



CONTEXT

Healthy ecosystems underpin the Sustainable Development Goals; they support economic growth, sustain billions of livelihoods, provide the basis of food and water security, and stabilize our climate. Recent reports by IPBES, IPCC and WEF illustrate the grave consequences of biodiversity loss to our economy and to our very survival. Covid-19 punctuates these findings by showing us of the perilous cost of nature's loss to people's health, wellbeing and the economy.

2020 was called the 'Super Year for Nature,' as a number of global meetings were scheduled to take place including: a UN Ocean Conference, a World Conservation Congress and a UN Biodiversity Summit; all culminating in a global biodiversity conference that would result in the 'Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework' at CBD COP15 in Kunming. It was also the year to build on the momentum around nature-based solutions for climate action, and their inclusion in updated Nationally Determined Contributions and long-term plans at COP26 in Glasgow.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, most 2020 nature events have been postponed, cancelled, or will be virtual. However, we must continue building the momentum around the planetary and climate crisis with governments, private sector and civil society. We must jointly design "the future we want" through an all-of-society approach focused on regenerative and nature-positive economic models, that help protect, restore and sustainably manage nature for people, planet and prosperity.

To coincide with the 75th UN General Assembly, and in the run up to the UN Biodiversity Summit, UNDP and partners are creating a four-day "Nature for Life Hub"- a virtual space where global leaders will share stories on the importance of nature for sustainable development. Leaders participating in the 'Nature for Life Hub' will invite a virtual audience to engage in thought-provoking exchanges, and will engage a wide variety of sectors, including governments, businesses, financial institutions, youth and local communities. All events will showcase nature-based solutions in policy, in practice, in communities – but most of all, in action.

OBJECTIVES OF THE HUB

The "Nature for Life Hub" will offer a virtual venue for multiple events as part of the four-day program. Hub organizers will work with champions, mobilizers, leaders and speakers who inspire and engage global audiences. These events will provide new content that will be broadcast live on social media and through the official virtual platform, as well as available online after the hub. Over the four days, the virtual hub will take audiences on various thematic journeys, delving deep into specialist topics, practical solutions and ambitious actions. The virtual hub will be an opportunity to hear from political and corporate leaders, the world's youth, indigenous and community leaders, local authorities and cutting-edge thinkers, leaders and practitioners. Each day will culminate in key messages to be issued by the coalition of partners to be fed into the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework negotiation process, CBD COP 15 and Climate COP 26 negotiation processes.

OVERALL THEMES OF THE NATURE FOR LIFE HUB

Day 1: SDG DAY: Celebrating the value of nature in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Day 2: BUSINESS AND FINANCE DAY: Greening our wallets in development, finance and business

Day 3: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY: A planetary response to our planetary emergency

Day 4: LOCAL ACTION DAY: Celebrating the power of local action, and the role of local communities in our planetary response

These four themes of the Nature for Life Hub reflect five essential systemic transformations we must see to bend the curve on nature loss, including:

- a. **transform financial systems** and redirect finance and investments in order to accelerate nature-based solutions and the creation of a planetary safety net for ecosystem and climate resilience and inclusive development;
- b. **strengthen governance and rule of law** by ensuring a national nature-based safety net approach that protects and enhances the rights of people vulnerable to biodiversity loss;
- c. **transform global consumption and production systems** by ensuring zero ecosystems and biodiversity loss practices and food security for communities;
- d. **catalyze systemic change that places nature firmly at the heart** of national and sectoral planning, development and monitoring systems in order to reduce human footprint and promote national nature-based safety nets and reduce risk of emerging zoonotic diseases; and
- e. **mobilize demand for action** for nature-based planetary safety through unified global campaigns.

DATE AND TIMES FOR THE NATURE FOR LIFE HUB

The Nature for Life Hub will run a total of eighteen sessions (of between 55 and 90 minutes each) on September 24-25 and 28-29.

ORGANIZING PARTNERS

The organizing partners for the overall Nature for Life Hub include but are not limited to UNDP, UNEP and UNEP-WCMC, CBD Secretariat, Birdlife, Business for Nature, Campaign for Nature, Climate Advisers, Climate Week NYC, CLUA, Club of Rome, Conservation International, EcoHealth Alliance, Environmental Defense Fund, FOLU, Ford Foundation, ICLEI, ICRI Forum, If Not Us Than Who, National Geographic Society, Nature4Climate Coalition, Next Green, OP2B, PFS Environment, The Nature Conservancy, UNESCO, UN FAO, UN Foundation, UN Global Compact, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, World Economic Forum, WWF, Youth4Nature, among others.

DAY 1: SDG DAY:

Recognizing the value of nature in achieving the SDGs

Nature is intricately linked to solving some of humanity's most vexing challenges – securing enough food and water for a growing population, tackling climate change, buffering humanity from some of the worst impacts of a warmer and less predictable world, and ensuring a more just and prosperous future for all.

By diminishing nature, we are diminishing our resilience and our very future. This set of sessions takes a closer look at how protecting, restoring and sustainably managing nature can help us achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, especially those related to climate, health, security, water, jobs and livelihoods.

NATURE FOR CLIMATE

Highlighting the role of nature in climate mitigation and adaptation

This session explores why and how nature – natural and managed ecosystems – are an essential strategy for mitigating climate change. Nearly a quarter of all global greenhouse gases stem from land use, including the conversion of forests into agriculture, destruction of mangrove forests, the draining of peatlands, and unsustainable agricultural practices, among other practices. However, protecting, restoring and sustainably managing the world's ecosystems could provide more than a third of our climate mitigation solution. This session focuses on the importance of nature as a climate solution, and highlights steps that governments and local communities can take to place nature at the heart of their climate action.

SPEAKERS:

Opening Remarks

- Ricky Kej, Grammy Award-winning Musician and Environmentalist
- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP
- Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Secretary of the CBD

Keynote

- Jennifer Morris, CEO, The Nature Conservancy
- Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith, Minister, UK Government

Moderator

- Lucy Almond, Chair, Nature4Climate

Speakers

- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, The GEF
- Kaluki Paul Mutuku, Regional Director, Youth4Nature
- Irene Ojok, National Technical Specialist, Environment and Climate Change, World Vision Kenya
- Jad Daley, President and CEO, American Forests
- Erin Fitzgerald, CEO, US Farmers and Ranchers in Action
- Christy Plumer, Chief Conservation Officer, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
- Bonbin Wang, Institute of Climate Change and Sustainable Development, Tsinghua University
- Sveinung Rotevatn, Minister of Climate and Environment, Norway
- Eron Bloomgarden, Executive Director, Emergent
- Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Global Leader of Climate and Energy, WWF
- H.E. Mr. Paulo Proaño, Minister of Environment and Water, Ecuador
- H.E. Mr. Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment, People's Republic of China
- Shaunna Morgan Siegers, Operations Manager, Indigenous Leadership Initiative
- Susan Cook-Patton, Forest Restoration Scientist, The Nature Conservancy
- Mauricio Bianco, Vice-President, Conservation International Brazil
- Theo de Jager, World Farmer's Organization
- Mark Wishnie, Global Forestry and Wood Products Director, The Nature Conservancy
- Martin Berg, Pollination Group, European Investment Bank
- Kristina Kloberdanz, SVP Chief Sustainability Officer, Mastercard

Closing Remarks

- M. Sanjayan, CEO, Conservation International

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NATURE FOR HEALTH AND SECURITY

Securing local health and security and preventing the next pandemic

Whether by providing security from natural disasters, helping us prevent the next pandemic, providing communities with water for sanitation and with nutritious foods, or providing a respite to an increasingly urban world, nature is essential to our health and wellbeing. This session will explore various dimensions of nature's contribution to health, security and wellbeing, with a focus on "One Health Approach," and will chart a pathway toward a safer, healthier, more secure future for all.

SPEAKERS:**Moderator**

- Musonda Mumba, Chief of Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, UNEP

Keynote

- David Nabarro, Strategic Director and Chair of Global Health, Imperial's Institute of Global Health Innovation

Panelists

- H.E. Lee White, Minister of Water and Forests, Gabonese Republic
- Peter Daszak, President, EcoHealth Alliance
- Christian Walzer, Director of Global Health, Wildlife Conservation Society
- Carter Roberts, President and CEO, WWF USA
- H.E. Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman-Minister, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), Government of India
- Izabella Teixeira, Co-Chair International Resource Panel, Former Minister of Environment of Brazil
- Renu Mittal, Program Officer, Walton Family Foundation
- Alade Adeleke, Director, Environmental Management and Development Trust, Nigeria
- Bambi Semroc, Interim SVP, Conservation International, Sustainable Coffee Challenge
- Shirley Rodrigues, Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy, City of London
- Lora Fleming, Director, European Centre for Environment and Human Health
- Richard Ellis, Vice President, Corporate Social Responsibility, Walgreens

NATURE FOR WATER

Nature protection and restoration for local and national water security

Nature plays a fundamental role in ensuring that the world's 7.6 billion people have enough water to drink, grow food and maintain sanitary conditions. Yet we are facing a global water crisis, with 1 out of 3 people living without safe drinking water. By 2050, up to 5.7 billion people could be facing some level of water scarcity, which will inevitably have an adverse impact on the enjoyment of human rights. This session explores the various dimensions of how nature-based solutions can build long-term water security and why this matters over the next 30 years to address and manage future shocks. The session provides examples and best practices from around the world in integrating nature into national water management plans, and shows how businesses are integrating nature-based solutions into their water stewardship plans.

SPEAKERS:**Moderator**

- Kelly McEvers, Journalist, NPR
- Sophie Trémolet, Europe Water Security Director, The Nature Conservancy

Panelists

- Mina Guli, CEO, Thirst
- Audrey Azoulay, Director General, UNESCO
- Henk Ovink, Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency
- Elim Sritaba, Chief Sustainability Officer, Asia Pulp and Paper
- Eunice Heath, Corporate Director of Sustainability, Dow
- Songpol Chantharueang, Chairp, Equator Prize Winner 2020, Boon Rueang Wetland Forest Conservation Group
- Stuart Orr, Fresh Water Practice Leader, WWF
- Ulrike Sapiro, Global Senior Director Water & Agriculture, The Coca-Cola Company
- Kate Brauman, Lead Scientist, Global Water Initiative, University of Minnesota, Institute on the Environment and '20-'21 AAAS STPF Climate and Water Resilience Fellow, US Department of Defense
- Stephen Hart, Senior Investment Officer, European Investment Bank
- Gilles Kleitz, Directeur, Agriculture, Eau, Biodiversité Transition écologique et ressources naturelles (DOE/NAT)
- Xanthea Limburg, Councilor, City of Cape Town

Closing Remarks

- Andrea Erickson-Quiroz, Global Director for Water Security, The Nature Conservancy

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1:00 - 2:30 PM

NATURE FOR PROSPERITY

Nature-based jobs and livelihoods – toward a new definition of nature-based prosperity

More than a third of humanity – 2.5 billion people – directly depend on nature for their livelihoods, including through fishing, farming and forestry. We cannot achieve our global goals in ending poverty unless we ensure healthy, functioning ecosystems. In this session, several keynote speakers focus on the various dimensions of nature-based livelihoods, and the constraints and pressures facing these livelihoods around the world. Lightning talks will present different solutions for securing nature-based livelihoods through new more inclusive, gender-balanced and just corporate supply chains, ecosystem restoration, market incentives, through finance and local action. A rapid round-table panel will identify underlying issues and key steps required going forward.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Charlotte Le Grix de La Salle, Journalist and news anchor

Panelists

- Inger Andersen, Executive Director, UNEP
- Emmanuel Faber, Chairman and CEO, Danone and OP2B
- Margaret Kinnaird, Global Wildlife Practice Leader, WWF
- Fabrice DeClerck, Advisory Board Member/ Commissioner, IPBES/ The Earth Commission
- Magdi Batato, Executive Vice President/ Head of Operations, Nestlé
- Justine Humbert, Biodiversity & Africa area sustainable ingredients manager, L'Occitane Group
- Jos van Oostrum, Director Sustainable Solutions, Mars
- Marylin Sumbung, Indonesia Service and Finance Director, Mars
- Sotha Sok, Managing Director/Board member, Cambodian Farmers Federation - Association of Agricultural Producers (CFAP Cambodia) / World Farmers' Organization (Asia)
- Kanika Sanghi, Partner and Associate Director, Lead BCG's Center for Customer Insight, BCG
- Kaluki Paul Mutuku, Regional director, Youth4Nature
- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, The GEF
- Max Koeune, President and CEO, McCain Foods Limited
- Ajanta Dey, Joint Secretary & Programme Director, Nature Environment & Wildlife Society (NEWS)/ Livelihoods Funds
- Daniel Martz, Director Corporate Affairs, JDE
- Roselyn Fosuah Adjei, Director for Climate Change , Forestry Commission of Ghana

Closing Remarks

- Agnes Kalibata, Special Envoy for 2021 Food Systems Summit, UN

DAY 2: BUSINESS AND FINANCE DAY

Greening our wallets in development, finance and business

The drivers of biodiversity loss often come down to economic and market forces. Our current economic system favors short-term gain over long-term stewardship of assets, including nature. This set of sessions identifies opportunities to better align global and national goals to protect, restore and sustainably manage nature, with goals for sustainable economic development. This session also calls upon the financial and business sector to disrupt business-as-usual by placing nature at the center of decision-making, and lays out the path forward to achieving a transformational economy for a better, greener, more just future.

DAY 2: BUSINESS AND FINANCE DAY

BUSINESS AND FINANCE FOR NATURE

CEO Forum on putting nature at the heart of business

By disrupting business-as-usual, business and finance can invest in a new nature economy, reap long-term benefits and reduce their underlying risks associated with nature loss. Join a power panel of CEOs demonstrating their momentum and policy ambition for nature: transforming nature-destructive industries into nature-positive ones. Over 90 minutes, learn more about how business and finance action can be accelerated through collective action via the “Nature is Everyone’s business” Call to Action and the Finance for Biodiversity Pledge that encourage world leaders and financial institutions to strive for an ambitious Post-2020-Biodiversity Framework.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Tian Wei, Head Nature Action Agenda, World Economic Forum
- Eva Zabey, Executive Director, Business for Nature

Panelists

- Akanksha Khatri, Head of Nature Action Agenda, World Economic Forum
- Roberto Marques, CEO and Executive-Chairman, Natura and Co
- Teresa Vernaglia, CEO, BRK Ambiental
- Richard Mayfield, CEO, Walmart Regional
- Stuart White, Global Head of Strategy and CEO, UK & International, HSBC Global Asset Management
- Arie Koornneef, CEO, ASN Bank

9:00 - 10:30 AM

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TRANSFORMING FINANCE FOR NATURE

A task force to support transparency and accountability for finance and nature

This session will strengthen the momentum achieved in collaboration with financial institutions and governments on the Taskforce on Nature Related Financial Disclosure (TNFD), which will launch in 2021. The TNFD Informal Working Group (IWG) is already in place with over 20 members from financial institutions and growing. The IWG is currently defining its workplan and determining the key technical aspects needed to inform the development for the TNFD. This session is a critical opportunity to draw on technical expertise from central banks, data providers, biodiversity experts and scientists on; (a) the risks and opportunities for financial institutions of addressing or not addressing biodiversity risks, and understanding impacts and dependencies on nature, (b) requirements to effectively create material risks for the destruction of biodiversity, (c) ensuring relevance and utility of the TNFD framework for regulatory bodies and (d) inputs and perspectives from civil society.

SPEAKERS:

Opening Remarks

- Midori Paxton, Head, Ecosystems and Biodiversity, Nature, Climate & Energy, UNDP
- Margaret Kuhlrow, Global Finance Practice Leader, WWF

Moderator

- Andrew Mitchell, Founder and Senior Adviser, Global Canopy & Natural Capital Finance Alliance

Panelists

- H.E. Bérangère Abba, Secretary of State for Biodiversity, Ministry for Ecological Transition, France
- Partha Dasgupta, Frank Ramsey Emeritus Professor of Economics, Lead reviewer of Dasgupta Review on the Economics of Biodiversity, University of Cambridge
- Sylvain Vanston, Head of Climate & Biodiversity, AXA Group
- Sherry Madera, Chief Industry & Government Affairs Officer, Refinitiv
- José Antonio Quesada, Vice President, Regulatory Policy, National Banking and Securities Commission of Mexico (CNBV)
- Eric Soubeiran, Vice-President Nature & Water Cycle & CEO Danone Ecosystem Fund, Danone
- Hana Heineken, Senior Campaigner, Responsible Finance, Rainforest Action Network

Closing Remarks

- Jessica Smith, Ecosystems Lead, UNEP FI
- Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary, Secretary of the CBD

DAY 2: BUSINESS AND FINANCE DAY

1:00 - 2:30 PM

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NATURE RULES: A NEW ACCORD WITH NATURE

Preventing extinctions and halting biodiversity loss by accelerating collective action

Nature underpins the Sustainable Development Goals. Forests, oceans and agricultural lands sustain more than 2.5 billion people. Yet, today, one million species are threatened with extinction in the next few decades. This session will focus on exploring how policies, human rights approaches and legal incentives can enable businesses to accelerate action on nature and drive ambition by creating a level playing field, a stable operating environment and unlocking new opportunities. It will convene world leaders and businesses that can bring attention to the major opportunities for strengthening the synergy between the constituencies of business, rule of law, human rights and biodiversity conservation. During the session, the pathways to achieve a new accord with nature will be discussed.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Femi Oke, TV Presenter and Journalist

Panelists

- Katy Thompson, Team Leader, Rule of Law, Security and Human Rights, Crisis Bureau, UNDP
- Michelle Bachelet Jeria, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, OHCHR
- Diane Holdorf, Managing Director of Food and Nature, WBCSD
- David Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights, UN
- Patricia Zurita, Chief Executive Officer, Birdlife International
- Mathilde Mesnard, Deputy Director of Financial and Enterprise Affairs, OECD
- Anthony Nyong, Director of Climate Change and Green Growth, African Development Bank
- Dennis van Berkel, Co-Director, Climate Litigation Network

Closing Remarks

- Andy Raine, Head of International Environmental Law Unit, Law Division, UNEP

3:00 - 4:30 PM

2.4.

INNOVATIONS IN PRIVATE FINANCE FOR NATURE'S MISSING MIDDLE

New markets, new instruments, new capital for green, circular inclusive investments

This session will explore the challenges and opportunities for financing SMEs within the broad scope of nature-based solutions and showcase examples of specific nature-based projects that have been financed through pioneering risk-mitigating instruments. In light of these examples, we will review the main opportunities and challenges in financing the missing middle, nature-based businesses.

SPEAKERS:

Opening Remarks

- Nigel Purvis, President & CEO, Climate Advisers

Moderator

- Helen Edmundson, Head of International Strategy & Engagement, UK DEFRA

Panelists

- Tobey Russ, CEO, Forest First Colombia
- Katrina Ole-Moiyoi, Sustainable Sourcing Specialist, Kering
- Richenda Van Leeuwen, Executive Director, Aspen Network for Development Entrepreneurs
- Pierre Rousseau, Senior Strategic Advisor, Sustainable Business at BNP Paribas
- Nanno Kleiterp, Chairman, AndGreen Fund

DAY 3: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY

A planetary response to our planetary emergency

We are facing a planetary emergency – a nature crisis, a biodiversity crisis, a health crisis and an inequality crisis. To fully respond to this emergency, we need bold ambition, and bold action, at all levels, from local to global. This set of sessions convenes global leaders and stakeholders across a wide range of sectors, in a ‘whole-of-society approach,’ showcasing their commitment to urgent and transformational actions to promote a nature-based planetary safety net, in response to our planetary emergency. It includes sessions on the ‘what,’ the ‘why’ and the ‘how’ of constructing a nature-based safety net.

NATURE FINANCE FORUM

Financing an Ambitious Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Funding an ambitious Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will require significant increases in financial resources from all sources, including official development assistance, governments' domestic budgets, climate financing directed to nature-based solutions, philanthropies, corporations, and new sources of revenue or savings through regulatory and subsidy changes. The Nature Finance Forum will bring together high-level leaders to announce major financial commitments and demonstrate leadership in nature finance. Participants will include leaders from donor countries, developing countries, multilateral and regional financial institutions, corporations and investors, and philanthropists. This event will start a series of nature finance discussions that will run through COP15 in Kunming, China with the goal of generating increased financial resources to implement an ambitious Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Touré, Writer/Journalist

Speakers

- Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity
- Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, European Commission
- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, The Global Environment Fund
- Christiana Figueres, Vice Chair, Global Covenant of Mayors
- H.E. Gerd Müller, Federal Minister, BMZ, Germany
- H.E. Andrea Meza Murillo, Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
- H.E. Sveinung Rotevatn, Minister of Climate and Environment, Government of Norway
- H.E. Zac Goldsmith, Minister of State for Pacific and the Environment, UK Government
- Hansjörg Wyss, Founder, Wyss Foundation
- Rob and Melanie Walton, Former Chairman, Walmart
- Julie Packard, Vice Chairman, Packard Foundation
- Aileen Lee, Program Director Environment and Conservation, The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
- Paul Polman, Co-founder, Imagine
- Mark Engel, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Unilever
- Anne-Laurence Roucher, Deputy CEO, Head of Development, Finance and Corporate Secretariat, Mirova
- Jeremy Darroch, CEO, Sky Group, Sky Ocean Ventures
- Antoine Sire, Head of Company Engagement, BNP Paribas
- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, The GEF
- Christiana Figueres, Vice Chair, Global Covenant of Mayors
- Edward Norton, Actor

A GLOBAL RESPONSE TO OUR PLANETARY EMERGENCY – PROTECTING OUR SAFETY NET

Leaders' Pledge for Nature: United to Reverse Biodiversity Loss by 2030 for Sustainable Development

Description: We are in a state of planetary emergency of interconnected global challenges, including biodiversity loss, climate change, zoonotic disease exposure, land degradation, water scarcity, waste and pollution. These require urgent and united global actions. World leaders must take urgent and transformational actions to rebalance our relationship with the natural world. They must prioritize a just and inclusive economic recovery focused on net positive outcomes for nature and climate, and support an ambitious and transformational post-2020 global biodiversity framework as a key tool to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This leaders' event will showcase a leaders' pledge for nature that commits to urgent and transformational actions to reverse nature loss by 2030, safeguard our planetary safety net and ensure we build forward better towards net positive outcomes for nature, climate and sustainable development.

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Musonda Mumba, Chief of the Terrestrial Ecosystems Unit, UNEP

Speakers

- H.E. Volkan Bozkir, President of the General Assembly of the United Nations, United Nations
- H.E. Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations, United Nations
- Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International
- H.E. Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission, European Commission
- H.E. Iván Duque Márquez, President of the Republic of Colombia, Government of Colombia
- H.E. Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of Defense Forces of the Republic of Kenya, Government of Kenya
- H.E. David Kabua, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Government of the Marshall Islands
- H.E. Alexander van der Bellen, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, Government of Austria
- H.E. Jeanine Áñez Chávez, President of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Government of Bolivia
- H.E. Danny Faure, President of the Republic of Seychelles, Government of Seychelles
- H.E. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Government of Pakistan
- H.E. János Áder, President of Hungary, Government of Hungary
- H.E. Laurentino Cortizo Cohen, President of the Republic of Panama, Government of Panama
- H.E. Martín Vizcarra Cornejo, President of the Republic of Peru, Government of Peru
- Emanuel Faber, Chairman and CEO, Danone & Chair of One Planet Business for Biodiversity
- Sofia Sprechmann Sineiro, Secretary General, CARE International
- Professor Martin Palmer, CEO, FaithInvest
- Bitaté Uru-Eu-Wau-Wau, Coordinator, Jupaú Indigenous Association
- Dr. Maria Neira, Director of Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health, World Health Organization

9:00 - 10:30 AM

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DAY 3: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY

9:00 - 10:30 AM

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SPEAKERS (continued)

Speakers

- H.E. Francisco Guterres Lu Olo, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
- His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco, Prince of Monaco
- H.E. Borut Pahor, President of the Republic of Slovenia, Government of Slovenia
- H.E. Andrej Babiš, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, Government of Czech Republic
- H.E. Boris Johnson MP, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Government of the UK
- H.E. Dr. Lotay Tshering, MBBS, MD, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, Government of Bhutan
- H.E. Xavier Bettel, Prime Minister, Minister of State, Minister for Communications and Media, Minister for Religious Affairs of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Government of Luxembourg
- H.E. K.P. Sharma Oli, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Government of Nepal
- H.E. Ion Chicu, Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Government of Moldova
- H.E. Isabella Lövin Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Environment and Climate of Sweden, Government of Sweden
- H.E. Wilfred Elrington, Attorney General, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Belize, Government of Belize
- H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland, Government of Finland
- Barbara Pompili, Minister for the Ecological Transition of the French Republic, Government of France
- Lee White, Minister of Water, Forests, Sea, Environment, Climate Plan, and Land Use Plan of the Republic of Gabon, Government of Gabon
- Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of the Federal Republic of Germany, Government of Germany
- Sergio Costa, Minister of the Environment and of the Protection of the Territory and of the Sea of the Republic of Italy, Government of Italy
- Ms Martha Delgado, Viceminister of Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, Mexico
- Natalia Greene, President, CEDENMA Coordinadora Ecuatoriana de Agroecología (CEA)
- Claudia López Hernández, Mayor of the City of Bogota, Government of Bogota, Colombia
- Johan Rockström, Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Potsdam Institute
- Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Co-President of the Club of Rome and Lead of the Planetary Emergency Partnership, Club of Rome
- Jennifer Morris, CEO, The Nature Conservancy
- Dia Mirza, Model, actress, producer, social worker, and Miss Asia Pacific International 2000
- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- H.E. Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, Government of Costa Rica
- H.E. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, Government of Canada
- H.E. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway, Government of Norway
- Mr Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility
- Inger Anderson, Executive Director, UNEP
- Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, UN Convention on Biological Diversity

3.2.

CREATING A NATURE-BASED PLANETARY SAFETY NET

Setting a bold vision for protection and restoration in the post-2020 biodiversity framework

2021 will see the agreement by the world's governments of a bold Biodiversity Framework through 2030, with an eye toward a planet in harmony with nature by 2050. Building on the indivisible relation between the wellbeing of people and the wellbeing of nature, this session will begin by looking back to the past decade, identifying reasons for hope in national and local action on biodiversity. The session will then look forward, identifying key elements required for achieving success, including bold political will, coherent and aligned government policies, integration and alignment of a wide range of economic sectors, adequate resource mobilization, and decisive action, among others.

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Femi Oke, Co-Founder, Moderate the Panel

Speakers

- Elizabeth Mrema, Executive Secretary, The Convention on Biological Diversity
- Anna María Hernández Salgar, Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
- Sir Robert Watson, Head of the Scientific Advisory Group for the UNEP Global Assessments Synthesis Report
- Dr. Mamphele Ramphele, Co-President of the Club of Rome, Club of Rome
- Dominic Waughray, Managing Director, World Economic Forum
- Karin Kemper, Global Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Blue Economy, World Bank
- Minna Salami, Founder, MsAfropolitan Blog
- Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montreal, Government of Montreal
- H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, The Arabic Republic of Egypt
- H.E. Myung-Rae Cho, Minister fo Environment for the Republic of Korea
- H.E. Huang Runqiu, Minister of Ecology and Environment, The People's Republic of China
- Rt. Hon. Zac Goldsmith, Minister of State for Pacific, and the Environment, UK
- H.E. Shinjiro Koizumi, Minister of Environment, Japan
- Marina von Weissenberg, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Ministry of the Environment, Finland
- Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC
- Ibrahim Thiaw, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), United Nations
- Frances Ogwal, Post-2020 OEWG Co-Chair, Natural Resources Manager (Biodiversity & Rangelands), National Environment Management Authority of Uganda
- Basil van Havre, Post-2020 OEWG Co-Chair, Director General, Biodiversity Policy and Partnerships Directorate, Canadian Wildlife Service
- Hindou Ibrahim Oumara, Coordinator of AFPAT and Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad (AFPAT)/ International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change
- H.E.Svenja Schulze, Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety of Germany, Government of Germany

DAY 3: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY

11:00 - 12:30 PM

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SPEAKERS (continued):

- Peter Thomson, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, United Nations
- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Alice Ruhweza, Director, World Wide Fund for Nature
- Bris Rocher, CEO, Group Rocher
- Remy Rioux, CEO, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Rebecca Moore, Director, Google Earth, Earth Engine & Outreach, Google

3.3.

GREEN RECOVERY AND GREEN NEW DEALS

Greening Covid recovery plans and stimulus packages, and advancing inclusive Green New Deals

Covid has taught us that business as usual is no longer an option. An investment in the health of our planet is an investment in our own future. This crisis highlights the socio-economic threats and costs posed by the planetary emergencies, and offers an opportunity to accelerate the transition to more inclusive, greener economies – economies that are resilient to future shocks, reverse environmental degradation and biodiversity loss, and help us achieve net-zero emissions. This session on greening COVID-19 recovery plans and stimulus packages, and advancing inclusive Green New Deals is a strong call to action. Decisions made now on how to stimulate growth, respond to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, and prevent the next pandemic, will determine the future health, wellbeing and stability of people and the planet. To do this countries can “green” their stimulus packages and longer-term national and sectoral recovery plans; promote green public work programs and other decent green jobs in the formal and informal sectors, taking into account the needs of different groups, including women and racialized groups; repurpose harmful fossil fuel and agricultural subsidies and integrate nature-climate concerns into agriculture, water resources, forestry, tourism, industry, mining, energy and infrastructure; and promote sustainable public/private finance and investments.

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Sandrine Dixson-Declève, Co-President , The Club of Rome

Keynote Speakers

- Jose Angel Gurria Treviño, Secretary-General, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- Ban Ki-Moon, Former UN Secretary General, United Nations
- H.E. Mr. Paolo Gentiloni, European Commissioner for Economy, European Commission

Speakers

- H.E. Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change, and Land Refor, Scotland
- H.E. Krista Mikkonen, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, Finland
- H.E. Mohammed Mahmood Abubakar, Minister of Environment, the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- Oliver Greenfield, Convener, Green Economy Coalition
- H.E. Andrea Meza, Minister of Environment and Energy for the Republic of Costa Rica, Government of Costa Rica
- Anuela Ristani, Deputy Mayor of Tirana, Albania
- H.E. Simon Stiell, Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment, Forestry, Fisheries and Disaster Management for Grenada, Government of Grenada
- Simon Zadek, Chair, Financing for Biodiversity

3.4.

THE BIG ENCHILADA: MAPPING HOPE FOR PEOPLE AND PLANET

Using spatial data to map essential life-support areas for people and planet

We have produced more data in the past two years than in all of human history combined. Yet data decisions systems on nature are remarkably under-developed. At the same time, approximately 2,200 satellites now circle the earth, enabling humanity to monitor the planet in ways never known before. Spatial data from these satellites, combined with mapping of local and Indigenous knowledge on the ground and cutting-edge science, can produce ‘maps of hope’ that identify where nature-based actions can safeguard essential life support areas to maintain key biodiversity and essential ecosystem services. This session will demonstrate how innovative use of new spatial datasets can provide the tools to place nature at the heart of sustainable development. Weaving together film, dynamic demonstrations of new data and technologies, ministerial statements, and stories from the ground, this session will journey through three critical questions: What technology and innovations are transforming our ability to take the pulse of the planet; How can spatial data pinpoint where nature-based solutions can effectively combat climate change, promote green recovery, and maintain a planetary safety net for humanity; and Why are maps of hope fundamentally changing the way nations approach sustainable development?

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Femi Oke, Co-Founder, Moderate the Panel

Speakers

- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson Global Environment Facility (GEF)
- Rebecca Moore, Director, Google Earth
- Thomas Lovejoy, Senior Fellow of Biodiversity and Environmental Science, United Nations Foundation
- Duko Hopman, Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company
- H.E. Andrea Meza, Minister of Environment and Energy for Costa Rica, Government of Costa Rica
- Rafael Monge Vargas, Director, National Center for Geoenvironmental Information at the Ministry of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica
- Tom Okurut, Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority
- Francis Ogwal, Natural Resources Manager (Biodiversity and Rangelands, National Environment Management Authority
- Hernando Garcia, President, Humboldt Institute
- Jimena Puyana, National Manager of Sustainable Development, UNDP Country Office, Colombia
- Yakup Beris, Resident Representative, UNDP CO Kazakhstan
- Gabriel Quijandría, Vice Minister of Sustainable Management of Natural Resources, Strategic Development of Natural Resources of Peru
- Dr. Steve Brumby, Senior Advisor, National Geographic Society & CEO, Impact Observatory
- Enric Sala, Explorer in Residence, National Geographic Society
- Andrew Plumptre, Head , Key Biodiversity Areas Secretariat
- Andrew Hansen, Professor, Ecology Department, Montana State University
- Guido Schmidt-Traub, Executive Director, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

DAY 3: GLOBAL AMBITION DAY

3:00 - 4:30 PM

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SPEAKERS (continued):

Speakers

- Corli Pretorius, Deputy Director, United Nations Environment Programme - World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
- Janet Ranganathan, Vice President for Research, Data, and Innovation, World Resources Institute
- Jeffrey Parrish, Global Managing Director for Protect Oceans, Lands and Water, The Nature Conservancy
- Jamison Ervin, Manager, Global Programme on Nature for Development, UNDP
- Giovanni Reyes, President, ICCA Consortium in the Philippines
- Rachel Barre, Environmental Leadership Director, L'Oréal
- Johnson Cerda, Director, Dedicated Grant Mechanism, Inclusive Conservation, Conservation International
- Giulia Stellari, Director, Sustainable Sourcing, Digital and Carbon Solutions, Unilever

DAY 4: LOCAL ACTION DAY

Celebrating local action and the role of communities and cities in safeguarding our planetary safety net

Local action is essential on nature if we are to tackle our planetary emergency; we need an all-of-society approach. We are already seeing action by youth, Indigenous peoples and local communities in every country. This set of sessions will shine a spotlight on these efforts, showcasing success stories, highlighting challenges and obstacles, and showing pathways to scaling up local action to have global impacts.

DAY 4: LOCAL ACTION DAY

YOUTH TAKING ACTION ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

Stepping up NBS action with youth: Listening to and learning from youth from the margins to the centre-stage

Indicative session partners: Youth4Nature

The decisions we take in the next decade will profoundly affect youth around the world for the rest of their lives. Youth are demanding action now, but they are also taking action now. This session seeks to shine a spotlight on youth actors who already leading in the implementation and advocacy of nature-based solutions. Working from their communities, their governments, their schools, and working through research, art and action, presenters in this session seek to remind world leaders that youth are the future of our planet. Organized by, for and with youth, this session brings together youth from a variety of backgrounds and experiences to share their stories, highlighting the contributions they have made in protecting and restoring nature, the obstacles they have faced along the way, and the opportunities they have created. This session aims to inspire, amplify, network and most importantly, catalyze meaningful youth action and leadership on nature.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Scout/Kaluki, Global Ambassadors, Youth4Nature

Speakers

- Kynan Tegar, Indigenous filmmaker, Guardians of the Forest-Indonesia
- Aman Sharma, Climate Justice Activist/Senior Assistant Editor, Economic Times
- Fernando Morales, Youth Restoration Expert, Spain
- Anthony Ochieng', Founder and Director, Tonywild & Biophilic Conversation
- Alberto Borges, Founder/Nat Geo Explorer, The Explorer's Club of Kenya/National Geographic
- Helina Teklu, Co-founder, Climate Change Africa and Seed Bomb Ethiopia

8:00 - 8:55 AM

4.0

EQUATOR PRIZE 2020

Celebrating stories of the new normal in a post-2020 world – the winners of Equator Prize 2020

We know that the business-as-usual model of how we produce and consume virtually everything – from food, water, medicine, fiber – is unsustainable, and has created our planetary emergency. We need new stories to guide us toward a new normal. The UNDP-led Equator Initiative is a partnership that recognizes and shines a spotlight on new stories that embody the future we need – on local, nature-based solutions that help achieve multiple sustainable development goals. In this session, ten winners will receive the Equator Prize. The celebration will feature remarks by decision makers, celebrities, and the winners themselves along with videos and music. The event will make a powerful case that local action on the three categories of the prize: “Nature for Climate,” “Nature for Water,” and “Nature for Prosperity” offers a powerful planetary response to our planetary emergency.

SPEAKERS:

Opening Remarks

- Sofi Tukker, Grammy-nominated Musical Duo
- JC Catholique, Dënësułině Elder from Łutsël K'ė, Northwest Territories, Canada

Moderator

- Femi Oke, TV presenter and journalist

Speakers

- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder, Jane Goodall Institute and UN Messenger of Peace
- Henry Golding, Actor and Producer
- Khemupsorn “Cherry” Sirisukha, Actor
- Prof. Raymond Ranjeva, Lawyer/judge, former Vice-President, International Court of Justice [Madagascar]
- Henri Rakotoson, President of VOI TAMIA
- Trudie Styler, Actor, Producer and Environmentalist
- Sting, Musician, Actor and Activist
- Lila Downs, Singer song-writer and actress
- Clara Hughes, Olympic Champion and Humanitarian [Canada]
- Adeline Jonasson, Elder Chief, Łutsël K'ė Dene First Nation, Canada
- Nicholas Saputra, Actor and Activist
- Lahpai Seng Raw, Founder, Metta Development Foundation
- Paul Sein Twa, General Assembly President and Chairperson of the Salween Peace Park Governing Committee, Myanmar
- Chi Suwichan, Karen Musician and Community Activist
- David Kaimowitz, Senior Adviser, Climate and Land Use Alliance [Guatemala]
- Paulina Par, President, Utz Che', Asociación de Forestería Comunitaria de Guatemala Utz Che'
- H.E. Baomiatotse Vahinala Raharinirina, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Madagascar
- H.E. Claude Nyamugabo, Minister of Environment, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Albert Lotana Lokasola, Director, Vie Sauvage
- Nelson Ole Reiyia, CEO and Founder of Nashulai Massai Conservancy, Kenya
- Margaret Atwood, World-renowned Author and Environmental Activist (for Kenya)
- Ricky Kej, Grammy Award-winning Musician and Environmentalist

4.1.

REIMAGINING CONSERVATION

Aligning Nature Conservation and Human Rights

Over the last decades, conservation organizations have been repeatedly challenged to confront allegations of a “fortress mentality” and embrace a more inclusive paradigm, recognizing that conservation of nature will not be achievable in the long-term without the full support of the Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPLCs) who live in and around protected and conserved areas.

While numerous examples of successful integrated conservation-development projects do exist across the world, widely divergent views persist on what exactly ‘conservation of nature’ is and should be, as well as by and for whom it should be undertaken. In 2016, the former UN Special Rapporteur Report on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Ms. Vicky Tauli-Corpuz) produced a thematic report on the relationship between conservation of nature and human rights, followed by two dedicated sessions of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII 2018, 2019) which convened to review the topic. This session will provide a dialogue space for communities, policymakers and scientists to reset the conversation on nature and human rights towards a new era of collaboration and best practices.

Translation: French, Spanish

SPEAKERS:

Moderators

- Teddy Baguilat, President, ICCA Consortium and ASEAN Parliamentarians for Human Rights
- Holly Jonas, Global Coordinator, ICCA Consortium

Speakers

- Dr. Dalee Sambo, President and former UNPFII Chair, Inuit Circumpolar Council
- Marco Lambertini, CEO, WWF International
- Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Coordinator of AFPAT and Co-Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change, Association for Indigenous Women and Peoples of Chad / International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change
- Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP
- Abigail Gualinga, Youth Leader, Community of Sarayaku, Ecuador
- Daniel Benalcazar, Youth Leader, Community of Sarayaku, Ecuador
- Patricia Zurita, Chief Executive Officer, BirdLife International
- Maria Belinda de la Paz, Chief Operating Officer, Haribon Foundation
- David Boyd, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to a Healthy Environment, OHCHR
- Paul Sein Twa, President and Equator Prize Winner 2020, Salween Peace Park
- Aileen Lee, Program Director, Environmental Conservation, The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
- Christian Rafael Guillermet Fernández, High Ambition Coalition on the CBD post-2020 agenda , Government of Costa Rica
- Julius Arinaitwe, Director of Partnerships, Communities, and Capacity Development, Birdlife International

4.2.

LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL IMPACT

Scaling up local action for nature

Description: Local action on nature is essential if we are to bend the curve on nature loss. Yet isolated actions often lack the impact required to have meaningful change at scale. We must find ways to accelerate and magnify local action, and to scale up impact. This session will feature seven lightning talks on how successful local initiatives were able to scale up their initiative and create larger impact at a broader scale. This session also includes an interactive dialogue that identifies common themes, preconditions and pathways to accelerate the scaling up of local initiatives in order to tackle our planetary emergency, culminating in a collection of partner commitments to help scale up local solutions, including scaling up through policies and legal frameworks; through learning, dialogue and replication; through finance and funding; and through expansion of existing pilots, among others.

Translation: Spanish

4.3.

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Kristen Walker, Senior Vice President, Conservation International

Speakers

- Razan Al Mubarak, Managing Director of EAD and candidate for IUCN Presidency, Environment Agency-Abu Dhabi (EAD)
- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Fund
- Josefa Talui, Global Youth Biodiversity Network Steering Committee Representative of Local and Indigenous Youth, Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN)
- Karma Tshosar, Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Kingdom of Bhutan, United Nations, Kingdom of Bhutan
- Sarah Maston, Senior Solution Architect, Microsoft Project 15
- Lola Cabnal, FCPF Steering Committee member, Asociación Ak' Tenamit
- Idrissa Zeba, Executive Director/Steering Committee Member, Naturama/ DGM Burkina Faso National Steering Committee and DGM Global Steering Committee
- Nonette Arroyo, Executive Director, Tenure Facility
- George Ortsin, Country Program Manager/SGP-Ghana, COMDEKS/Satoyama Initiative
- Kobie Brand, Regional Director ICLEI Africa & Global Director, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center

DEFENDING OUR FUTURE

Securing a future for environmental defenders – and our planet – through securing rights, tenure and governance

In 2019, more than 200 environmental defenders were killed, and many more were tortured, beaten or intimidated. Environmental defenders are at the front line in protecting the nature that sustains all. This session includes powerful stories from environmental defenders around the world, including the struggles they have faced, and the success they have had. This session will also review the status of environmental defenders from around the world, and will take a clear-eyed look at the underlying factors that lead to violence, intimidation, land grabs and abuses, and a look at how these are exacerbated by the ongoing health and economic crises. The session will conclude with a call to action to end violence against local defenders, journalists, indigenous peoples and local communities who are defending nature, upon which all life depends.

Translation: Spanish, Portuguese

SPEAKERS:

Moderator

- Ben Leather, Senior Campaigner, Global Witness

Speakers

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- Walela Txai, Youth leader, APIB (Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil)
- Militza Flaco, Youth leader, AMPB (Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests)
- Nadino Calapucha, Youth leader, COICA (Coordinator of Indigenous Organisations of the Amazon Basin)
- Kalfein Wuisan, Youth leader, AMAN (Indonesian Alliance of Indigenous Peoples of the Archipelago)
- Andrew Revkin, Founding Director of Communications and Sustainability, Columbia University's Earth Institute
- Kathryn Baragwanath, Political Scientist, University of California
- Pamela McElwee, Rutgers University
- Tuntiak Katan, Indigenous leader & Vice Co-ordinator, COICA (Coordinator of Indigenous Organisations of the Amazon Basin)
- Oona Chaplin, Actress, Aniwa / Boa Foundation
- Dinaman Tuxá, Indigenous leader & Co-ordinator, APIB (Articulation of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil)
- Rukka Sombolinggi, Secretary General, Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara/AMAN, Indigenous Peoples' Alliance of the Archipelago, Indonesia
- Levi Sucre Romero, Indigenous leader & Co-ordinator, AMPB (Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests)