



117th Meeting of the IUCN Council (C117)

in-person, 21-23 April 2026, IUCN Conservation Centre, Gland, Switzerland

Draft Agenda v.1

In this agenda,

INF: for information; no discussion/decision required unless Council decides otherwise

DIS: for discussion in view of providing feedback or guidance

DEC: a decision is required

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Oversight	Strategic	Fiduciary
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Tuesday 21 April 2026		
Council induction and Strategic Priorities An induction session which will include setting the strategic framework for Council priorities for the term 2025-2029.		
Wednesday 22 April 2026		
08:30-12:30	Meetings of the provisional standing committees of the IUCN Council (GCC, PPC and FAC) In accordance with the <i>Procedure for dealing with Letters received from IUCN Members</i> , the provisional standing committees will consider and, as part of their report to Council under Agenda Item 6, make recommendations concerning the response to any such letters received by 31 March 2026, in particular those with comments on the draft agenda of C117.	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
117 th meeting of the IUCN Council		
13:30-13:40	1. Introduction by the President and approval of the agenda	DEC
13:40-14:10	2. Appointments 2.1 Appointment of the Vice-Presidents [Article 46 (j) of the Statutes, Regulations 45 (c) and 48 (c)] 2.2 Approval of the Terms of Reference and appointment of the members of the Council's standing committees (FAC, GCC and PPC), including their respective Chairs [Article 50 of the Statutes, Regulations 59 and 60] 2.3 Appointment of the members of the Bureau of the IUCN Council	DEC

	[Article 49 of the Statutes, Regulations 57] 2.4 Appointment of the Legal Adviser [Article 46 (o) of the Statutes, Regulations 45 (d) and 87] 2.5 Additional appointments of members of the Steering Committees of the IUCN Commissions (Additional to the appointments already made by Council decision C116/3)	
14:10 15:45	3. Report of the Director General The Director General will present: - 3.1 the report to Council on achievements against the DG's Strategic Objectives 2025 - 3.2 the proposed Director General's Strategic Objectives 2026 FOR APPROVAL - 3.3 the Annual Report 2025 [Article 83 of the Statutes] FOR APPROVAL - 3.4 Financial Statements 2025 [Article 83 of the Statutes] FOR APPROVAL	DIS/DEC
16:00	External program	
Thursday 23 April 2026		
09:00- 10:00	4. Work plan and budget 2026 Council will be invited to consider and APPROVE the <i>Draft Work Plan and Budget 2026</i> as presented by the Director General, taking into account the recommendations of the FAC, the PPC and the remarks of the Treasurer.	DEC
10:00- 11:00	5. Follow-up to the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress 5.1 Highlights and lessons from the 2025 IUCN World Conservation Congress The Council will be invited to consider a joint report presented by the Director General and the Chair of the Congress Preparatory Committee, on the IUCN World Conservation Congress held in Abu Dhabi from 9 to 15 October 2025. 5.2 Follow-up to 2025 Congress Resolutions/Decisions Review of actions required from Council as specified in the 2025 Congress Resolutions and Recommendations. Council may wish to assign its standing committees to oversee the timely implementation of specific actions and present recommendations to Council as and when required.	DIS/DEC

11:00 12:30	6. Reports of the Council's provisional Standing Committees Under this agenda item, the standing committees will present topics, if any, for information or decision that have not yet been covered under other agenda items. 6.1 Letters received from IUCN Members in response to the invitation to comment on the draft agenda C117 6.2 Report of the provisional Programme and Policy Committee (PPC) The Chair of PPC will present the committee's recommendations to Council based on the Outcomes of its meeting held on [...]. The report will include among others: 6.2.1 Report of the Programme and Policy Committee 6.3 Report of the provisional Governance and Constituency Committee (GCC) The Chair of GCC will present the committee's recommendations to Council based on the Outcomes of its meeting held on [...]. The report will include among others: 6.3.1: Report of the Governance and Constituency Committee 6.3.2: Membership applications, membership category changes and Member name changes FOR APPROVAL 6.4 Report of the provisional Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) The Chair of FAC will present the committee's recommendations to Council based on the Outcomes of its meeting held on [...], that wasn't covered under other agenda items. The report will include among others: 6.4.1 Report of the Finance and Audit Committee	INF DIS/DEC DIS/DEC DIS/DEC
12:30- 13:30	Lunch	
13:30- 14:15	7. Follow-up on outstanding matters from the previous Council (2021–2025)	DIS
14:15- 16:15	8. Council's strategic objectives and priorities 2025-2029 At the latest at the second ordinary meeting following the World Conservation Congress, the Council shall APPROVE strategic objectives and priorities for its work, together with a work plan and a proper monitoring mechanism to be reviewed and adjusted, as required, on an annual basis. (Regulation 44bis)	DEC
16:15- 16:30	9. Council Calendar and forward planning	DIS
16:30- 16:40	10. Date and place of the next ordinary meeting of the Council (C118)	DEC
16:40- 17:00	11. Any Other Business	
17:00	12. Closing remarks by the President	