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ABOUT THE PAVILION

The Nature-based Education Pavilion at the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress in Abu Dhabi is a dedicated 100 m² hub, coordinated by the IUCN Commission on Education & Communication (CEC). It brings together global innovators in education and conservation to showcase how learning and nature are woven together. Through indoor and outdoor spaces, the pavilion highlights innovations in biodiversity and climate education, green school grounds, policy, youth engagement, and place-based learning. Activities are planned in the Playground – the exterior space of the Pavilion – and in the Classroom, the main session space.

PLAYGROUND

The **Playground** will host activities, games, workshops, and be a dynamic gathering place for our community. The Playground is programmed throughout the week with art installations, exhibitions, games, and more. Join us in our green schoolground to celebrate this community and Nature-based Education around the world.

MAIN CLASSROOM

The **Classroom** is the main session space of the Pavilion. It seats 30 people and will host over 30 panels, presentations, and workshops throughout Congress.



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PLAYGROUND

MAIN CLASSROOM

14:30

World Conservation Congress
People's Choice Award Art
Exhibit hosted by Bow Seat

**CEC Members Gathering – Congress
Connections**

15:30

Teaching about Forests and
Watersheds through GIS

**Global Insights from the IUCN Task
Force on Nature-based Education**

16:30

Languages of Connection: Art, Culture
& Nature. Explore how language and
art connect us to nature and to each
other through three mini workshops.

**The 2040 Challenge: Designing the
Next 15 Years of Resilient
Conservation**

17:30

Protected Areas Embassy

**Aligning the UNESCO led Greening
Education Partnership with Nature-
Based Education vision**

18:30

Protected Areas Embassy

**Strengthening human-nature
connectedness to advance
transformative change for nature**



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MAIN CLASSROOM

11:00

Protected Areas Embassy
Starting at 10:30

**Nature Based Education Geoportal,
inspiring the global movement for
positive change in nature-based
education**

12:00

Protected Areas Embassy: Board game
activity: We play games to raise
serious questions on conservation and
environmental education

**Universal language of the
wilderness. A lesson to learn about
protected areas**

13:00

Art Exposition hosted by
Jeunes Ambassadeurs pour
l'Environnement

**Education Responses to the
Planetary Crisis**

14:00

Art Exposition hosted by
Jeunes Ambassadeurs pour
l'Environnement

**Empowering Action Through
Learning: An Interactive Journey
with the IUCN Academy**

15:00

#NatureForAll + Esri: Love
Stories for Nature

**Partnering for Impact on Nature-
based Education**

16:00

Moley's Nature Den:
Reclaiming Play to Connect
with Nature hosted by FEE

**Conservation Education in Africa:
Navigating African conservation
landscapes**



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17:00

Networking

From Learning to Leadership: Young Professionals Experiences Driving Change in Conservation

18:00

Immersive Exhibit: Young Reporters for the Environment: 30 Years of youth led transformative conservation, hosted by FEE

Nature-based Education: Learning to Live as Nature

19:00

Seeds of Change: Celebrating Nature-based Education Heroes Networking Reception (with catering)



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PLAYGROUND

MAIN CLASSROOM

11:00

Protected Areas Embassy
Starting at 10:30

Transforming school infrastructure to nurture happy, healthy, resilient children deeply connected with nature

12:00

Protected Areas Embassy: Board game activity: We play games to raise serious questions on conservation and environmental education

Speed dating: Two minutes to get people to fall in love with your protected area

13:00

Biodiversity Mosaic: Short Games to Understand Ecosystems and Explore How Our Actions Impact Them

Playing games to raise serious questions. Practical examples of interactive methods in environmental education

14:00

Where Learning Happens – Exploring the Esri Nature-based Education Geoportal

Partnerships for Conservation: Business, NGOs, and protected areas working side by side for conservation

15:00

Meet and Greet with the Nominees of the IUCN WCPA International Ranger Award

Engaging Communities for the Future of Wildlife

16:00

Screening of the Film 'Risks Worth Taking', hosted by the Alana Foundation

Activating Green Spaces Through Self-Guided Learning: The PEEP Model in Action



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Join the iNaturalist Bioblitz, hosted by Exploring by the Seat of your Pants

Listening to the Future: Child-Led Education and Action for Nature

18:00

Story Circles hosted by Families in Nature

Greening Communities in Action: Nature-based Education case studies from GEP Pillar 4

19:00

Networking

Reimagining Education in Times of Crisis: Youth Pathways for Justice, Culture, and Biodiversity

20:00

IUCN's Vision for Nature-based Education: Celebration Reception (with catering)



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PLAYGROUND

11:00

This interactive showcase transforms the Pavilion's exterior into a hub for conservation education.

12:00

Chester Zoo, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, and Dublin Zoo will lead hands-on activities, digital exhibits, and storytelling, engaging

13:00

delegates in innovative, nature-based learning and highlighting global approaches to conservation, citizen science, and community engagement.

14:00

15:00

10:30-12:00 – San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance

12:00-13:30 – Chester Zoo

13:30-15:00 – Dublin Zoo

15:00-16:00 – Chester Zoo

17:30

MAIN CLASSROOM

Exploring the collective power of Nature-based Education in Zoos, Aquaria, Botanic Gardens, and Museums

Inspiring Conservation Action in Communities through Nature-based Education

Reaching out: Nature-based Education within ex situ and in situ collaborations

From Nature-based Education initiatives to global conservation targets

Moving audiences to conservation action: behaviour change through ex situ and civil society organizations

Inclusive and authentic conservation storytelling



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#NatureForAll Reception hosted by the Protected Areas Embassy.
(with catering).



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MAIN CLASSROOM

11:00

**Young Reporters for the Environment:
Youth-led storytelling for conservation**

12:00

Esri hosts Exploring Where Learning Happens - integrating geospatial tools and learning for Nature-based Education

Forest Literacy for Planetary Health

13:00

Growing Futures: UAE and Global Children Reimagining Education for Biodiversity

14:00

World Conservation Congress People's Choice Award Art Exhibit hosted by Bow Seat

WEEC No Limits to Hope and 13th WEEC 2026

15:00

**Creative Action for Conservation:
Empowering Young Changemakers**

16:00

Public Art: The Climate Sphere Project- A new voice for awareness.

How youth and senior leaders can co-create shared conservation leadership in Africa

17:00

Matata and Friends on Safari - Puppeteering for Nature

Nature-based Education teacher training, indigenous knowledge, and higher education