**Dinner events** 1. Act30 - Pledges from Asia 2. Awards – Green List certificates 3. Award, medal giving ceremony by Commission on Education and Communications (tbc) 4. Release of the elephant distribution map across Asia

Day 3 (5 September 2024)

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0900-1030 Room: Ballroom	**IV-c. 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
1030-1115 Room: Ballroom	**IV-d. Road to Abu Dhabi (75 mins)**	*1.* Presentation and discussion on the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 - key processes, deadlines and statutory requirements, including sponsorship criteria for delegates/Members, Congress Forum, Members Assembly, medals & awards 2. Q & A
1115-1145	**Networking break (30 mins)**	
1145-1300	**Side events Part III (75 mins)** Room: Ballroom and Riverside VI	Parallel sessions involving Members, Commissions and Partners
	Youth Leaders Forum (Part II) Room: Riverside 1 and 2	Parallel Session **Poster Session** • Display of posters about youth leaders' conservation projects • Interactive session for sharing ideas, receiving feedback and networking

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		Art Activity • A dedicated area for youth to express their conservation ideas and visions through art (painting, drawing and other creative activities) **Closing and Next Steps**
	Learning Zone Room: Pompadour	Parallel session
1300-1400	**Lunch**	
1400-1600 Room: Ballroom	**V. Closing Session (120 mins)**	• Arrival of guests • Arrival of Chief Guest, Government of Thailand • Opening remarks by 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 Grethel Aguilar, IUCN Director General • Remarks by Chief Guest, Government of Thailand • Event highlights video • Vote of thanks by Razan Al Mubarak, IUCN President