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The Value of Ecosystem Services - Aligning Finance with Nature

This event leverages finance sector best practices, particularly in agriculture, to demonstrate how valuing ecosystem services can drive biodiversity investments and align financial flows with nature.

Speakers:

Wijnand Broer (speaker, moderator panel, event lead), Partner at CREM. Program manager PBAF, expert Finance & Biodiversity and biodiversity impact & dependency assessment.

Mieke Siebers (moderator and panel member), Executive Director at FSD. Responsible for strategic management of the Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD) and its use in the finance sector.

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Roel Nozeman (speaker), Biodiversity lead at ASN Bank, Initiator of the 'Make Nature Count' project and PBAF Program director.

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nature and its ecosystem services, REDD+, Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES), financing protected areas, and green finance.

Albaluz Ramos Franco (panel), Científico investigador, Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, Member of the Executive Committee Young Ecosystem Services Specialist (YESS Network).

13.00 - 14.15



Unlocking Investment for GBF T19c: Blended Finance for Nature with a Landscape Approach

This event will showcase successful examples of blended finance that benefit both biodiversity and local communities at a landscape level.

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Inclusive pathways: Sharing insights on rights-based approaches for synergistic biodiversity and climate action

Ensuring that synergistic biodiversity and climate action are implemented in ways that can support sustainable and just outcomes for current and future generations requires considerations of ecosystem-based approaches that are centred on equity and justice. This session will bring together diverse speakers representing different knowledge and community perspectives including those of youth, women, local and Indigenous peoples, researchers and practitioners to share good practices for monitoring, evaluation and learning and innovative finance mechanisms that can amplify and scale impacts.

Speakers:

Ashanapuri Hertz - Programme Officer, Swedbio, **Ameil Harikushun** - Finance for Resilience Lead, CDKN and GA for LLA, **Peter Bulimo** - Inuka Project coordinator, Youth4Nature - Representative of the Human Rights and Biodiversity Working Group (tbc.) - Women4Biodiversity, (speaker TBC), **James Mema**, The Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT)



10.00 - 11.15

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Speakers:

Prof. Dr. **Steffen Nijhuis** (TU Delft), Dr. **Nico Tillie** (TU Delft), Ir. **Rosa de Wolf** (TU Delft), **Liliane Geerling** (moderator), **Cristal Ange** (Fundación Herencia Ambiental Caribe), **Carlos Castaño-Uribe** (Fundación Herencia Ambiental Caribe), **Vivian Galvis** (Fundación Herencia Ambiental Caribe)

11.30 - 12.45



GBF target 18 masterclass: assessing biodiversity impacts of public financial flows

In this event, national governments and international organizations will share best practices and their efforts to meet target 18 of the GBF on identifying biodiversity harmful public financial flows.

Speakers:

Caroline van Leenders – Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature **Marina von Weissenberg** **Suvi Borgström** - Finnish Ministry of the Environment TBD – BIOFIN/UNDP

13.00 - 14.15



Biodiversity-related risks and opportunities to the financial sector; A Public-Private Partnership

This blue zone event will bring together government officials, financial institutions, and experts on ecosystem services valuation. The event aims present the unique approach that aligns science-based future biodiversity and financial scenarios, utilizing advanced economic modelling techniques to provide comprehensive monetary estimates of biodiversity effects on the economy at the country and sector levels. First research findings within the project focus on pollination and soil quality. Further ecosystem services will be analyzed including agriculture, food and water-related ecosystems.

Speakers:

Maria Naranjo (speaker/ panel/event lead), Senior researcher, Sustainable Finance and Trade, Wageningen University & Research. **Mieke Siebers** (moderator/panel member), Executive Director at FSD. Responsible for strategic management of the Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD), the Ecosystem Services partnership and stakeholder engagement in relation to ecosystem services valuation. **Arke Florence** (Panel), Junior manager Financial Nature Risk Deloitte. **Jeane Nel** (Panel), Head of the Biodiverse Environment Programme at Wageningen University & Research. **Vince van 't Hoff** (speaker), FSD,





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Facilitating pluralistic and inclusive visioning and scenario development for living in harmony with nature: Exploring the Nature Futures Framework from IPBES

Discover how the Nature Futures Framework (NFF) can guide the development of scenarios that embrace the plurality of values toward nature. This session will present examples of NFF applications worldwide and discuss its potential role in supporting biodiversity, sustainable development, and local community engagement.

16.30 - 17.45



Connecting Biodiversity and Finance through Ecosystem Services – Building the future of Environmental decisionmaking

Ecosystem services are key to society and economy. Valuing them enhances decision-making. This event shows how to apply valuations, focusing on biodiversity, finance, and sustainable practices.

Speakers:

Mieke Siebers (speaker, moderator panel, event lead), Executive Director at FSD. Responsible for strategic management of the Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD) and stakeholder engagement on the topic of ecosystem services valuation. **Luis Inostroza** (speaker and panelist), Senior scientist at Mendel University, associate researcher at Universidad Autonoma de Chile and executive committee member of the Ecosystem services Partnership (ESP). Expert in spatially explicit quantitative methods based on GIS and remote sensing to analyse the metabolism of socio-ecological systems and their links to ecological and economic functions, from local to global scales. **Vince van 't Hoff** (speaker), FSD, Program officer Ecosystem Services Valuation Database (ESVD), Responsible for ESVD data and application into decision-making. Lead author of Make Nature Count studies with the Dutch ASN Bank. **Marius Panahon** (speaker), Aquaculturalist at the City government of Calapan. Expert in developing and implementing strategies for sustainable aquaculture and fisheries management,





engaging with local communities, and various organizations to promote environmental conservation. **Myriam Sanchez** (panel), Managing Director Corporacion BIOTEC- Alliance Biodiversity-CIAT. Senior expert on the topic of local agrobiodiversity valuation. Leading Corporación Biotec and a group of institutions, companies and associations of producers that are developing agricultural conversion in Colombia, promoting a new culture of social, environmental and market competitiveness, in the production of food, mainly tropical fruits productive chains. **Albaluz Ramos Franco** (panel), Científico investigador, Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, Expert on coastal ecology and marine biodiversity. Member of the Executive Committee of Young Ecosystem Services Specialist (YESS Network).

18.00 - 19.15

Water: The (sometimes) hidden impact on Industry and Finance

Water is more than just a vital resource; it is a powerful force shaping industries and financial markets. This side event will explore the intricate connections between water availability, industrial operations, and financial stability, informed by Planet Tracker's reports, "AI and Water" and "High and Dry." We will discuss how water scarcity impacts key sectors like agriculture, manufacturing, and technology, while also examining the financial risks and opportunities tied to water resource management. Additionally, we will link these insights to the Global Biodiversity Framework, underscoring how responsible water stewardship is essential not only for sustaining ecosystems but also for securing long-term economic and financial resilience. Join us to discover why water is a cornerstone for both global biodiversity and financial health.



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11.30 - 12.45



Scaling up Payments for Ecosystem Services

This session explores strategies for scaling up financing for ecosystem services on a landscape level, taking into account characteristics of the types of ecosystem services.

Speakers:

Caroline van Leenders, Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature.

13.00 - 14.15



Upscaling Nature Based Solutions in Water Infrastructure: The Biodiversity Connection

This session explores the integration of biodiversity into infrastructure project in rivers, deltas and coastal areas. It will focus on enhancing and monitoring biodiversity outcomes of nature-based solutions in water infrastructure through the presentation of a new infographic and interactive case studies. Is it organised by EcoShape: a collaboration of NGOs, private companies, and knowledge institutes that develops and shares knowledge about the Building with Nature approach to hydraulic engineering.

Speakers:

Arcadis
IUCN Netherlands
Wetlands International
Witteveen & Bos



15.00 - 16.15



Practical approaches to developing a National Biodiversity Finance Plan

During this session, we share insights on the development of a National Biodiversity Finance Plan, building on lessons learnt from the IDFB community and we open the floor for discussions.

Speakers:
Daan Groot, Caroline van Leenders (proposed)

16.30 - 17.45

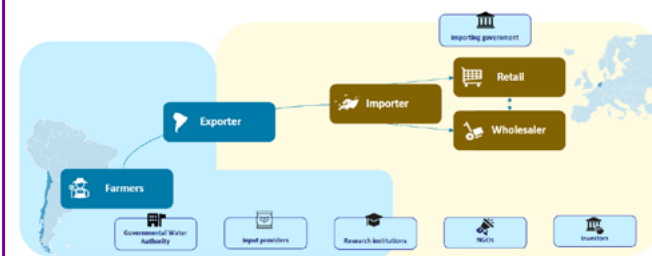


Strengthening multilevel accountability - A side-event exploring key elements for implementation of the GBF

High on the COP16 agenda is assessing progress of countries' adoption of the new action targets and updating of NBSAPs in line with the Kunming-Montreal Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and the operationalisation of the responsibility and transparency framework. The cyclical process of planning, monitoring, reporting and review of the responsibility and transparency framework is seen as essential for the successful implementation of the GBF. This process can also be seen as the core of an approach to multilevel accountability mechanisms for the goals adopted in the GBF. In this side-event social scientists and practitioners share their insights on how to best facilitate this process to make the GBF really count in terms of delivering positive nature outcomes.

Speakers:
Ms. Maria Belén Páez (Fundación Pachamama), Dr. Joanna Smallwood (University of Sussex, UK), Prof Dr Rafael Calderon (Autonomous Metropolitan University, Mexico City, Mexico), Dr. Yves Zinngrebe (UFZ, Germany), Dr. Sylvia Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen (Wageningen University, the Netherlands)
Ana Maria Ulloa (University of Sydney, Dutch government official (TBC)

18.00 - 19.15



From Supermarket to Farmer: Value Chain Collaboration for Water and Biodiversity Stewardship in Peru and Chile. Learnings from the ground and opportunities ahead

This event presents the learnings of 5 years work in Peru and Chile to activate global agricultural value chains -from supermarket to farmer- to drive local water and biodiversity stewardship in major food producing regions. We compare theory with practice, take stock of our learnings so far, and look ahead to what is needed to truly address material water and biodiversity impacts across global agricultural value chains, for the well-being of people and nature, and long-term business resilience.

Speakers:
Diego Arevalo - Technical expert project Ica, Peru (Good Stuff International)
Cristian Andler - Technical expert project Aconcagua, Chile (Aconcagua Network / Greenticket)
Coen van Iwaarden - Senior Advisor, International value chains (Nature's Pride)
Manuel Olaechea - President Xynergica
Brenda Salas - Technical manager Xynergica



18.00 - 19.15

Global agricultural value chain for catchment water stewardship in Ica, Peru.



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Collective action for water stewardship in the Ica valley in Peru joined forces to build a more resilient value chain through responsible water management

Speakers:
Diego Arevalo Uribe / Regional Director LAC / Good Stuff International



10.00 - 11.15



Learning Session on Debt-for-Water-Swaps (interactive): Interactive knowledge sharing on how debt-for-water-swaps could help restore the water cycle?

This learning session will explore what a debt-for-water-swap is, what is needed for a successful swap and what are the roles of the different stakeholders. The session starts with a 10-minute “crash-course” on debt-for water swaps, followed by an interactive session with a group of relevant stakeholders to share knowledge on the barriers and opportunities for debt-for-water-swaps.

Debt-for-nature swaps are increasingly hitting headlines as a form of climate finance that reduces countries’ debts in return for environmental commitments. These “swaps” are financial agreements in which a conservation organisation or government reduces, restructures or buys a developing country’s debt at a discount in exchange for investment in local conservation activities. It sounds pretty straight forward, but is quite complex in practice and therefore there is still much to learn. Rabobank is facilitating this interactive learning session as part of their journey to find out what a debt-for-water-swap means for the different stakeholders, what are the main challenges and where are opportunities.



Speakers:

The meeting is an informal and interactive gathering, to share knowledge and to learn about this complex topic. Sjoerd van Peer (Rabobank) will provide the crash-course and we will have a broad variety of stakeholders in the room providing their perspectives on the topic. We encourage all participants to bring a proactive attitude, interact, and share their insights. Your input is invaluable to making this session a success!

10.00 - 11.15



Scaling up blended Finance for nature inclusive food systems

Although the concept of blended finance sounds simple: mixing of public and private funding to achieve impactful transactions that would otherwise not have been possible to finance. The reality is that it isn't so easy- stars need to be aligned to close transactions and this hampers the potential to scale. This event will start with a brief introduction to blended finance and the importance of it, showcasing successful examples, followed by an interactive discussion on how to move forward and scale blended finance for a nature positive food system.

Speakers:

TBD



11.30 - 12.45



SarSentry to IDEAM: A Dutch-Colombian Cooperation strengthening Colombian Forest and Carbon Monitoring by the Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies-IDEAM

Colombia-Dutch Cooperation will start a long-term project for the integration of radar-based Monitoring Systems in IDEAM's SMByC (Forest and Carbon Monitoring System). SarVision, a Dutch company specialized in radar remote sensing, and a spin-off of Wageningen University & Research will start a process of preparation and training to IDEAM's monitoring professionals and will support IDEAM in the radar integration implementation phase lead by IDEAM in the frame of a governmental initiative to transform IDEAM into a regional COPERNICUS Data Center. SarVision's SarSentry Radar technology is envisioned as an important added value that will enlighten Colombia and then the region with information over the state of the forest and other ecosystems. SarSentry's deforestation, degradation and regrowth detections can be used for the analysis of changes in a time series or can be integrated as a near real time monitoring system. These capabilities will help IDEAM improve its international and national reporting duties but also will strengthen the local official EUDR certification systems. Sar Vision's SarFlood



System will be also implemented as a remote sensing-based water monitoring system within the IDEAM. The implementation of this technology will support biodiversity analysis and monitoring.

Speakers:
Gustavo Galindo, Director of the SMByC from IDEAM, **Marcela Quiñones**, Ecologist and project engineer from SarVision

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15.00 - 16.15

TOC for Biodiversity

How do you develop a good action plan for biodiversity and food production? We apply a systems thinking approach to the topic of pollinators and pollination. Come and be inspired by our TOC-approach!

Speakers:

prof dr. Koos Biesmeijer
drs. M.S. Thijssen
dr. Marten Schoonman
dr. Lena Dempewolf (tbc)
ms. Sikeade Egbuwalo (tbc)
dr. Silvia Castro (tbc)

16.30 - 17.45



The Agroecology Opportunity: an investment in biodiversity, water, climate, soil, and community security and resilience.

Global experts outline multiple co-benefits of agroecological farming for water systems, biodiversity, soil health, and farmer and community resilience, and how to integrate agroecology into NBSAPs.

Speakers:

PAN UK:
Jago Wadley, International Advocacy Manager Agroecology Coalition
Oliver Oliveros (Coordinator) and/or
Emile Frison (Senior Advisor) and/or
Amelie Steu (Associate Coordinator) EcoAgriculture Partners
Sara Scherr, President and CEO French Water Partnership
Aloïs Aguetant, Project Officer on Biodiversity and Nature-based Solutions & Agroecology Alliance Bioversity-CIAT
Chiara Villani, Senior Officer | Global engagement and executive communication, Partnerships and Communication Unit Biovision Foundation
John Garcia Ulloa, PhD, Senior Programme Manager, Policy & Advocacy Young Volunteers for the Environment Zimbabwe
To be determined Agroecology Europe:
To be determined UN Youth Caucus:
Ida Simonsen, Dutch UN Youth Representative on Biodiversity and Food and small-scale farmer

18.00 - 19.15



Biodiversity footprinting in the Financial sector – The impact of Food & Agriculture

Using practical examples, the event will discuss the strengths and limitations of biodiversity footprinting to inform decision making by the financial sector, focusing on Food & Agriculture.

Speakers:

PBAF: **Wijnand Broer** (moderator), Program manager PBAF, Partner at CREM, expert Finance & Biodiversity and biodiversity impact & dependency assessment.
ASN Bank: **Roel Nozeman** (speaker, panel), Biodiversity lead at ASN Bank, PBAF Program director.
FMO – Dutch entrepreneurial development bank: **Thelma Brenes Muñoz** (speaker, panel), FMO Dutch entrepreneurial development bank, Manager Sustainable Finance Advisory.
Rabobank (to be confirmed),: **Marie-Claire Franzen-Aerts** (speaker, panel), Lead Nature Rabobank
CDC Biodiversité: **Arthur Campredon** (speaker), Director Footprint Measurement, CDC Biodiversité.
GIST Impact: **Mahima Sukhdev** (speaker), SVP at GIST Impact, Business Development and Partnerships and Pavan Sukhdev (panel), CEO GIST Impact, former President WWF International and former Haed of UNEP's Green Economy Initiative and Study Leader TEEB.
RVO/Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN):





Caroline van Leenders (panel), Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN), Senior process manager Sustainable transitions, Finance & Nature policy expert.

TNFD: **James d'Ath** (panel), Data and Analytics Technical Lead TNFD, Finance Sector Engagement Global Canopy, ESG Director Edison Group, Managing director Sustainix.

Finance for Biodiversity Foundation (panel): **Julen González Redín**, Technical Director Finance for Biodiversity Foundation.



10.00 - 11.15



Changing the Rules of the Game

In this session, we explore the role of policy and regulation in catalyzing business action on nature.

- Speakers:**
 Daan Groot
 Martin Lok
 Johan Lammerant

11.30 - 12.45



Approaches to advance sustainable development at the food-climate-nature nexus | Feeding the World Sustainably

This panel will convene distinguished leaders from government, private sector and food leaders to discuss impacts and dependencies and innovative approaches at the food-climate-nature nexus.

- Speakers:**
 Potential speakers could include
 Food systems: Mars, Maple Leaf Foods, Tyson
 Academia / research centre: Wageningen University
 IGO: UNDP, FAO; Tech provider: Satelligence, Google, Tara O'Shea, Planet
 NGO: Capitals Coalition, WBCSD.
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15.00 - 16.15

To be submitted

Innovative Blended Finance for Ecosystem Resilience: Case Studies from the Global Fund for Coral Reefs

Hosted by the UNCDF and GFCR, the side event will explore blended finance solutions for ecosystem resilience through case studies from Asia-Pacific, the Caribbean, and Africa.

Speakers:

Penny Stock, UNDP - Lizzie McLeod, Global Ocean Director, TNC

Marie-May Jeremie, Chief Executive Officer, SeyCATT

María José Gonzalez, Executive Director, MAR Fund

Meizani Irmadhiany, Executive Chair, Konservasi Indonesia

Natalia Arango Vélez, Executive Director, Fondo Acción

Carla Lumba, UNV Youth, GFCR

16.30 - 17.45



Deepdive Living Planet Report for Food & Finance

An exclusive overview of the new WWF Living Planet Report and trends in global biodiversity, with an interactive discussion on how transformation of food and finance systems is key to restore nature.

Speakers:

Keynote: **Rebecca Shaw**, Chief Scientist and Editor-in-Chief of the LPR, WWF

Mariëlle Karssen, Knowledge Broker, Netherlands Food Partnership

Lucian Peppelenbos, Climate & Biodiversity Strategist, Robeco

Natasja Oerlemans, Head of Food, WWF-NL

Christine Wortmann, Nature & Finance lead, WWF-NL

Rabobank

FAIRR

18.00 - 19.15

Blue Drinks Cali

Blue Drinks is a platform for water professionals, policymakers, researchers, and the public to discuss water management and biodiversity through storytelling and interactive activities at COP16

Speakers:

The names of the speakers will be selected before the event.



10.00 - 11.30

How public-private collaboration can support plant genetic resources

How public-private collaboration can support plant genetic resources Biodiversity and plant genetic resources are crucial for feeding the world, because they are essential for plant breeders for developing high quality nutritious varieties adapted to climate change. In times when diversity is disappearing rapidly from farmers' fields and continued collecting and sustainable safeguarding are both needed urgently to prevent its loss, a key role in this can be played by developing more and better public-private collaborations. In an interactive setting some inspiring examples of public private partnerships by SeedNL and others will be shared. The examples show that public private collaboration can be an effective way to create impact for farmers, food production and biodiversity. SeedNL initiated two flagship seed sector partnerships with Ethiopia and Nigeria. Based on the examples shared new innovative ways will can be explored to improve conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources based on public private partnerships.

Speakers:

This list is under development and needs to be confirmed and further elaborated.

Vice Minister LVVN

Willem Schoustra director SeedNL

Kim van Seeters LNV

Nigerian Government

Ethiopian Government

Plantum/ISF

Geoffrey Hawtin – World Food Prize winner

World Veg/CIP/CGIAR

11.30 - 12.45



Contributing to Nature Positive as a Business - Ensuring Validated Action

GBF Target 15 drives businesses to map their dependencies and impacts on nature (biodiversity, water, land use, etc). There has been great progress in the methods and frameworks for estimating and reporting business' relation with nature. Given the urgency of combined crises across deforestation, biodiversity loss, climate change, and more, we need to make measuring current risks and impacts as easy as possible so more attention can be paid to transformative action. However, monitoring impact and informing focused and effective actions requires detailed information on the state of nature, and the expertise to interpret the true impact of businesses on nature.

Metabolic, True Price Foundation, Cornell University and Anthesis Group have all been working out ways to allow businesses to effectively and efficiently, yet with enough detail needed, measure dependencies and impacts on nature. In this session we will deepdive into two ways both being valuable in different stages of the process when driving action to contribute to Nature Positive.

Although we take different approaches, and indeed during this COP16 it is likely that several more approaches will be presented, we cannot afford to wait for a universally-accepted metric, certification, etc. Take action now.



Whatever direction businesses choose, there are many tools and organisations like ours ready to support you.

In our 60 minute session we will, after a general introduction stressing the importance to act, present the True Price of Food and BPI (Biodiversity Progress Index) tools and present case studies. We will share lessons learned while encouraging businesses to start now and not wait for a Definitive Answer, then host a Q&A with the audience to surface additional insights about getting past the first step of effective measurement to more quickly start working on transformative or strategic action.

Moderator: Marieke

Speakers:

Andrew McCue – Metabolic

Bianca Nijhof – Anthesis Group

Viviana Ruiz Gutierrez – Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Owen Bethell – Nestle

Estefania Marti Malvido or **Maurits Appeldoorn** – TruePrice Foundation



11.30 - 12.45



Essential Resources to Accelerate Business Action for Nature

Voluntary and regulatory frameworks are pushing business to assess how their activities are undermining nature; however, we can't get stuck in the assessment phase. How do we move quickly to action?

Speakers:
Andrew McCue (Metabolic),
GPTPF secretariat Claire van den Broek (TPF) and
Lisette van Benthum (NFP)

13.00 - 14.15



Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Examples of systemic interventions

We discuss what mainstreaming biodiversity means in policy and corporate finance and discuss whether examples are sufficient to bend the curve of biodiversity decline

Speakers:
(confirmed) Prof. dr. Koos Biesmeijer
Dr. William Voorberg

15.00 - 16.15

Financing Biodiversity locally: success and ambitions for resource mobilisation

Saving biodiversity and climate globally, requires solutions and finance locally. Local champions present success and discuss future ambitions with leading experts.

Speakers:
Pauline Nantongo - Ecotrust Uganda; Sophia Mutaloni Mulundika - WWF Zambia, Daryl Bosu - A Rocha Ghana, Joost van Montfort, TBI, Caroline van Leenders, Netherlands Government, Coenraad Krijger, Director IUCN NL, Juha, Economic Advisor, IUCN, (CTC: Felix Lomans, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (or colleague), Romie Goedicke, UNEPFI (TBC, or other colleague)



16.30 - 17.45



Bridging Biodiversity and Food Systems

This dialogue series brings together policymakers, scientists and practitioners to bridge the gap between biodiversity and food systems, by connecting knowledge domains and addressing knowledge gaps.

Speakers:

Marcel Beukeboom - PV NL FAO **Julie Belanger** - FAO Mainstreaming Unit **Marielle Karssen** - NFP **Willem Ferwerda** - Commonland **Cergele Masso** - CGIAR (tbc) **Carlos Rodriguez** - Tropenbos Colombia (tbc) **Braulio Diaz** - Ministry of Environment Brazil (tbc) **Ivo Walsmit** - DGIS-IGG (tbc)

18.00 - 19.15



Montpellier Process Use Cases Dialogue #2 – Actions to enable systems transformation: agriculture trade policy connecting local to global and back again

Demonstrate how 'risky safe spaces' structure a local-to-global-to-local multi-actor communities for aligned actionable solutions, increasing the efficiency of the science-policy-action ecosystem.

Speakers:

These are still to be confirmed. They are likely to include:

Dilian Francisca Toro, governor of the Valle de Cauca
Mauro Luiz Tecker Vieira, Brazil food systems pathway country convener (from his office)
Isabelle Terrasson for the Métropole de Montpellier
Dao The Anh, Vietnam food systems pathway country convener and biodiversity focal point
Regional representative of the UNFSS Hub
Co-curation of breakout groups will be undertaken by individuals that carry both science-to-policy credibility and dialogue capacity, e.g. **Selim Louafi** (CIRAD), **Stefania Avanzini** (OP2B - WBCSD), **Marielle Karssen** (NLFP), **Claudia Martinez** (FOLU-Colombia and E3)



10.00 - 11.15

Achieving finance and scale for nature-based solutions for climate adaptation – Organised by EIB & WWF

Background

With 2024 on the way of being the warmest year on record, extreme weather events -floods, heatwaves, droughts and fires- are increasing worldwide causing an impact on people and worsening human impact on nature. Freshwater habitats being not only the ones suffering steeper biodiversity loss, with an 83% decline in populations since the 70's but also the ones with the biggest potential to help people in climate adaptation and resilience. **Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) have been identified as a key tool to address the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss.** There is a strong need to create awareness and an evidence base for the potential, and co-benefits of NbS, which must take place in parallel due to the unfolding urgency of the crises.

By signing the “Joint MDB Statement on Nature, People and Planet”¹ in 2021, multiple banks committed to **upscale their nature-positive investments, contributing to the goals of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and setting up concrete initiatives, programmes, or partnerships to support biodiversity investments and/or co-benefits.**

Despite the evidence on the need for large-scale NbS, and the commitment of finance institutions, investment in NbS is still scarce. A key obstacle for funding agencies remains the lack of a meaningful pipeline of large-scale projects that can earn the trust of the public authorities, on one hand, and attract the interest of investors, on the other. Few NbS proposals have been designed to generate financial returns, and even fewer have been designed to generate commercial returns².

1 <https://www.eib.org/attachments/documents/cop26-joint-mdb-climate-ambition-statement-en.pdf>

2 Baralon, J., Marks, D., Dieterich, U., Hinojosa, G., Mallin, C., Stadelmann, M., Tobin de la Puente, J. (2021). Conservation Finance 2021. An Unfolding Opportunity. Coalition for Private Investment in Conservation.



NbS market is gradually becoming limited by a lack of investment opportunities, rather than by a lack of awareness and interest from the investment community.³

About the event

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with WWF, to enhance cooperation between the two organisations in the context of EIB's efforts to mainstream nature, ecosystems and resilience into its adaptation investments.

WWF is establishing an Incubation Facility aiming to develop a pipeline of nature-based adaptation projects in Europe with the potential to achieve scale, together with leading public institutions, civil society organisations and companies. The facility shall help speed up the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework Target 2 on restoration, of the Freshwater Challenge, and of the European Union's Nature Restoration Law, and intends to be source of knowledge and inspiration to be replicated in other areas of the world.

The MoU envisages collaboration to support shared objectives through strategic advice, support for resource mobilisation efforts, knowledge sharing and exchange of expertise with the Incubation Facility.

Key objective/purpose of the meeting: The purpose of the event is to sign and launch the MoU between EIB and WWF. The event will focus on how such a strategic partnership can facilitate upstream engagement and the development of a pipeline of bankable projects to implement and scale up nature-based solutions that will address the impacts of climate change including in cities, as well as enhance and increase the resilience of ecosystems and their services.

3 Common success factors for bankable nature-based solution, WWF/Southpole, 2022



RUN OF THE SHOW (tentative)

Opening remarks:

High-level speaker VP **Ambroise Fayolle** (5 minutes)

Keynote speech:

Kirsten Schuijt (10 minutes)

MoU signature

Panel discussion:

Moderated by (tbd)

Speakers:

Aaron Vermeulen

Eva Mayehofer

High-Level speaker from Ministry

Speaker from financial institution

Detailed agenda:

9.45 - 9.50 Speakers arrive at venue and moderator reminds roles, process, times; teams set up space for mock signature

10.00 - 10.05 Welcome and introduction by moderator

10.05 - 10.10 Opening remarks – EIB VP **Ambroise Fayolle**

10.10 - 10.20 Keynote speech – WWF DG **Kirsten Schuijt**

10.20 - 10.30 Mock signature – **Fayolle and Schuijt**

10.30 - 11.00 Panel discussion – **Eva Mayerhofer, Aaron Vermeulen**, 2 more tbc (ideally government and corporate/finance)

11.00 - 11.10 Q&A session (with audience)

11.10 - 11.15 Key messages from panel: What is the key requirement to upscale NbS investments?

11.15 - 11.30 On site filming of speakers' 30-45 sec. statements for Social Media and COP29



11.30 - 12.45



Enhancing the Enabling Conditions for Environmentally Harmful Subsidy (EHS) Reform and GBF Target 18

This event will explore novel solutions to advance Environmentally Harmful Subsidy (EHS) Reform, including positive incentives. The objective is to establish a coalition of willing to progress reform.

Speakers:
Patricia Fuller, IISD Caroline Bryant, Porticus Farooq Ullah, IISD Onno Heuvel, UNDP Biofin Eva Zabey, BfN (TBC) Caroline van Leenders, Government of Netherlands (TBC) Marina Weissenberg, Government of Finland (TBC) Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, GEF (TBC) Business representative from WBCSD Others (TBC)

13.00 - 14.15



Nature Based Solutions to Enhance Biodiversity and Ecosystem Restoration in Salt-affected areas: Nexus Approach

Our event features NbS using a water-soil-biodiversity nexus. Focusing on salt-affected areas, experts will explore case studies, emphasizing biodiversity and water management in resilient ecosystems

Speakers:
Mr. Jean Rummenie (State Secretary, NL MoA) Maria Konyushkova or Jorge Batlle-Sales (FAO INSAS) Representatives from EN-WWF, ICBA, IVM-VU, WUR, SeaWater Solutions, and the Asian Development Bank

15.00 - 16.15



New technologies in support of sustainable palm oil production in Colombia

Fedepalma and Satelligence explore how collaborative efforts support the sustainable palm oil production in Colombia, promoting biodiversity and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Speakers:
Niels Wielaard - Satelligence Maria Rueda - Fedepalma
Optiona: Joel Brounen - Solidaridad Colombia



16.30 - 17.45



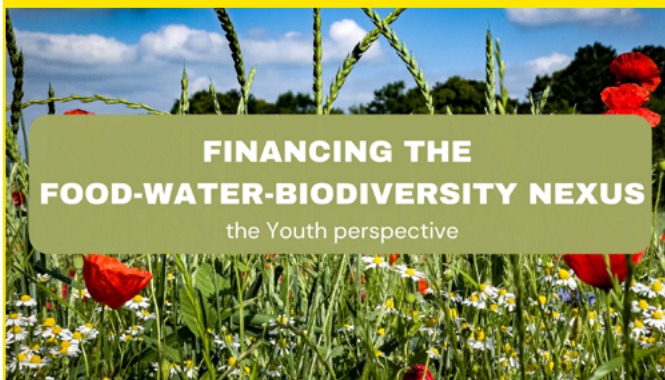
Nature is Business: Implementing target 15 for Food & Finance

This event will focus on how the food & financial sectors can play a critical role in achieving Target 15 of the CBD, using examples of tools from the Dutch financial & food sectors.

Speakers:

Aaron Vermeulen, Global Lead Finance Practice Lead, WWF
Lucian Peppelenbos, Climate & Biodiversity Strategist, Robeco
Christine Wortmann, Nature & Finance Lead, WWF-NL
Natasja Oerlemans, Head of Food, WWF-NL
FAIRR
CIAT

18.00 - 19.15



Financing the Food-water-biodiversity Nexus - the Youth perspective

The seeds of change for better food systems are sown by a new generation of farmers, but they will not sprout without the support of the financial system.

Speakers:

Speaker from (European chapter) of the Global Biodiversity Youth Network: TBD (Note: For most youth, funding to attend the COP is still pending, speakers will be identified after funding is clarified.) European Youth Delegate speaker: Sara Yrjömäki / Ida Simonsen / Lise Nygaard / Bine Liem /TBD Private investor representative TBD Policy maker: TBD



10.00 - 11.15



Global Roundtable on the opportunities of the integration of Natural Capital in the food system

This event aims to accelerate food system transformation by including the value of nature and True Cost Accounting in agricultural practice. It brings global perspectives together.

Speakers:
Martine van Weelden, Capitals Coalition, Bianca Nijhof, Anthesis. Others tbd, depending on who will represent the respective organisations.

11.30 - 12.45



Sustainable Forest Management: Key to Biodiversity

This event will showcase practices and projects contributing to the GBF, addressing challenges in promoting biodiversity conservation and protecting water through forest management.

Speakers:
So far, speakers include: Bernard de Gallembert, Director, Forest Solution Group & Member of the WBCSD Extended Leadership Group Thorsten Arndt, Head of Advocacy, PEFC International Patrícia da Silva Machado, Políticas Florestais e Bioeconomia, iba

13.00 - 14.15



What progress are major companies making progress on water stewardship - and how does it tie into wider nature action?

Water stewardship is key to achieve the goals of the GBF. WBA, SBTN and Reforestamos will discuss the current state of corporate water stewardship, share best practices and practical lessons learned.

Speakers:
Bosco Lliso - World Benchmarking Alliance Daniel Sanchez - Reforestamos TBC - Science Based Targets Network



15.00 - 16.15



Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Impact Measurement and the Role of the Financial Sector

Financial institutions play an essential role in preventing biodiversity loss and restoring nature. Learn more about innovative ways to measure biodiversity impacts based on the true price method.

Speakers:
To be confirmed

16.30 - 17.45



Blended Finance for Biodiversity: The role of private sector, philanthropy and public finance for nature-based solutions

This event will explore how we can learn from best practices of blended finance for climate and biodiversity with a focus on nature-based solutions and regenerative agriculture on a landscape level.

Speakers:
Felix Lomans – Ministry of Foreign Affairs (opening) **Annemieke Beekmans** – SNV Global Head on Agri-Food (moderator) **Daniel Zimmer** – EU KIC Europe (speaker) **Floor van Oppen** – FMO (speaker) **Sara Scherr** – EcoAgriculture (speaker) **Chris Armitage** – Global Evergreening Alliance (speaker) **Tara Shyam** – Regen10 Global Environmental Facility – to be defined **Jelmer van de Mortel** - Rabobank ACORN or **Steven Lang** - HSBC Pollination (panellist) **Caroline van Leenders** – RVO Dutch Government (panellist) or southern government (panellist) **Daan Wensing** – IDH Chief Executive Officer or southern NGO (panellists) Women/Youth Civil Society organization – to be defined depending on delegation **Nico Janssen** - IKEA Foundation (closing remarks)

18.00 - 19.15



Aligning biodiversity and water investments across food value chains

The AGRI3 Fund, in collaboration with a private sector participant, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Partners for Water, proposes to host a panel discussion with the intention to find a common interest between the private and public sector, international businesses and local communities at the water-biodiversity-food nexus. Improved management of soil and its biodiversity offers solutions for all sectors that rely on soils, including forestry and farming, while it can simultaneously increase carbon storage, improve water and nutrient cycling, resilience to climate change, while preventing and avoiding potential impacts arising from the implementation of soil mitigation approaches and practices. Therefore, and with regulatory and financial pressures mounting, farms and forests will become a priority area for investment, driving capital allocation decisions for businesses and financial institutions globally. The case for action is clear, due to discrepancies in how to value biodiversity, finding a business case remains challenging and a key barrier to scaling investments in this area. Our panel of experts, including farmers and senior representatives from private finance, governments, and corporates will discuss their perspectives on how to value biodiversity and define a business case for investment to provide climate resilience and adaptation for all interested groups.





Speakers:

As stated above, the exact names of the participants are still to be confirmed. However, they will be hosted in their panel discussion by **Deniz Harut**, CEO and Managing Director of the AGRI3 Fund.



10.00 - 11.15



Landscape Finance for Holistic Landscape Restoration in Latin America and the Caribbean

We will discuss and provide recommendations on how Landscape Finance can support NBSAPs, alongside water management and other benefits in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Speakers:

Rene Zamora, Victoria Gutierrez, Vanessa Coronado, Harko Koster, Juan Ramos, Clara Solano, Mariana Sarmiento, Sandra Valenzuela

11.30 - 12.45



Enhancing Support for IP&LC-Led Biodiversity Conservation in Tropical Forests to Sustain Water Cycles. Needed Policy Conditions and Best Practices for Integrating Indigenous and Local action

This event explores policy needs, and best practices for locally-led biodiversity actions by IP&LCs, highlighting their roles in biodiversity protection, water conservation, and climate adaptation.

Speakers:

Coenraad Krijger, Director, IUCN Netherlands (tbc) Jaime Bourbon du Parme, Climate Envoy of The Netherlands (tbc) Representative from Indigenous Peoples in Colombia (tbc) Femy Pinto, NTFP-EP representative (tbc) Nele Marien, FoEI representative (tbc) Daryl Bosu, A Rocha Ghana representative (tbc) Carmen Miranda, Savia Bolivia representative (tbc) Mariana Soto, Representative from Gaia Amazonas (tbc) Representatives from two national governments (tbc)

15.00 - 16.15



Reversing the Impact of Plastic Pollution on Ocean Biodiversity

This will be an important space at COP16 in Cali, Colombia to promote policies and actions to reverse the impact of plastic pollution on the marine ecosystem and ocean biodiversity

Speakers:

Dr Shirley Yeung - Fongoh Eric - Julika voss - Forbi Nguh - Njume Teke - Dr Tekang Paul Kwachun



Thursday 31 October

18.00 - 19.15



North Sea Untamed

Continuous rolling of a 20 minutes trailer of the movie, combined with banners and poster highlighting the protection and cooperation between stakeholders in the North Sea basin

Speakers:

tbd, not relevant

