



**8<sup>th</sup> IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum**  
**Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future**  
Bangkok, Thailand  
3-5 September 2024  
**Programme**

**On-site RCF registration:** 2 September 1400 to 2100 (Level 1 Panisea Lounge)

**DAY 1 (3 September 2024)**

| Time and Venue                    | Session and Description                                                                              | Agenda                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>0800</b><br>Level 2 Main lobby | <b>Registration</b>                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>0850</b><br>Ballroom           | <b>Security and protocol briefing</b>                                                                | Participants take seats for general briefing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>0900-1015</b><br>Ballroom      | <b>I. Inaugural Session</b> (75 mins)<br>High-level session marking the official opening of Asia RCF | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Sawasdee RCF – welcome video</li><li>2. Welcome by <i>Dr Dindo Campilan</i>, IUCN Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania</li><li>3. Welcome to the home of RCF 2024- address by <i>Mr Pornphrom N. S. Vikitsreth</i>, Adviser to the Governor of Bangkok (Environmental Affairs), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration</li><li>4. Message from the IUCN President - <i>Ms Razan Al Mubarak</i>, IUCN President (remote)</li><li>5. Message from the IUCN Director General - <i>Dr Grethel Aguilar</i>, IUCN Director General</li><li>6. Address by <i>Mr Athapol Charoenshunsa</i>, Director General of the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation, Government of Thailand</li><li>7. Keynote address by Chief Guest- <i>Mr Thalearnsak Petchsuwan</i>, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand</li><li>8. Vote of thanks by <i>Prof Ma Keping</i>, Chair of the IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee (ARMC) and Councillor</li><li>9. Ceremonial opening of RCF</li><li>10. Cultural performance</li></ol> |

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| <b>1015-1130</b>             | <b>Networking Break</b><br><b>Inauguration of Exhibition</b><br><b>Launching of RCF Learning Zone</b> – Discover, share and empower at the IUCN Academy Learning Zone – <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1130-1245</b><br>Ballroom | <b>II-a. Reimagining Conservation in Asia</b> (75 mins)                                                                                                                                                          | <p>“Perspectives on the RCF theme, from IUCN Asia’s key external stakeholders”</p> <p>Chair: <i>Razan Al Mubarak</i>, IUCN President (remote)<br/> Moderator: <i>Valérie D’hoedt Mayer</i>, IUCN Head of Global Knowledge Management</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United Nations: <i>Sangmin Nam</i>, Director, Environment and Development Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>2. Financial institution: <i>Yoko Watanabe</i>, Director, Environment, Asian Development Bank (ADB, remote)</li> <li>3. Private business sector: <i>Pras Ganesh</i>, Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor Asia (Thailand) Co. Ltd.</li> <li>4. Local community: <i>Kittisak Rrattanakrajangsri</i>, Chairperson, Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment, Thailand</li> </ol> |
| <b>1245-1400</b>             | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1400-1640</b><br>Ballroom | <b>II-b. IUCN 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union and Programme 2026-29</b> (160 mins)                                                                                                                        | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction by <i>Dindo Campilan</i></li> <li>2. Presentation on IUCN 20-year Vision (Unite for Nature) by <i>Kazuaki Hoshino</i>, IUCN Councillor</li> <li>3. Presentation on IUCN Programme 2026-29 by <i>Madhu Rao</i>, Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas</li> <li>4. Presentation on outcomes of pre-RCF dialogues with National Committees and Members by <i>Ma Keping</i></li> <li>5. Discussion and Q&amp;A with Members– led by <i>Mark Salway</i>, Chief Operations Officer, IUCN</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>1640-1700</b>             | <b>Networking Break (20 mins)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1700-1830</b><br>Ballroom | <b>Youth Leaders Forum- Part I Plenary session</b> (60 mins)                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Youth-led session to share feedback on IUCN vision and programme</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IUCN 20-year Strategic Vision and Opportunities for Youth Engagement- <i>Diana Garlytska</i>, Co-Chair, IUCN Youth and Intergenerational Partnerships and Youth Advisory Committee</li> <li>2. Panel discussion with Youth Leaders: Strategies for promoting youth voices and their engagement within IUCN's 20-year programme. Moderated by <i>Mika Mei Jia Tan</i>, Youth and Biodiversity Specialist, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)</li> </ol> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Brigitta Maria Andrea Gunawan</i>, Founder of 30x30 Indonesia, NatGeo Young Explorer and High Seas Youth Ambassador</li> </ul>                                                                                               |

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| Riverside I and II                      | <b>Youth Leaders Forum – Part II</b><br><b>Youth-led interactive session</b> (30 mins) | <p>Youth Connect: Understanding the diversity of youth at RCF and how they are engaging</p> <p>Moderators: <i>Brinda Kashyap</i>, UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Young Scientist Fellow and Member, Youth for Meghna (Y4M) Network; <i>Inan Ahmed</i>, Member, Youth Biodiversity Network Maldives and Member, Asia Youth Network for Protected Areas</p> <p><b>Youth networks participating:</b> IUCN Commission on Education and Communication Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), YOUNGO, Mae Fah Luang Foundation, ACB, Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences (IFESCU), University of Chittagong (Bangladesh), Asian Youth Network on Protected Areas (AYNPA), Korea Association of Waste to Energy Technology (KAWET), Korea National Park Service (KNPS), Youth for Meghna, ECONOW</p> |
| <b>1800-1900</b><br>Riverside VI        | <b>ARMC meeting</b> (60 mins – closed session)                                         | <p>Chair <i>Ma Keping</i></p> <p>Discussion on the timeline for the next Election of office bearers of the Asia Regional Members’ Committee</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>1800-1900</b><br>Vanda and Pompadour | <b>Learning Zone</b>                                                                   | Discover, share and empower at the IUCN Academy Learning Zone – <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>1900-2100</b><br>Ballroom            | <b>Welcome Dinner / Reception</b>                                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome by <i>Dindo Campilan</i></li> <li>2. Remarks by <i>Chief Guest</i> from the Government of Thailand</li> <li>3. Ceremonial commencement of key partnerships and initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Nature Solutions Finance Hub (NSFH) for Asia-Pacific</li> <li>– Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Regional/Subregional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centres</li> <li>– Toyota-IUCN Partnership for Business Engagement Towards GBF 30x30 Target</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Cultural Presentation</li> <li>5. Dinner</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                |

## DAY 2 (4 September 2024)

| Time      | Session                                                                                                                                                                 | Agenda                    | Session                                                                                                                   | Agenda                                |
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| 0900-1015 | <b>III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance</b> (75 mins each, <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a> ) |                           | <b>III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2026-29</b> (75 mins each, <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a> ) |                                       |
|           | Parallel session 1<br>Ballroom 1                                                                                                                                        | <i>Water and Wetlands</i> | Parallel session 2<br>Ballroom 2                                                                                          | <i>Financing Conservation</i>         |
|           | Parallel session 3<br>Ballroom 3                                                                                                                                        | <i>Species Actions</i>    | Parallel session 4<br>Riverside VI and VII                                                                                | <i>Reimagining Asian Cities</i>       |
| 1015-1045 | <b>Networking break (30 mins)</b>                                                                                                                                       |                           |                                                                                                                           |                                       |
| 1045-1200 | Parallel session 5<br>Ballroom 1                                                                                                                                        | <i>Healthy Lands</i>      | Parallel session 6<br>Ballroom 2                                                                                          | <i>NbS for Climate Action</i>         |
|           | Parallel session 7<br>Ballroom 3                                                                                                                                        | <i>Healthy Ocean</i>      | Parallel session 8:<br>Riverside VI and VII                                                                               | <i>Transforming Agri-food Systems</i> |
| 1200-1300 | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                           |                                                                                                                           |                                       |

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| 1315-1500<br>Ballroom | <b>IV-a. Members Session</b> (105 mins)           | Chair: <i>Jongsoo Yoon</i> , IUCN Councillor<br>1. Motions process – <i>Sonia Peña Moreno</i> , Director, IUCN Centre for Policy and Law<br>2. Discussion<br>3. IUCN Resolution 123 - Towards development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology in relation to nature conservation – <i>Nicholas Macfarlane</i> , Senior Scientist and Programme Manager, IUCN<br>4. Discussion<br>5. Contributions for Nature Platform: progress on regional targets- <i>Nicholas Macfarlane</i> and <i>Kosuke Terai</i> , Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Officer, IUCN Asia<br>6. Closing |
| 1500-1530             | <b>Networking break (30 mins)</b>                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1530-1645<br>Ballroom | <b>IV-b. IUCN Commissions in Action</b> (75 mins) | Chair: <i>Grethel Aguilar</i><br><br>Panel discussion on Commissions' engagement in Asia:<br>1. Commission on Education and Communication (CEC) – <i>Vasanti Rao</i> , Regional Vice Chair South and Southeast Asia<br>2. Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) – <i>Kristen Walker Painemilla</i> , Chair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|                                            |                                                              | 3. Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) - <i>Deepu Sivadas</i> , Regional Chair South Asia<br>4. Species Survival Commission (SSC), <i>Mirza Kusrini</i> , Regional Vice-Chair for South and East<br>5. World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), <i>Madhu Rao</i> , Chair<br>6. World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) - <i>Christina Pak</i> , Steering Committee member<br>7. Climate Crisis Commission (CCC) - <i>TBC</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>1645-1800</b>                           | <b>Side events- Part I</b><br>(75 mins)                      | Knowledge sharing events organised by Members/Commissions/Partners - <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>1815-1930</b>                           | <b>Side events- Part II</b><br>(75 mins)                     | Knowledge sharing events organised by Members/Commissions/Partners - <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>1645-1905</b><br>Vanda and<br>Pompadour | <b>Learning Zone</b>                                         | Discover, share and empower at the IUCN Academy Learning Zone - <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>1930-2030</b><br>Ballroom               | <b>Dinner - Celebrating nature<br/>and the Union in Asia</b> | <b>Dinner events</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome by <i>Dindo Campilan</i></li> <li>Remarks by <i>Chief Guest</i> from the Government of Thailand</li> <li>Recognition of contributions to the Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Award giving ceremony by the Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)</li> <li>Act30 Initiative for Inclusive Conservation- Recognition of pledges from Asia</li> <li>Announcement of new Green Listed sites in Asia</li> <li>Release of the elephant distribution map by Asian Elephant Specialist Group (AsESG) of IUCN Species Survival Commission (SSC)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Congratulatory message by <i>Grethel Aguilar</i></li> <li>Dinner</li> </ol> |

## DAY 3 (5 September 2024)

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| 0900-1115<br>Ballroom | <b>IV-c. Members Session</b> (90 mins)                           | Chair: Ma Keping<br><br>1. Presentation and discussion on: (i) How Council and Members can propose governance improvements and reforms, including possible amendments to the Statutes, and (ii) Possible future IUCN Membership models and gathering feedback on these from Members in Asia – <i>Vivek Menon</i> , IUCN Councillor and Chair of Governance and Constituency Committee<br>2. Identification/presentation of prospective candidates to nominate for election as IUCN Councillors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                       | <b>IV-d. Road to Abu Dhabi</b> (45 mins)                         | 1. Presentation and discussion on the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) 2025: (i) key processes, deadlines and statutory requirements, and (ii) sponsorship criteria for delegates/Members, Congress Forum, Members Assembly, medals and awards – <i>Iain Stewart</i> , IUCN Director, Membership and Commissions, and Global Communications<br>2. Q&A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 1115-1145             | <b>Networking breaks (30 mins)</b>                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 1145-1300             | <b>Side events- Part III</b> (75 mins)                           | Knowledge sharing events organised by Members/Commissions/Partners - <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                       | <b>Youth Leaders Forum- Part III</b><br>Room: Riverside I and II | Reimagining Conservation in Asia – Capturing Youth Voices through Posters and Artwork<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poster Session: Poster presentation from youth participants from IUCN Members, Commission and Partners</li> <li>Art Activity - A dedicated area for youth to express their conservation ideas and visions through art (painting, drawing, and other creative activities)</li> </ul> Facilitators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Kishwar Jahan Chowdhury</i>, Lecturer, Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences (IFESCU), University of Chittagong, Bangladesh</li> <li><i>Christian Mortelliti</i>, Member, YOUNGO and Sustainable Development Specialist, United Nations ESCAP, Thailand</li> <li><i>Reynier C. Tasico</i>, Member, YOUNGO and Project Development Officer, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines</li> </ul> |

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|                              |                                                    | - <i>Gwnwoo Jin</i> , CEO, STGD and Ambassador, National Institute of Ecology, Republic of Korea                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                              | <b>Learning Zone</b><br>Vanda and Pompadour        | Discover, share and empower at the IUCN Academy Learning Zone - <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>1145-1400</b>             | <b>Business Lunch Meeting-1</b><br>(by invitation) | ADB Nature Solutions Finance Hub (NSFH) for Asia-Pacific – Dialogue with Partner Countries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>1145-1400</b>             | <b>Business Lunch Meeting-2</b><br>(by invitation) | Exploring a Primary Forest Investment Forum for the Indo-Malaya Critical Forest Biome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>1300-1400</b>             | <b>Lunch</b>                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>1400-1530</b><br>Ballroom | <b>V. Closing Session</b> (90 mins)                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RCF highlights: visual presentation</li> <li>2. Opening remarks by <i>Dindo Campilan</i></li> <li>3. Presentation on ARMC updates by <i>Ma Keping</i></li> <li>4. Message by <i>Chief Guest</i>, Government of Thailand</li> <li>5. Celebrating diversity as a Union – representatives of IUCN Members from statutory countries</li> <li>6. Closing remarks and vote of thanks by <i>Grethel Aguilar</i></li> </ol> |