



SIDE EVENT

Advancing a Strategic Approach to Climate Change within the World Heritage Convention

Tuesday 21 July 2026

18:15 – 19:45

Room 109, BEXCO



Session Objective

To present a new IUCN initiative and gather practical input from States Parties, site managers, civil society and other stakeholders on how the World Heritage system can better address climate change risks and impacts affecting World Heritage properties, including through site-level action, system-level reform, strategic engagement with wider climate policy and finance processes, and improved support for implementation.

Speakers

- Mr. Tim Badman, Director, World Heritage, IUCN
- H.E. Greer Alblas, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Australia to UNESCO
- Dr. Sandeep Sengupta, Head, Global Climate Policy, IUCN
- Ms. Mizuki Murai, Senior Programme Coordinator, IUCN

Group discussion/ consultation

- All participants will be invited to contribute their ideas and inputs in an informal and interactive format.