

The Weekend's Cancelled – Barcelona's Parliament for Nature Rocks on through Saturday

Friday 10 October 2008, Barcelona

The Latest World leaders have been throwing around bailout plans for the global economic crisis. While no bailout is on offer, so far, for the world's environmental crisis a different way of working towards a solution is on offer at IUCN's World Conservation Congress. Delegates attending IUCN's Assembly are working with a range of stakeholders, including governments, over the next five days to get on with the job and save nature.

Background The IUCN World Conservation Congress brings together 8,000 leaders from the public sector, government, business and non-governmental organizations for what is the premier summit on sustainable development in 2008. Over 10 days they debate the best ways to tackle environmental and development challenges. They share pragmatic solutions to pressing issues. And they commit to collaborative action.

Key Issues

- **Climate change, rapid loss of biodiversity, food security, health hazards, poverty alleviation** are all issues that the IUCN Congress will put on the table, unlike any other sustainable development event.
- **Innovations and solutions** based on traditional and indigenous knowledge, working alongside the latest technologies and emerging multi-sector partnerships, all presented at IUCN's Congress.
- **Congress is the birthplace of ground-breaking environmental conventions, scientific discoveries and global impact international initiatives.** Be there to see the future unfolding.

Today's featured media events:

14:00-15:00 Press Conference - Promotion of Dugong during the UN 2010 International Year for Biodiversity - Coalition of Japanese NGOs: Save the Dugong Campaign Center (SDCC), The Nature Conservation Society of Japan (NCS-J), WWF-Japan

For a full list of key events at IUCN's World Conservation Congress, please click here:

http://cmsdata.iucn.org/downloads/2008_congress_press_conferences_schedule.pdf

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Materials for media:

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