



8th IUCN Regional Conservation Forum

CANADA
***Uniting Conservation Actions -
Canada and Global***

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IUCN Regional Conservation Forum in Canada

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Held every four years, the IUCN Canada Regional Conservation Forum (RCF) serves as the leading Canadian platform for knowledge and partnerships, bringing together key stakeholders in nature and biodiversity conservation. This year, the IUCN North America Regional Office and the Canadian Committee for IUCN (CCIUCN) will convene the 8th RCF to address key transformative directions and actions for achieving a nature positive future for Canada and the world.

The Canada Regional Conservation Forum aims to evaluate conservation progress, revisit priority goals and propose strategic directions for Canada's key stakeholders. 120 representatives IUCN Members, CCIUCN Members, and partners will gather at the **Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa** for the two-day event, with additional participants joining virtually. **Day 1** will showcase conservation progress across Canada and is open to all IUCN Members, Commission Members, and CCIUCN Members. **Day 2** is the Members Forum, open to IUCN Members. *CCIUCN Members who are not IUCN Members and/or Commission Members may attend as observers.*

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Interactive Workshops for IUCN Members to **contribute to the 20-Year Vision and 2026-2029 IUCN Programme.**
- **Plenary and thematic sessions** on key regional challenges and trends
- Presentations of **IUCN Tools and Resources**, including the IUCN Engage, the Conservations for Nature Platform
- Updates from **IUCN Commissions**
- **Networking** with conservation leaders from across the country
- **Workshops** on key thematic areas.
- **In-depth discussions on key IUCN governance topics** prior to the 2025 World Conservation Congress, including reviewing the Motions process, voting, and Resolutions.
- **Engage in organizing around new motions** with other IUCN Members across the country, with support from the IUCN Motions Working Group.

KEY THEMATIC AREAS

BROADENING CONSERVATION ENGAGEMENT
BRIDGING KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS
COLLABORATION FOR CONSERVATION ACTION
CONNECTIVITY | DIVERSE LEADERSHIP



The Regional Conservation Forum in Canada will assemble the country's preeminent conservation professionals and stakeholders to explore collective goals for nature conservation in Canada. It will be an opportunity to align with Canada's National Biodiversity Strategy and commitment to co-stewardship of lands and waters with its indigenous peoples, and hear about global to sub-national plans for biodiversity, nature and nature-based solutions, meet strategic partners, learn about national-level environmental education initiatives, engage youth in conservation efforts, and set the future of Canada's protected areas. IUCN is proud to co-host this event with CCIUCN and to bring together Canada's conservation community.

**DR. TRACY FARRELL | IUCN NORTH AMERICA
REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

WHY ATTEND

- Learn more about **conservation action** pursued by IUCN and CCIUCN Members
- **Engage with key experts** from government, NGOs, Indigenous peoples organizations, scientific and academic institutions.
- **Contribute to the decision-making process for the IUCN Programme**, paving the way to influence the global agenda-setting at the IUCN World Conservation Congress (October 9-15, 2025 in Abu Dhabi)
- **Discover and learn from Member initiatives in alignment with pertinent global commitments**, including the Sustainable Development Goals Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.
- **Develop new partnerships** with a diverse range of stakeholders from across the country.
- **Advance conservation action and policy** that are Canadian priorities.

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DAY 1 - PROVISIONAL AGENDA

8:00am - 8:30am - Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30am - 9:45am - Opening Remarks and First Nations Ceremony

Break 9:45am - 10:00am

10:00am - 11:30am - Panel Discussions: Nature Looking Forward to 2030

Achieving global biodiversity targets by 2030 will require local, sub-national, national and global level impact to thwart the twin biodiversity and climate change crisis. Panel discussions will feature conservation contributions and advances made within Canada and globally, and showcase promising results. Speakers will also share potential opportunities for IUCN to support, scale up, replicate, and profile their work through the larger union, and also, via the global WCC stage and policy making opportunities IUCN provides. Speakers to be announced shortly.

11:30am - 12:15pm - Benefits of Joining IUCN

Lunch 12:15pm - 1:00pm

1:00pm - 2:30pm - IUCN Commissions

A fireside chat with IUCN Commissions presenting their priority objectives in the run up to the next WCC, with a focus on Canadian activities and how these fit against a global context of their work. Audience will have time for Q & A with Commission representatives.

2:30pm - 5:15pm - Concurrent Workshops

A series of IUCN Member and Commission-led Workshops will showcase initiatives in Canada and around the world advancing progress towards IUCN's Nature 2030 Programme of Work. An application process soliciting Workshop Proposals will be launched separately in August. This Agenda will be updated as Workshops are selected.

5:15pm - 5:30pm - Day 1 Closing Remarks

Led by IUCN Regional Director North America Dr. Tracy Farrell

5:30pm - 7:00pm - Networking Reception

Participants will have the possibility to join evening activities - details to come.

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DAY 2 - PROVISIONAL AGENDA

8:00am - 8:30am - Registration and Light Breakfast

8:30am - 8:45am - Setting the Stage for Day 2

Led by IUCN North America Regional Director Dr. Tracy Farrell

8:45am - 10:00am - Interactive Input Session on IUCN's 20-Year Strategic Vision and 2026-2029 Programme of Work

Members and Commission members are invited to provide feedback and comments on both the IUCN 20-Year Strategic Vision and the 2026-2029 Programme. Members will have advance access to the draft program, which will be updated from the Nature 2030 Program but renewed in the context of both the 20-Year Vision and the 2022 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The 20-Year Vision Draft and the Draft 2026-2029 Programme will be circulated to Members in advance of the RCF for review. These session will include two breakout sessions allowing Members to provide input into the 20-Year Vision and 2026-2029 Draft Programme of Work.

Break 10:00am - 10:15am

10:15am - 11:30am - Interactive Input Session on IUCN's 20-Year Strategic Vision and 2026-2029 Programme of Work (Continued)

Break 11:30am - 11:45am

11:45am - 12:30pm - IUCN Tools and Key Initiatives

Lunch 12:30pm - 1:15pm

1:15pm - 2:45pm - Road to Congress

This session will provide a review of statutory requirements to prepare for World Conservation Congress, including governance, voting, elections, timelines and other WCC preparation.

Break 2:45pm - 3:00pm

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DAY 2 (CONTINUED) - PROVISIONAL AGENDA

3:00pm - 4:30pm - Motions Breakout Groups

4:30pm - 5:30pm - IUCN Member Initiative Showcase

This session will showcase new research, initiatives, and conservation process of Canadian IUCN Members through engaging TED Talks, Pecha Kucha presentations, videos, or posters/other visual imagery. A proposal process will be open in August.

5:30pm - 5:45pm - Closing Remarks

Led by IUCN North America Regional Director Dr. Tracy Farrell and CCIUCN Chair.

5:45pm - 7:30pm - Networking Reception