



Asia Regional Conservation Forum

Bangkok - Thailand, 10-12 August, 2015
(Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel, Bangkok)

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AGENDA

9 AUGUST 2015 - REGISTRATION

1500-1800 Registration starts - Room A3-Pompadour, 2nd Floor, Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel

DAY 1: 10 AUGUST 2015

0800-0900 Registration - Room A2, 2nd Floor, Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel

0900-1015 **Session I: Inauguration** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*

0900-0905 Arrival of the Chief Guest and other important guests

0905-0915 Formal opening of the Forum by Ms. Inger Andersen, IUCN Director General

0915-0925 Welcome remarks by Dr. Kasemsan Jinavaso, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand

0925-0935 Welcome remarks by Prof. Youngbae Suh, Chair, Asia Regional Members Committee

0935-0945 Introductory Address by Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, IUCN Asia Regional Director

0945-0955 Address by Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, IUCN President

0955-1015 Address by the Chief Guest

1015-1145 Networking Break
Tea and Coffee; Access to Knowledge Fair

1145-1245 **Session II: IUCN Towards 2020** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*

This session will be chaired by IUCN President Mr. Zhang Xinsheng and co-chaired by Dr. Kasemsan Jinavaso, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Government of Thailand.

This session will provide an overview by IUCN Director General, Ms. Inger Andersen on her vision for IUCN, explaining what this means for the Asia Region, as well as Thailand's conservation priorities.

- 1145-1215
- Vision for IUCN by Ms. Inger Andersen, IUCN Director General
- 1215-1230
- Thailand's conservation priorities by Dr. Kasemsan Jinavaso, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand
- 1230-1245
- Questions & Answers

1300-1400 **Lunch/Side Events**
A number of side events on conservation and related development issues and themes have been scheduled during this period, with delegates free to attend the events of their choice.

| 1300-1400 | TITLE |
|----------------------|--|
| ROOM R2 | IUCN Policy on Biodiversity Offsets |
| ROOM R4 | Nature-Based Solutions: A Required Response to Address Challenges Presented by Earthquakes |
| ROOM R5 | Mangroves and USAID Climate Change Programmes, from Mitigation to Adaptation |
| ROOM R6 | The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF): Building Capacity and Promoting Conservation in the Indo-Burma Hotspot |
| ROOM R7 | Indigenous Peoples Rights and Natural Resource Management |
| ROOM A3 POMPADOUR | Corridors and Complexes: Innovative Approaches to Sustain Protected Areas |

1415-1515 **Plenary IUCN Programme 2017-2020** (Ballroom - 2nd Floor)

This session will provide an overview of the IUCN draft global Programme 2017-2020 and the draft Asia Situation Analysis. These presentations will describe the current situation for conservation globally and in the region, and the ways in which IUCN will focus its efforts over the next four years to achieve results for people and for nature.

This session also provides an opportunity for Members and Commission Members to provide input to the programme as it evolves before it is endorsed at the 2016 World Conservation Congress (WCC).

The session will be chaired by Ms. Inger Andersen, IUCN Director General and Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, IUCN Vice President/Regional Councillor.

- Presentation of the draft global Intersessional Programme 2017-2020, with Q&A
- Mr. Anshuman Saikia, IUCN Asia Regional Programme Support Coordinator
- Presentation of the draft Asia Situational Analysis contributing to the Asia Regional Plan
- Dr. Robert Mather, Head, IUCN Southeast Asia Group
- Questions & Answers

1530-1600 Networking Break
Tea and Coffee; Access to Knowledge Fair

1600-1730 **Session III: Members' Session** (Ballroom - 2nd Floor)

This session will be chaired by Prof. Youngbae Suh, IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee Chair, and co-chaired by Mr. Zhang Xinsheng, IUCN President

Members' Business

- Report on the Asia Regional Committee by Prof. Youngbae Suh, Chair of IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee
- Elections of office bearers of the Asia Regional Members' Committee

1800-1900 **Side Events**

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| 1800-1900 | TITLE |
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| ROOM R2 | Mangrove Polyculture: A Model for Sustainable Production and Business? |
| ROOM R3 | The Asia Protected Areas Partnership: A New Initiative to Promote Collaboration, Best Practices and Innovative Solutions for Asia's Protected Areas |
| ROOM R4 | Beauty of Desert in Danger – Save Wild Species of Peacocks |
| ROOM R5 | IPBES: Why Should IUCN Members Engage? |
| ROOM A3 POMPADOUR | Communications: Promoting Conservation through Citizen Journalism |
| ROOM A5 | Sustainable Financing for Protected Area Management |

1930- 2100 **Dinner hosted by the Government of Thailand** (Ballroom - 2nd Floor)

- Welcome speech by Honourable Minister / Permanent Secretary / DG, MONRE
- Thai cultural performance
- Announcement of results of the elections of office bearers of the Asia Regional Committee by Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, Regional Director, IUCN Asia
- Announcement of photo contest winners by Ms. Jane Lawton, Head IUCN Asia Communications and Private Sector Engagement
- Distribution of awards/certificates to the winners - Honourable Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment / Permanent Secretary / DG MONRE (TBC)

DAY 2: 11 AUGUST 2015

0900-1515 **Session IV: Plenary Programme Session** (Ballroom - 2nd Floor)

This session will explore multiple perspectives on each of the programme areas defined by IUCN for the next four years: Valuing and Conserving Nature, Effective and Equitable Governance of Nature's Use, and Nature-Based Solutions to Societal Challenges. The goal is to showcase the ways in which different stakeholders can work together to achieve change, and to allow delegates an opportunity to hear from a wide range of experts in the field on these complex and challenging topics.

0900-1030 **i) Valuing and Conserving Nature**

Chaired by: Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, IUCN Vice President/Regional Councillor
A panel discussion will explore issues, emerging trends, challenges and solutions related to IUCN's heartland work on biodiversity conservation, emphasizing both tangible and intangible values of nature.

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| 0900-0915 | Valuing and Conserving Asia's Forests: Introduction and overview | Mr. Malik Amin, IUCN Vice President |
| 0915-0925 | The role of the private sector in forest conservation | Dr. Dolly Priatna, Conservation Sustainability & Stakeholder Engagement - APP Indonesia |
| 0925-0935 | The critical importance of protected areas and law enforcement for forest conservation | Dr. Prasert Sornsathapornkul, Director, Department of National Parks, Thailand |
| 0935-0945 | Why empowering local communities is the key to successful forest conservation | Dr. Tint Lwin Thaug, Executive Director, RECOFTC, Thailand |
| 0945-1025 | Moderated discussion | To be facilitated by Mr Malik Amin Aslam |
| 1025-1030 | Wrap-up | Mr. Malik Amin Aslam |

1030-1100 Networking Break
Tea and Coffee; Access to Knowledge Fair

1100-1230 **ii) Effective and Equitable Governance of Nature's Use (Ballroom - 2nd Floor)**

Chaired by: Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba, IUCN Regional Councillor

A panel discussion will explore issues, emerging trends, challenges and solutions related to IUCN's work on people-nature relations, rights and responsibilities, and the political economy of nature.

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| 1100-1120 | Introduction and overview: Governance, good governance and equity | Dr. Arzu Rana Deuba, IUCN Regional Councillor |
| 1120-1130 | Government agencies and multiple-stakeholder participation in the governance of nature's use | Dr. Mokhlesur Rahman, Executive Director, Center for Natural Resources Studies, Bangladesh |
| 1130-1140 | The community focus: local governance of nature's use | Mr. Anuradha Wickramasinghe, Chairman of the Small Fishers Federation of Sri Lanka |
| 1140-1150 | New approaches to the governance of Ramsar sites | Ms. Nirawan Pipitsombat, Ramsar Focal Point, Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (ONEP) |
| 1150-1220 | Moderated discussion | Moderated by Dr Arzu Rana Deuba |
| 1220-1230 | Key messages/wrap up | Dr Arzu Rana Deuba |

1230-1330 Lunch

1345-1515 **iii) Deploying Nature-based Solutions to Address Societal Challenges**

(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)

Chaired by: Ambassador Masahiko Horie, IUCN Regional Councillor

A panel discussion will explore issues, emerging trends, challenges and solutions related to Nature-based Solutions and the ways in which IUCN can expand its work on promoting nature's contribution to tackling problems of sustainable development, particularly in climate change, food security and social and economic development.

| Time | Topic | Speaker |
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| 1345-1355 | Introduction and overview | Ambassador Masahito Horie, IUCN Regional Councillor |
| 1355-1407 | Nature-based solutions and the Japanese Tsunami | Ambassador Masahito Horie |
| 1407-1419 | Nature-based solutions and the Nepal Earthquake | Mr. Yogendra Chitrakar, Director of Environment Campaign and Conservation Awareness (IUCN Member), and Chair, IUCN Nepal National Committee |
| 1419-1431 | Market mechanisms that support nature-based solutions (organic shrimp in Viet Nam) | Mr Hien Phan, Investment Director, Minh Phu Seafood corporation |
| 1431-1443 | The new Coastal Resources Law, Marine Protected Areas and nature-based solutions for coastal erosion in Thailand | Dr Pinsak Suraswadi, Director, Marine and Coastal Resources Research Institute, Dept of Marine and Coastal Resources |
| 1443-1455 | Regional cooperation on the blue economy | Ambassador Saida Muna Tasneem, Bangladesh Ambassador to Thailand and Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN ESCAP, Bangkok |
| 1455-1510 | Moderated discussion | Moderated by Ambassador Masahito Horie |
| 1510-1515 | Wrap-up | Ambassador Masahito Horie |

1515-1930 **Session V: Members' Session** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*
This Session will be chaired by Prof. Youngbae Suh, IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee Chair, and co-chaired by Ms. Inger Andersen, IUCN Director General.

1515-1615 **Members' Business**

- A detailed presentation on the 2016 WCC and sharing of information on key processes, deadlines and statutory requirements including sponsorship criteria for delegates/Members, Congress Forum, Members Assembly; medals & awards
Dr. Enrique J. Lahmann, Global Director, Union Development Group
- IUCN Resolutions Platform
Ms. Constanza Martinez, Deputy Head, IUCN Global Policy

1615-1645 **Networking Break**
 Tea and Coffee; Access to Knowledge Fair

1645-1800

- Discussion on the proposals from Council or Members for governance improvements and reforms, including new Membership categories (Indigenous Peoples Organizations, Local and Regional Governments); and other possible amendments to the Statutes; elections procedure; accreditation and statutory deadlines.
Ms. Meena Gupta, IUCN Regional Councillor

1800-1930 **Commissions** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*

- Presentations from IUCN Commissions
 1. Dr. Simon Stuart Chair, Species Survival Commission (SSC)
 2. Ms. Meher Noshirwani, Regional Vice Chair, Commission on Environmental, Economic, Social Policy (CEESP)
 3. Ms. Hanying Li, Member Steering Committee, Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)
 4. Dr. Madhav Karki, Regional Chair, Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM)
 5. Prof. Yoshitaka Kumagai, Regional Vice Chair, World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)
 6. Prof. Koh Kheng Lian, Member, World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL)

2000-2200 **Side Events / Dinner**
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| ROOM R2 | How CEOs can Change the World |
| ROOM R3 | The HIMEK Alliance-a Strategy to Mitigate Climate Change in the Himalayas and the Mekong Basin |
| ROOM R5 | Securing Asia's Iconic Carnivore: The Role of Reintroduction-based Tiger Recovery |
| ROOM R7 | Nature-based Solutions to DRR: Moving from Theory to Actions on the Ground |
| ROOM A3 POMPADOUR | Protected Areas for our Future: Conservation Cooperation for Biodiversity and Sustainable Development |

DAY 3: 12 AUGUST 2015

- 0900-1300 **Session VI: Members' Session** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*
This Session will be chaired by Prof. Youngbae Suh, IUCN Asia Regional Members' Committee Chair, and Ms. Meena Gupta, IUCN Regional Councillor
- 0900-1030 • Discussion on proposals for motions to be presented by the Region's Members to the 2016 Congress
(In particular the proposals concerning issues that warrant a discussion at a regional level with the purpose of assessing the degree of support for such proposals during the Forum and/or to identify solutions that might address the underlying issues thereby removing the need for them to be submitted as a Congress motion)
Ms. Meena Gupta, IUCN Regional Councillor
- Framework of Action for Strengthening the Union (FASU)
Mr. Malik Amin Aslam, IUCN Vice President/Regional Councillor
- 1030-1100 Tea and Coffee break
- 1100-1200 • Discussion on nomination for election as Regional Councillors
- 1200-1230 • Presentation on Korea's efforts, as the host country of 2012 WCC, to implement the outcomes of 2012 WCC Resolutions/recommendations – by Prof. Youngbae Suh, Chair, Asia Regional Committee
- 1230-1300 • Review of the progress on the resolutions//recommendations from the region which were adopted at the 2012 WCC, including discussion on implementation of Resolution 010: Establishment of a strengthened programmatic presence of IUCN in Asia.
Mr. Anshuman Saikia, IUCN Asia Regional Programme Support Coordinator
- 1300-1330 **Session VII: Closing Session** *(Ballroom - 2nd Floor)*
 • Closing Remarks (TBC)
 • Remarks by new Chair, Asia Regional Members' Committee
 • Concluding Remarks and vote of thanks by Ms. Aban Marker Kabraji, IUCN Asia Regional Director
- 1330 Lunch