

Other Ways to experience the Forum

Journeys

Targeted guides identifying events and providing platforms for networking around a single theme have been developed on:

- ◆ Energy
- ◆ Islands
- ◆ Marine
- ◆ Forests
- ◆ Species
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Protected Areas
- ◆ Mediterranean
- ◆ Markets and Business
- ◆ Law and Governance
- ◆ Rights and Conservation
- ◆ Bio-Cultural Diversity and Indigenous Peoples

IUCN's International Women Environmental Entrepreneurs Fair

Fifty women from around the world will have the chance to showcase their innovative "green enterprises" at the Congress and to form the basis of a worldwide network of women green entrepreneurs.

Located in the Ramblas tunnel between the main Congress Centre and the Auditorium.

Pavilions

Make your way to the entrance hall and discover the programmatic work of IUCN and our partners along various themes in the pavilion area. These multi-activity areas covering 3,000 m² will host various events, exhibitions, seating areas and many more to encourage you to take a breather from the formal Congress programme and empower yourself on cutting-edge environmentalism.

Enjoy an emotive journey through high energy events such as book launches, media

interviews, informative sessions and debates during the formal breaks in the Congress programme. Alternatively, sit down, relax, network and connect during low energy sessions whilst the Congress programme is underway.

Daily event programmes may be found in the Congress Guide, at each room and on screens in the Centre.

Located on level P0 of the Congress Centre.

More information

For more details about all Forum events, please visit www.iucn.org/congress

Note: Schedule changes may occur. Please check screens during the Congress for changes.



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Director General's Journey

Journey with the Director General through the Congress

A tour of current conservation issues

What is an IUCN Congress?

Every four years, IUCN's member organizations, partners and Commissions meet to discuss, debate and decide on conservation issues and the work of the Union.

This October, in Barcelona, more than 8,000 of the world's leading decision makers in sustainable development – from governments, NGOs, business, the UN and academia – will meet. Their objective: the ideas, action and solutions for a diverse and sustainable world.

The IUCN Congress has two parts: the Forum (6-9 October) where the conservation world debates issues, ideas and solutions; and the Members' Assembly (10-14 October), a unique global environmental parliament of governments and NGOs.

Guiding your journey through the Congress

Many participants in Barcelona will be new to the world of conservation or to the specific environmental issues which IUCN is uniquely positioned to address.

Therefore IUCN's Director General Julia Marton-Lefèvre has created an overview tour of the more than 800 Forum events to help guide you.

This "DG's Journey" is not intended as a comprehensive visit to all important discussions, but it will provide:

- ◆ A strategic overview of current major issues
- ◆ A chance to see updates on innovations from nature
- ◆ An overview of IUCN's contributions to a better future

The DG's Journey includes key sessions discussing the most pressing issues of the day and providing the conservation perspective to current global debates. World renowned scientists, private sector leaders and senior decision-makers will inspire and intrigue you with their ideas and challenges.

Take the DG's Journey and learn how the large global IUCN network views the major challenges and solutions on sustainability.

What is the Forum?

The Forum offers four days of debates, workshops, dialogues, art and film, roundtable discussions, training courses, music and exhibitions, framed in terms of three thematic streams:

A new climate for change

- ◆ How can we mitigate and adapt to climate change while integrating the opportunities and challenges provided by linking in biodiversity?
- ◆ How can we respond to increasing global energy demand, and what is the role of biofuels?
- ◆ Can we really put a value on nature? How do we market the true importance of nature in today's world?

Healthy Environments – Healthy People

- ◆ How to reduce poverty and vulnerability through sustainable management of natural resources?

- ◆ How can ecosystem management reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and conflicts?
- ◆ How to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem conservation in economic policy, finance and markets?

Safeguarding the diversity of life

- ◆ How should we decide where our limited resources can be most effectively applied to conserve biodiversity?
- ◆ Should we sacrifice some species so that others may live, or vigorously oppose the loss of any species?
- ◆ What are the best ways to deal with conflicts between people and wildlife in different situations?
- ◆ Is sustainable use a myth or a reality?



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Key Events

An overview of major events during the Forum.

5 October

17.00 – 19.00

Opening Ceremony

This opening session kicks off the Congress and celebrates IUCN's 60th anniversary.

6 October

09.00 – 11.00

Forum Opening

The opening session of the Forum will include a debate with global leaders on challenges and opportunities for a 'A diverse and sustainable world', the congress theme.

11.30 – 13.00

Stream Opening Sessions

A new climate for change

An opportunity for leaders from business, government and civil society to discuss the challenges of climate change, increasing energy demand and the economics of nature

Healthy Environments – Healthy People

A discussion with development, business and NGO leaders on the role of nature in human well being and how to support full integration of that role in what we do

Safeguarding the diversity of life

Flagging the many open questions in conservation today and what might be needed to answer them

9 October

16.30 – 18.00

Forum closing

Highlights of lessons learned from the previous four days of discussion and identifying opportunities for the future.

Current Issues and Challenges

6 October

14:30 – 16:00

Celebrating Protected Areas, their Values and their People

IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

Keeping Nature Alive – the ethical foundations of nature conservation in the 21st Century

IUCN Commission On Environmental Law

The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity

IUCN Director General event

16:30 – 18:00

Red List 2008 – Breaking results on the survival status of the world's species and what it means for conservation planning

IUCN Species Programme

Environment and Security Part I

IUCN Commission on Education and Communication; IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy

18:30 – 20:00

Invasive Species: beyond prevention & eradication

Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Italy

Environment and Security Part II

IUCN Commission on Education and Communication; IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy

7 October

9:30 – 11:00

Safeguarding the high seas – a roadmap to protection for Earth's final frontier

IUCN Global Marine Programme

Island biodiversity – issues and a new initiative for conservation and research

Nature Protection Trust of Seychelles

Un réseau d'aires marines protégées en Afrique de l'Ouest pour une gestion côtière concertée : vision utopique ou réelles perspectives?

Fondation Internationale du Banc d'Arguin

How to succeed in a changing world: Leading change in water resources management

IUCN Water Programme

11:30 – 13:00

El turismo como herramienta de desarrollo sostenible: experiencias de la cooperación española

Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)

Protected Areas: Do we really need them? The role of IUCN Management Categories in addressing conservation, development and social challenges

IUCN Programme on Protected Areas

Delivering Multiple Benefits from Forest Carbon Markets to Address Climate Change, Biodiversity Conservation and Poverty Alleviation

IUCN Chief Economist; Conservation International; The Nature Conservancy

Managing Ecosystems for Poverty Reduction in Africa

IUCN Senior Advisor for Social Policy

14:30 – 16:00

Climate change, vulnerability, rights and justice

IUCN Senior Advisor for Social Policy

Mining and Conservation: Conflict or Consensus?

International Council on Mining and Metals

Designs for nature: regional conservation planning, implementation and management Part 1

James Cook University (Australia); IUCN Species Survival Commission

16:30 – 18:00

Poverty in the midst of plenty – the paradox of the Congo basin

IUCN Forest Conservation Programme

Designs for nature: regional conservation planning, implementation and management Part 2

James Cook University (Australia); IUCN Species Survival Commission

18.30 – 20.00

Restoring ecosystem services and their values: investing in ecosystem restoration pays

IUCN Commission On Ecosystem Management

8 October

09:30 – 11:00

Conservation with Justice – A Rights-based Approach

IUCN Environment Law Center

Climate change and species extinctions: New approaches to support decision-makers and planners

IUCN Species Survival Commission

What does it take to make REDD (Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) a viable proposition? The case for investing in forest governance!

Part I: An Inventory of Issues
IUCN Forest Conservation Programme and Climate Change Group

11:00 – 13:00

Ministerial session: Why is the environment not higher on African development agendas?

IUCN Director General event

11:30 – 13:00

What does it take to make REDD (reduced emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) a viable proposition? The case for investing in forest governance!

Part II: Current experiences with 'the nuts and bolts'
IUCN Forest Conservation Programme and Climate Change Group

Arctic Biodiversity Conservation: As the Ice Melts

IUCN Global Marine Programme; CAFF (Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna)

Ecological restoration: Achieving healthy communities and healthy protected areas ecosystems

Parks Canada

14:30 – 16:00

Planning to save a species: visions, geographies, and participants in the process of conserving biodiversity

Wildlife Conservation Society

16:30 – 18:00

The power of communications and marketing – towards sustainable consumption

World Business Council for Sustainable Development

20:30 – 21:30

Launch of the IUCN/WCPA best practice guidelines: Sacred Natural Sites

IUCN World Commission On Protected Areas (WCPA) Task Force on Cultural and Spiritual Values of Protected Areas (CSVPA)

9 October

09:30 – 11:00

Too much of a good thing? Biodiversity, biofuels and balancing agendas

The World Bank

11:30 – 13:00

An IUCN Initiative for the Insular Caribbean

IUCN Global Programme



Julia Marton-Lefèvre
Director General IUCN

Sustainability Dialogues

Exploring a new era of sustainability for the 21st Century.

6 October

14:30 – 16:00

Greening Development to Address Climate Change

What role does the environment play in the delivery of development goals, and how is sound ecosystem management linked with climate change adaptation?

16:30 – 18:00

Transition to Sustainability: Towards a Humane and Diverse World

What are the major global challenges to achieving a sustainable economy at the beginning of the 21st century?

7 October

09:30 – 11:00

Philanthropy for a Sustainable Future

What do philanthropic leaders see as the fundamental sustainability challenges of the 21st century?

16:30 – 18:00

Local 2010 Action for Biodiversity – The Ignored Solution

Urbanization and biodiversity conservation: friend or foe?

8 October

09:30 – 11:00

Green Construction for Sustainable Living

What are the barriers to adoption of green building and green building standards?

14:30 – 16:00

Human Health and the Environment

How does human health depend on biodiversity?

9 October

09:30 – 11:00

Spirituality and Conservation

Can faiths and spiritual traditions of the world engage more deeply in safeguarding life on Earth?