

Assembly Agenda

Friday, 11 October 2008, Barcelona

The World Conservation Congress has entered its second phase (11-14 October) – the **IUCN Members' Assembly** - which includes the elections for the IUCN President and Councillors along with votes on resolutions that will guide the work of IUCN over the next four years.

The Members' Assembly, the governing body of IUCN, brings together member organizations to discuss and decide on policies related to environment and nature protection. More than 1,000 members of non- and governmental organisations, from more than 140 countries take part in this unique world environmental parliament, that will discuss and approve more than 130 resolutions and recommendations.

Motions

Motions are proposals for action, submitted by IUCN members. Once adopted they become Recommendations and Resolutions. The final report on results will be presented during the Congress closing ceremony. The 130 submitted motions are divided into eight groups:

1. Governance
2. Biodiversity conservation
3. Ecosystems and human wellbeing
4. Climate change
5. Energy
6. Economy, markets and finance
7. Law, policy and ethics
8. Education and communication

Presidency

On Saturday, 11 October IUCN members elect the next President of IUCN. The results will be revealed on Monday, 13 October at 09:30. There are three candidates:

Ms. Puri Canals (Spain)
Mr. Ashok Khosla (India)
Mr. Carlos Manuel Rodríguez (Costa Rica)

To see the messages of candidates, please visit:

<http://intranet.iucn.org/webfiles/ftp/public/IUCN2008Elections/ENGLISH/>

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Friday, 10 October

09h30-13:00

4th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. First Report of Credentials Committee
2. Presentation by Chair of the Resolutions Committee on the resolutions process and tabling of motions in accordance with Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress
3. Presentation by Chair of Programme Committee of the 2009–2012 Programme and Commission mandates, and the process for their adoption, including motions related to the Programme and Commission mandates
4. Candidates' Presentations continued

13:00h-15:00h Programme Hearing

15:00h-19:30h

5th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Candidates' Presentations continued
2. President's Report

- Report on the President's activities since the 2004 Congress
- Report of the IUCN Council on Governance Reforms and any proposed amendments to the Statutes
- Report of the Review of IUCN Commissions
- 3. Director General's Report
- 4. Reports from the Commission Chairs

Saturday, 11 October

09:30-13:00h

6th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Candidates' Presentation concluded
2. Reports from recognized Regional Committees and Regional Member Meetings
3. Discussion of the 2009–2012 Programme and Commission mandates and related motions; and Report of the Programme Committee of Congress
4. Draft Resolutions and Recommendations for discussion and, where appropriate, adoption.

13:00h-15:00h Programme Hearing

15:00-18:00h

7th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Second Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Elections of President, Treasurer, Regional Councillors, Commission Chairs
3. Presentation of John C Philips Memorial and Harold Jefferson Coolidge Medals, Honorary Membership and Commission Awards
4. Discussion and Adoption of Draft Resolutions and Recommendations

Voting will be opened from 14:30h until 19:30h.

An evening session may be scheduled for Resolutions.

Monday, 13 October

09:30-13:00h

8th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Third Report of the Credentials Committee
- 2. Announcement of election results (09:30 approx.)**
3. Presentation of the Forum results
4. Report by the Director General and the Treasurer on the finances of IUCN in the Intersessional Period 2004–2008
5. Presentation on the financial plan for new Intersessional Period
6. Report of the Finance and Audit Committee of Congress, including Accounts and Auditors' Reports for 2004–2007
7. Appointment of Auditors

15:00-18:00h

9th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Discussion and Adoption of changes to the Statutes
2. Discussion and Adoption of Draft Resolutions and Recommendations

10th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Discussion and Adoption of Draft Resolutions and Recommendations

Tuesday, 14 October

09:30-13:00h

11th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Fourth Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Discussion and Final Adoption of Resolutions and Recommendations
3. Adoption of Programme, Commission mandates and Financial Plan

14:00-15:00h

12th Sitting of the 2008 World Conservation Congress (Plenary Hall)

1. Closing Ceremony, including the message from the President elected
2. Closure of the World Congress by the outgoing President

Press conferences

Press Conference 11 October

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

Press Conference 13 October

13:00: 14:00 Press Conference - Presentation of the new IUCN presidency, given by the Director General Ms Julia Marton-Léfevre

For additional information on Assembly, motions and elections process, please visit:

http://www.iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/assembly/policy/index.cfm

Materials for media:

Audio: http://iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/live/wcc_video.cfm

Video: http://iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/live/wcc_audio.cfm

Releases: http://iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/media

Photo: http://iucn.org/news_events/events/congress/live/wcc_photo.cfm

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

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

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.

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