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Monday 19 October

10:00 - 10:30

Citizen Action Plan: Armenia in Action for the KMGBF

The Citizen Action Plan for Biodiversity of Armenia (CAP) is a participatory framework that promotes meaningful citizen engagement in biodiversity conservation through practical, evidence-based actions supporting the implementation of Armenia's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. Developed through literature review, stakeholder consultations, expert validation, and citizen surveys, the CAP identifies and prioritizes feasible actions for public participation. Presenting the CAP at COP17 will enable international feedback and validation, foster collaboration and knowledge exchange, and explore its potential as a scalable model that can be adapted by other countries to strengthen citizen participation in biodiversity conservation and NBSAP implementation.

Speakers:
- **Dr. Alla Aleksanyan,** WWF Armenia
- **Dr. Arsen Gasparyan,** American University of Armenia
- **Dr. Areg Karapetyan,** Soluton LLC

Co-organisers:
American University of Armenia, Soluton LLC

14:15 - 15:15

No Nature Protection Without Rights - Indigenous Leadership At The Center

As the world evaluates the progress of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KM-GBF), we stand at a crossroads. Governments must choose: do they continue to rely on top-down models and market-driven solutions, or do they recognize that the most effective protectors of biodiversity are Indigenous peoples and local communities (IPLCs)?

With this event, we bring together leaders from three crucial regions for the Netherlands to show that achieving the '30x30' goal (Target 3) is impossible without the legal recognition of Indigenous and Traditional Territories (ITTs) and direct funding.

This gathering brings together Indigenous and tribal leaders and the Dutch government to discuss how recognizing Indigenous and traditional territories, strengthening rights-based governance, and ensuring direct access to funding can contribute to achieving Target 3 and 22. Because as it stands the people who protect biodiversity are often the last to benefit from biodiversity policy and funding.

Speakers:
Sigrid Deters
We are still finalising our list of speakers but we will have a speaker from the Saamaka tribal group from Surinam, a speaker from The Amazon (from APIB) and a speaker from West Papua.

15:30 - 16:30

Dutch stakeholder perspectives on Access and Benefit-Sharing

Dutch stakeholders and users of genetic resources facilitate a strategic discussion on the evolving international access and benefit-sharing landscape. During the event, a white paper with actual user challenges as well as recommendations for COP17 and beyond is presented by Bob Kreiken, Kim van Seeters and Martin Brink on behalf of the stakeholders. You are invited to engage on key topics, ranging from public-private research, the Cali Fund's biodiversity impact and how to engage the private sector.

Speakers:
To be confirmed

Tuesday 20 October

10:00 - 11:00

ABC FUTURES

Area-based conservation futures: exploring the role of Indigenous and Traditional Territories in achieving the GBF

What are Area-Based Conservation Futures that we can imagine where IPLC, governments, and conservation NGOs work together across protected areas and Indigenous and Traditional Territories? This event explores this question in-depth with the support of examples and cases collected from Suriname, Brazil, Mozambique, and Kenya.

Speakers:
- **Jelle Behagel**
- **Angie Wei**
- **Round table speakers** — TBC

Co-organisers:
Fauna Conservation Suriname, ICRAF Brazil, NaPo, Resilience BV

11:15 - 12:15

Information flows to scale finance for biodiversity

A session on how financial institutions can act already now using existing tools and processes to scale finance for nature

Speakers:
- **Bruno Smets** (VITO): State-of-Nature through Nature Information Pathways
- **Rodrigo Cassola** (UNEP-WCMC): How financial institutions can act now using existing tools
- **Mark van Oorschot** (PBL): Biodiversity scenario risk assessment, a financer's view

Co-organisers:
VITO, with insights from UNEP-WCMC, PBL and CISL

13:00 - 14:00

From principles to practice: scaling inclusive nature action through the Global Biodiversity Framework

The Inclusive Nature Action (INA) Principles are a collaboratively developed framework that promote gender-responsive, locally-led, rights-based approaches to halting and reversing biodiversity loss. The INA Principles have been developed by a diverse multistakeholder group of governments, civil society actors, Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities, multilateral agencies and research institutes. This event will showcase diverse actors putting these Principles into practice, by securing equity and rights in the delivery of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Speakers:
- Nicola Sorsby
- Partners from the FCDO-funded Reversing Environmental Degradation in Africa and Asia (REDAA) programme will present examples of the principles in action in their work.
- UCL will present progress and challenges implementing GBF Target 23 (Gender Equality) and evidence of good practice in securing women's leadership, participation, and rights in the implementation of the GBF
- GCBC will prsent research with Indigenous partners and building Indigenous and local knowledge into data and innovation.

Co-organisers:
UK Government, IIED, UCL, CBD Women's Caucus, Gender Focal Points.

Tuesday 20 October

14:15 - 15:15

From fragmentation to action: Mobilising finance for locally-led conservation

How can finance be mobilised more effectively for locally led biodiversity conservation? Indigenous Peoples and local communities are among the world's most important biodiversity stewards, yet their organisations remain significantly underfunded and are rarely trusted to lead. This interactive workshop will bring together funders, intermediaries and conservation practitioners to identify barriers to finance and explore practical ways to make funding more accessible, flexible, long-term and effective. Drawing on concrete examples of locally led and trust-based funding, participants will identify actions to improve the flow of finance to the people and organisations delivering conservation in highly biodiverse landscapes.

Speakers:
- **Anne Alexandre**, Director of the Prince Bernhard Nature Fund and Co-Founder of Conservation Connect
- **Sander van Andel**, Management Team IUCN NL, Biodiverse Landscapes & Knowledge Management
- **Daryl E. Bosu**, Deputy National Director – Operations, A Rocha Ghana

Co-organisers:
Conservation Connect

15:30 - 16:30

WBRP
WORLD BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH PROGRAMME

How can we strengthen global scientific coordination to support implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

We will explore a vision for a World Biodiversity Research Programme (WBRP): a global mechanism to coordinate biodiversity research in support of policy implementation, analogous to the role played by the World Climate Research Programme for climate science.

Speakers:
- **Mark Urban**
- **Damaris Zurell**
- **Greta Bocedi**
- **Santiago Velazco**

Co-organisers:
GEO BON

16:45 - 17:45

Sizing the Cali Fund: revenue potential and the case for corporate participation

LSE's Grantham Research Institute and Global School of Sustainability present research on the Cali Fund's revenue potential, the incentives shaping corporate participation, and the implications for institutional investors navigating biodiversity and DSI-related dependencies in their portfolios.

Speakers:
- **Agata Makowska-Curran**
- **Camila Cristancho Duarte**

Co-organisers:
LSE Global School of Sustainability

Tuesday 20 October

18:00 - 19:00

Five ways to finance our oceans - from global to local

Ocean finance is one of our defining challenges, but surprisingly overlooked. This event will showcase 5 of the most promising financing UN-supported interventions, from global to local, from public to private and including greening finance and financing green.

Speakers:
Yabanex Batista (UNCDF), **Onno van den Heuvel** (UNDP), **Penny Stock**, (UNDP), government and local community officials - names TBC

Co-organisers:
UNCDF, UNEP

10:00 - 11:00

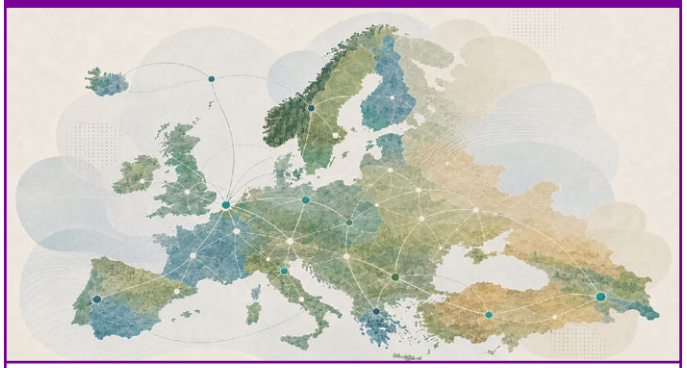
A process to accelerate the delivery of the 2030 forest goal

This event will explore how the Forest Roadmap can move from global ambition to implementation by building stronger national and regional pathways and activating the existing ecosystem of forest initiatives around the 2030 goal. Drawing on the Santa Marta Conference, co-hosted by Colombia and the Netherlands, it will consider whether a similar multistakeholder effort or coalition of willing actors could help accelerate delivery of the goal to halt and reverse deforestation and forest degradation by 2030.

Speakers:
- **Giovanna Kuele**, Deputy Director, Igarapé Institute
- **Laura Juliana Arciniegas**, Nature Lead, Transforma
- **Marco Túlio Cabral**, Coordinator of the COP30 Presidency Forest Roadmap Drafting Team, COP30 Presidency (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of the Netherlands or Colombia (TBC)
- Representative of the Government of Tanzania (TBC)

Co-organisers:
Igarapé Institute and Transforma

13:00 - 14:00



From Fragmented Instruments to Connected Infrastructure: Building the EU's Nature Finance and Governance Landscape

The EU mobilises substantial public funding for nature through EU programmes, national and regional funds, development banks, agricultural policy and other mechanisms. At the same time, a growing range of nature credit initiatives, biodiversity offsetting, green infrastructure and climate adaptation finance, green bonds and locally embedded financing and governance models has already emerged across Member States.

The session brings together NGOs, policymakers, business and financial institutions, researchers and practitioners to explore what works well with existing funding and financing mechanisms, as well as their respective governance architectures, and what can be better connected across multiple levels – from the EU to regional and local nature action. A multi-tiered, polycentric approach can balance and bridge local autonomy and broader regional oversight (Ostrom, 1990).

Drawing on concrete European cases and relevant international experience, contributors will examine existing funding, financing and governance arrangements, identify successes and challenges, consider what can be built upon or replicated, and explore how private and capital-market instruments can complement, rather than displace, public funding. The case presentations will be followed by a panel discussion on common successes and challenges, practical next steps and opportunities for better collaboration.

Presentations:
- **Max Kolb**, NABU, Germany
- **Chris Wilson**, The Landbanking Group
- **Alessandro Leonardi**, Etifor | Valuing Nature, Italy
- **Caroline van Leenders**, Netherlands Enterprise Agency, Netherlands
- **Anders Enetjärn**, Ecogain, Sweden

The panel discussion will be joined by:
- **Gilles Doignon**, European Commission
- **Juha Siikamäki**, IUCN

Introduction & Facilitation:
- **Hanna Fiegenbaum**, Leipzig University / IUCN IMEC
- **Max Kolb**, NABU

Wednesday 21 October

14:15 - 15:15

Generating Impact: Scaling Dutch international partnerships for Nature-Based Solutions

This event will focus on collaborations of the Dutch water sector to promote, implement and scale Nature-based solutions, with special reference to initiatives in West Africa and their potential for sustainable water management and biodiversity benefits.

Speakers:
- **Liliane Geerling** (Partners for Water/ Dutch government)
- **Coenraad Krijger** (Wetlands International/ EcoShape/ NL2120)
- **Gautier Amoussou** (tbc) EcoBenin
- **Hannah Brocke** Fugro

Moderator:
IUCN NL for NL2120.

Co-organisers:
Nl2120/ Ecoshape, Partners for Water, IUCN, Wetlands International

15:30 - 16:30

Tracking Indicator D3 – How much does private finance contribute to biodiversity positive outcomes?

With key discussions on the Global Review in the implementation of the GBF at COP17, the workshop "Tracking Indicator D3 – How much does private finance contribute to biodiversity positive outcomes?" will feed into the debates on how to measure private biodiversity finance flows. It will gather insights from stakeholders regarding how improved measurement and monitoring could support Parties in planning, implementing and reviewing progress towards Target 19.

Speakers:
Moderation by **Natacha Boric**, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, with **Wijnand Broer**, PBAF, and **Daan Groot**, Nature Squared

Insights and objectives from LVVN representative, **Alexander Verkerk**

Insights from ongoing work and methodologies on Indicator D3, from **Katia Karousakis**, OECD and **Jessica Smith**, UNEP FI

Potential participation by CBD Party working on Indicator D3, **Lucretia Landmann**, Switzerland

Participation of financial institutions active in public policy advocacy (**Emine Isciel**, Storebrand AM & **Sonya Likhtman**, Federated Hermes Limited) or with specific biodiversity funds/ vehicles to use as biodiversity finance examples (**Sara Senouci**, SAIL Investments)

Co-organisers:
FfB

16:45 - 17:45

Linking better biodiversity performance to economic feasibility: Measuring and Rewarding Biodiversity in Dairy

How can biodiversity become measurable, investable and rewarding for farmers?
This session presents a Dutch farmer-led approach to measuring and rewarding biodiversity in dairy farming. Bringing together farmers, NGO's, science, finance and the value chain, it explores how the Biodiversity Monitor and other instruments can connect measurable biodiversity outcomes with economic incentives.
With practical experience, global perspectives and independent economic evidence, the session asks a key question: how can we scale approaches that are better for nature while keeping farming economically viable?

Speakers:
- **Wilco Brouwer de Koning**, Dairy farmer, board member LTO Melkveehouderij, SPCC member IDF, Nature & Biodiversity Working Group member WFO, Nuffield Scholar '25
- **Daan Groot** — Managing director, Nature^Squared
- Speaker from WWF
- Speaker of the Rabobank
- Moderator

Co-organisers:
WWF, Natuurverdubbelaars, Rabobank

Wednesday 21 October

18:00 - 19:00

Deepdive on State of Nature Data for Effective Decisionmaking

An exclusive overview of the latest status reports on biodiversity and trends in global and local biodiversity, with an interactive discussion on how the use of such scientific insights is key to effective decisionmaking to transform food and finance systems.

We will hear from authors of the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment, Naturalis' and WWF's Living Planet Reports, and share examples and insights from public and private sector on how to leverage on these resources to contribute to target 14 of the GBF and mainstream biodiversity into decisionmaking.

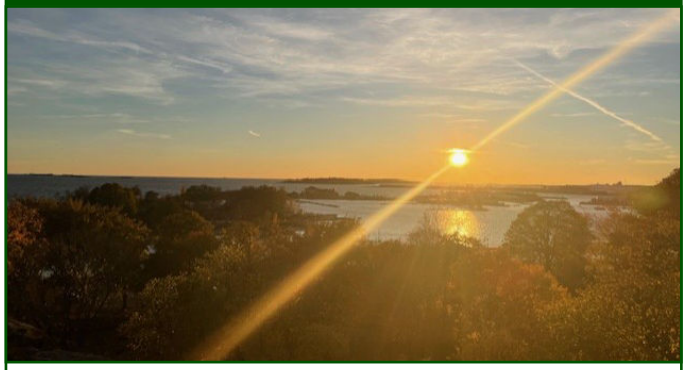
Speakers:

- **Michal Kulak**, Coordinating Lead Author of the IPBES Business and Biodiversity Assessment, Deputy Head Sustainable Investment Research at Robeco
- Naturalis, speaker TBC
- **Christine Wortmann**, Nature & Finance Lead at WWF-NL
- PBL or WUR speaker TBC

Co-organisers:
IPBES/Robeco, Naturalis

Thursday 22 October

10:00 - 11:00



From Nature-based Solutions to Investable Water Landscapes: Using Ecosystem Service Valuation to Build Better Business Cases, Public–Private Partnerships and Water Resilience

Nature-based Solutions (NbS) are increasingly recognised as essential infrastructure for water security, climate adaptation and biodiversity restoration. Yet, despite strong policy support, many NbS projects remain difficult to finance and scale because their benefits are not fully reflected in conventional investment decisions.

Bringing together perspectives from IUCN, Civic Exchange, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the HKSAR Government, Wageningen Social & Economic Research/NL2120, Etifor and the Foundation for Sustainable Development, the session connects global standards, practical implementation experience and ecosystem-service valuation. It will explore how stronger evidence and clearer business cases can support appropriate public–private partnerships and more investable, high-integrity water landscapes.

Speakers:
- **Kitty Tam**, Civic Exchange – Moderator
- **Susanne Pedersen**, IUCN
- **Marcia Arredondo Rivera**, Wageningen Social & Economic Research/NL2120
- **Alessandro Leonardi**, Etifor
- **Simon Chan**, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, HKSAR Government
- **Vince van 't Hoff**, Foundation for Sustainable Development/ESVD

11:15 - 12:15

From screening to financial risk assessments: science-based approaches for biodiversity physical risk assessment in the banking sector

This one-hour panel discussion brings together leading voices from international initiatives, the financial sector, and biodiversity science to address two pressing questions: (i) how can banks move beyond simple qualitative screening of ecosystem services dependencies towards genuinely actionable assessment of biodiversity physical risks — assessments that are useful not only to risk teams (risk models/pricing) but also to client-facing teams? And (ii) how can banks then move from risk assessment towards new products and transition-related opportunities?

Speakers:
Wijnand Broer — Programme Manager, PBAF (confirmed)
Thao Fabregas — Head of Nature Strategy, Crédit Agricole (confirmed)
[Name TBC] — Head of Nature, Rabobank (TBC)
[Name TBC] — Director (London School of Economics) (TBC)
Jamie Batho — The Landbanking Group, moderator (confirmed)
Joshua Berger — CEO, BioInt (confirmed)

Co-organisers:
Partnership for Biodiversity Accounting Financials (PBAF)

Thursday 22 October

13:00 - 14:00

From Water Risk to Financial Resilience: Developing the Next Generation of Nature Stress Tests

This session presents the BIROFIN public–private partnership as a complete pathway, from science development to application. It shows how climate change, biodiversity loss and ecosystem-service degradation (including the previously published soil quality and pollination scenarios and the latest water-related scenarios) can be translated into macroeconomic impacts and financial risk assessments; how these insights can be used by users beyond the lifetime of the project and consortium; and how abatement measures shift the conversation from identifying risk to reducing it.

Speakers:

- **Wijnand Broer** Program lead, PBAF
- **Haki Pamuk** Senior Researcher of impact evaluation and investment, Wageningen Social & Economic Research
- **Maria Naranjo Barrantes** Senior researcher, Wageningen Social & Economic Research
- **Nico Polman** Senior economist, Wageningen University & Research
- **Caroline van Leenders** Senior process manager sustainable transitions, NL Enterprise Agency
- **Marcia Arredondo Rivera** Researcher, Blue & Green Economy, Wageningen Social & Economic Reserach Research

Co-organisers:
WUR, Ortec Finance, APG, Sail Invest

14:15 - 15:15

From global ambition to national targets: learning from and responding to collective ambition under the GBF

The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) has created unprecedented engagement and commitments by Parties with a vision to live in harmony in nature. But to understand what collective ambition under the GBF looks like, it is necessary to take a closer look at how countries translate the GBF targets into specific national targets. Understanding what the focus, gaps, challenges and best practices in the collective effort towards implementing the GBF are can enhance accountability and improve learning as a basis for future improvements. This side-event will provide an overview of what collective ambition looks like for GBF targets 1 to 12 and 16, targets directly relevant for Goals A and B. Experts and practitioners on several of the topics covered by these targets will respond to these findings. Together we will address the following question: How can we learn from both successes and challenges of translating the GBF to the national level to enhance future implementation efforts?

Speakers:

- **Roos Immerzeel** (PBL)
- **Natasha Ali/Gabriela Franco** (UNEP-WCMC)
- **Hani el Bizri** (Landscape Alliance; tbc), tbc

Co-organisers:
The Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency (PBL), UN Environmental Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC), tbc

15:30 - 16:30

Unlocking Private Finance for Nature-based Solutions through the Value of Ecosystem Services

This session will explore how ecosystem service valuation can help identify, quantify and monetise the societal benefits generated by Nature-based Solutions, and how these benefits can be translated into investable propositions. By connecting the value that nature creates for society with viable financing and business models, the session will examine practical pathways for mobilising private capital for Nature-based Solutions.

The session will consist of concise presentations followed by an open discussion.

Speakers / contributors:

- **Deborah Heijblom**, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
- **Caroline van Leenders**, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
- **Daan Groot**, Nature Inclusive Collective
- **Vince van 't Hoff**, Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD)

Thursday 22 October

16:45 - 17:45

From commitments to action: circular economy as a nature-positive finance opportunity

Target 19 calls for mobilising $200bn a year in new biodiversity finance by 2030. Target 18 calls for identifying and reforming the incentives — including subsidies — that currently work against biodiversity. Both targets require that the finance sector shows up with investable, scalable models -- not just commitments. Circular approaches and business models offer a compelling route to achieve this. They help turn waste into a resource, mitigate supply chain risks and align with emerging disclosure and sustainability requirements – while at the same time being capable of delivering concrete benefits to biodiversity through eliminating pollution, reducing resource use footprint and regenerating production systems. As such they offer an "off the shelf" tool to mainstream biodiversity into economic practices across sectors and ecosystems, directing investment into biodiversity-friendly approaches and business models.

This panel is built to discuss and test the above, positioning circular economy not as a separate sustainability agenda, but as a nature-positive finance opportunity – and an enabler of nature-positive outcomes. The panel will explore how circular economy approaches — including circular waste management, regenerative agriculture, asset refurbishment and leasing, and extended product life — can deliver bankable, measurable biodiversity outcomes at the scale Target 19 requires.

Building on the above, the panel will also investigate what role can the finance sector play in creating a landscape of positive incentives to support progress in Target 18.

Speakers:
- UNEP-FI, Rabobank, Clean Rivers and Friends of Target 18 / IISDD

Organisers:
Ellen MacArthur Foundation, UNEP-FI and Clean Rivers

18:00 - 19:00

Launching Recommendations to Scaling Nature in Transition Planning

What needs to happen for nature in transition planning to move from emerging practice to widespread adoption?

Join WWF, CDP and partners for the launch of recommendations developed by the Informal Working Group on Nature in Transition Planning. The session will present practical findings on enabling and scaling nature in transition planning, including recommendations for the creation of a future a future network for nature in transition planning to support coordination, interoperability and implementation beyond COP17.

Speakers:
Scott Twigg, Transition Lead, CDP
Nicolas Poolen, Global Lead Nature Finance Frameworks, WWF
(TBC: other working group members, including Rabobank, Vattenfall, MS&AD, FfB, WBA, WEF, TNFD, etc)

Co-organisers:
CDP

09:00 - 09:45

One Forest, Many Expectations: Connecting biodiversity frameworks through sustainable forest management

Forests are expected to support GBF and NBSAP implementation, restoration, nature-based solutions, natural capital approaches, corporate nature strategies, responsible value chains and climate action, while also sustaining biodiversity, water, livelihoods and renewable production. This interactive session explores how sustainable forest management can provide the common forest-level foundation these different frameworks and uses depend on, and how they can connect more effectively rather than creating parallel systems.

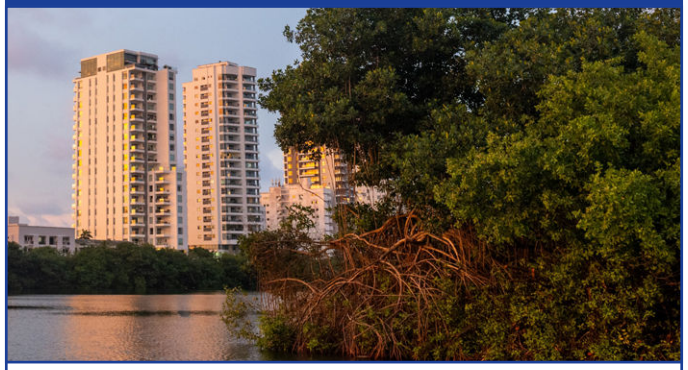
Speakers:
- **Thorsten Arndt**, Head of Advocacy, PEFC International
- **Healy Hamilton**, Chief Scientist, Sustainable Forestry Initative (SFI)

Invited:
- **Mark Gough**, CEO, Capitals Coalition
- **Peter Graham**, Coordinator, Forest Climate Leaders Partnership
- **Emily McKenzie**, A representative from CeresTechnical Director, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)
- **Fanny-Pomme Langue**, CEO, Confederation of European Forest Owners (CEPF)

Also invited, though without specific person in mind: FAO, Ceres

Co-organisers:
Sustainable Forestry Initative (SFGI)

10:00 - 11:00



Financing Urban Nature: New Tools for Cities

Most people live in cities—so urban nature-based solutions (NBS) are essential to delivering benefits for biodiversity, water, food, and communities. Yet financing them is a coordination challenge: the value of nature is spread across many actors, with no single way to fund it. This interactive workshop offers two practical tools to solve that problem. Value bundling reframes the question from “who pays?” to “who benefits?”—helping utilities, insurers, banks, municipalities, and communities see their stake in urban nature and what they can contribute. Financing archetypes map out distinct ways to mobilize, combine, and govern resources—revealing the trade-offs between public finance, private capital, and community stewardship, so cities can choose the right fit for their context. In the session, we reflect on these tools with global finance, biodiversity and city actors.

Speakers:
- **Rob McDonald** (The Nature Conservancy)
- **Xueman Wang** (World Bank)
- **Helen Toxopeus** (Utrecht University)
- **Charlotte Demonsant** (Utrecht University)
- **Harriet Bulkeley** (Utrecht University, PI Naturescapes)

Panelists:
Aloke Barnwal (GEF), **Ingrid Coetzee** (ICLEI), **Vanessa Morales** (WWF International), **Sharon Gil** (UNEP), **Caroline van Leenders** (Kingdom of the Netherlands), **Christine Wortmann** (WWF the Netherlands)

Co-organisers:
The Nature Conservancy, UNEP, Global Environmental Facility, Worldbank, ICLEI, WWF International, WWF the Netherlands, Govenment Kingdom of the Netherlands

Friday 23 October

11:15 - 12:15

Mobilising Private Capital with Nature

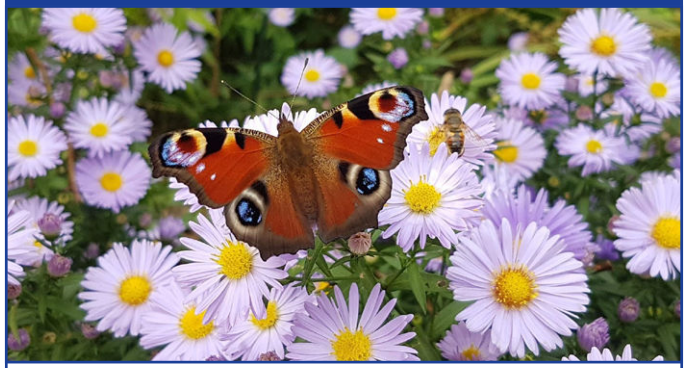
Closing the biodiversity finance gap will require mobilising private capital at a scale the world has not yet reached. The first global review under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework confirms that finance is growing — but not at the pace needed to meet the 2030 targets.

Biodiversity credits offer one way to change that: verifiable, non-fungible units of biodiversity gain that let companies demonstrate a genuine, positive contribution to nature, and that can strengthen corporate nature strategies, national biodiversity plans, and instruments from blended finance to green bonds. Yet private-sector engagement remains held back by unclear use cases and uncertainty over what counts as a high-integrity claim.

At the Netherlands Pavilion, the Biodiversity Credit Alliance — with UNDP, UNEP FI, Conservation International, GIZ, PRATIC Biodiversity, and IEG — will present new guidance to address these barriers and open it for consultation: Mobilising Private Capital with Nature: A Framework for High-Integrity Biodiversity Credit Use and the Claims and Communications Code of Practice.

Speakers:
TBC: **Erika Korosi, Joshua Brann, Manesh Lacoul, Renee Raroa, Arthur Pivin, Lavinia Warnars**

13:00 - 14:00



Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Policy Practice

This session focuses on what biodiversity mainstreaming can look like in policy practice when operationalized as a transformative change process within government. It shifts attention to internal change processes in ways of seeing, acting and organizing to help shine light on capacities and processes in need of support and strengthening. We highlight ongoing research projects and concrete practices in policy context, to share lessons between actors and between countries, with a thematic focus on food systems, ecological planning, finance and future.

Speakers:
- **Katie Minderhoud**
- **Marielle Karssenberg** (NFP)
- **Claudia Fernandez Cordoba de Farini** (Living Imaginairies)
- **Ivo Walsmit** (IGG-DGIS)
- Representative IDDRI
- Representative BMCG

Co-organisers:
Netherlands Food Partnership

14:15 - 15:15

Finance for Biodiversity

Finance for Nature Positive Workshop

The workshop on "Finance for Nature Positive" aims to mobilise a diverse audience of stakeholders across the market, including financial institutions, policymakers, standard setters and data providers, to discuss how financial institutions can identify, assess and prioritise nature-related opportunities that can contribute to the global goal of halting and reversing biodiversity loss.

Participants will be part of an interactive discussion around FfB's Finance for Nature Positive working model and will share their views to guide the start of the GEF-funded programme aiming to build a global framework on Finance for Nature Positive. This work will provide a structured, indicator-driven model for financial institutions to assess progress on nature across different themes and market segments.

Speakers:
- **Natacha Boric** (Finance for Biodiversity Foundation)
- GEF representative (TBC)
- **Nicolas Poolen** (WWF) and Jessica Smith (UNEP FI)
- **Marguerite Culot** (Caisse des Dépôts Group) and **Marie-Hélène Lafond** (Fondaction)Open discussion and Q&A: Moderated by **Natacha Boric**

Presentations:
- **Nicolas Poolen** (WWF) and **Tom Hegarty** (TNFD) (presentation 1)
- **Robert-Alexandre Poujade** (BNP Paribas Asset Management) and **Emine Isciel** (Storebrand Asset Management) (presentation 2)

Open discussion and Q&A:
Moderated by **Emine Isciel** Storebrand Asset Management (presentation 2)

Friday 23 October

15:30 - 16:30

NBFPs in Practice: Early Lessons from NBFP Development

How can National Biodiversity Finance Plans help turn biodiversity ambition into action?

As countries develop NBFPs under the Global Biodiversity Framework, lessons are starting to emerge from this work. This session brings together countries working on NBFPs to share what they are learning: what works, where the main challenges lie, and which approaches show promise for mobilising public and private finance, reforming harmful incentives, and aligning financial flows with biodiversity goals.

Join us for a practical exchange on early lessons from NBFP development and what they mean for moving from plans to implementation.

Speakers:
- **Daan Groot**
- **Jan Willen den Besten** (IUCN)
- TBD (Biofin)
- TBD (two other country representatives)

Co-organisers:
IUCN / Government of the Netherlands

16:45 - 17:45

Nature in Sovereign Debt – A collective intelligence workshop to define priorities in public-private dialogue

This workshop on "Nature in Sovereign Debt" will mobilise a diverse audience of stakeholders across the market – policymakers, financial institutions, and researchers – to align their vision on better integrating nature considerations in the sovereign debt market. An interactive discussion on the FfB Sovereign Debt Assessment Model will be facilitated, building capacity to use the model for decision-making and to best leverage it for public-private dialogue on debt sustainability and GBF implementation.

Speakers:
- Moderation - **Natacha Boric**, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation as moderator
- Presentation - **Diana Amoa**, author of the CBD draft study on Debt Sustainability and the implementation of the Convention
- Presentation - **Vincent Guénon**, CDC Biodiversité, on methodologies to assess biodiversity impacts associated with sovereign debt.
- Other speakers will be participating as key workshop contributors:
  Marguerite Culot, Caisse des Dépôts Group
  Alban de Fay, Amundi
  Michal Kulak, Robeco
  Franck van Levern, the World Bank Group, CFMCA (Coalition of Finance Ministers for Climate Action)
  Sylvan Lutz, ASCOR, London School of Economics
  A policymaker representative, ideally from the Netherlands

18:00 - 19:00

Are we on a credible pathway towards meeting the 2050 goals of the GBF? Towards just and effective implementation

The Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) has generated unprecedented engagement and commitments by Parties and stakeholders to bend the curve for biodiversity. However, the world is not yet on track to achieve the 2030 targets, while there is limited insight what this implies for the realisation of the 2050 goals. As attention by Parties understandably focuses on implementation towards 2030, COP17 also offers a timely opportunity to explore how far current commitments by Parties will brings us towards the 2050 goals and based on that analysis discuss a number of governance opportunities and challenges that are especially relevant in a long term perspective.
This side-event will show, based on current commitments, how far the world will get towards the 2050 goals. Based on PBL analysis of national ambitions of Parties (in their national targets) and model-based scenario-analysis, we will present various scenarios that will illustrate ambition- and implementation challenges and gaps for the long term. This analysis raises a number of governance questions including possible pathways towards the 2050 goals, questions of distributive justice and fair shares and enhancing contributions of non-state actors.

Speakers:
Juliette Landry (IDDRI), **Roos Immerzeel**, **Marcel Kok** (PBL), **Ina Lehman** (IVM), Tbc (UNEP-World Conservation Monitoring Center)

Co-organisers:
IDDRI, IVM-VU, UNEP-WCMC

Monday 26 October

09:00 - 09:45

Public Procurement as a Biodiversity Lever: True Cost Accounting and True Pricing in Food Systems

Food systems are a leading driver of biodiversity loss, this session explores how True Cost Accounting, true pricing and impact valuation can turn public procurement into a lever for biodiversity-aligned food systems, linked to GBF Target 14 'Integrate Biodiversity in Decision-Making at Every Level' and also targets 10, 15, and 16.

Speakers:
- **Claire van den Broek** - Managing Director True Price
- **Jenn Yates** - Director TCA Accelerator
- **Marielle Karrsenberg** - NFP (Biodiversity & Food Systems Partnership) - Capitals Coalition
- **Scarlett Wang** - Wageningen University (research project on TCA and procurement)

Co-organisers:
True Cost Accounting Accelerator

10:00 - 11:00

Drenthe's Natural Capital: From Value to Decisions

How can governments make the value of nature visible in policy decisions? This interactive workshop takes the recently issued Nature Valuation Study of the Dutch province of Drenthe as a starting point. This study, which is used by the province to present a new narrative on regional nature policy, demonstrates and quantifies which significant gains ecosystem services deliver for health, climate resilience, water management, agriculture, tourism and regional prosperity. Such valuations can evolve into tools that allow nature values and its beneficiaries to be integrated in policy designs.

Together, participants will explore how nature valuation and accounting can help embed biodiversity enhancement into adjacent policy domains, supporting implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework at the regional level.

Speakers:
- **Rikke Arnouts** and **Gerko Arkema** (province of Drenthe)
- **Vince van 't Hoff**
- **Daan Groot**

Co-organisers:
Nature Squared; Foundation for Sustainable Development; Impact Institute

11:15 - 12:15

Building markets for nature finance: From Early-Stage Solutions to Scaled Investment

This session will explore how donors, development finance institutions (DFIs), multilateral development banks (MDBs), and private investors can work together to build functioning markets for nature finance. The discussion will examine how different forms of capital and support are needed at different stages of market maturity, from early-stage innovation and project preparation to large-scale mobilization and replication.

Drawing on practical experiences from across the sector, panelists will share lessons on what works, where the bottle necks remain, and how institutions can collaborate more effectively to scale nature-positive investments.

Speakers:
- **Jorim Schraven** – Director of Impact, FMO
- **Irina Likhachova** – Global Lead for Biodiversity and Nature Finance, IFC
- BTG Pactual / The Reforestation Fund (TBC)
- A representative from MFF / the Netherlands (TBC)

13:00 - 14:00

Aligning the Economy with GBF Targets: Nature-Positive Transition Pathways, Economic Planning, and Enabling Policies

This event will explore practical approaches for embedding nature into national economic planning and turning Global Biodiversity Framework commitments into investable roadmaps. Drawing on the NPP programme and Nature Transition Support Programme, participants will learn how sectoral pathways can mobilise private investment and support resilient, nature-positive economies.

Senior government officials will exchange knowledge and tools and leave with a step-by-step guide for developing national sectoral pathways.

Organised by WWF, UNEP-WCMC, the Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency.

Speakers:

- **Neha Dutt**, Head of Policy-Nature Risks and Opportunities at UK Defra
- **Andrés Factos**, National Focal Point and Biodiversity Specialist at Ecuador's Ministry of Environment and Energy
- **Oliver Withers**, Head of Nature Finance at Standard Chartered
- **Karen Ellis**, Chief Economist at WWF-UK
- **Rodrigo Cassola**, Principal Specialist in Nature and Finance at UNEP-WCMC

Co-organisers:
UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Netherlands Enterprise Agency, UNEP-WCMC, Finance for Biodiversity, Green Finance Institute, Wageningen University & Research

14:15 - 15:15

Setting the Table for Change How food systems partnerships can accelerate implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework

Partnerships are everywhere, but when do they actually deliver change?
Drawing on the NFP Biodiversity & Food Systems Partnership and partnership experiences from around the world, this interactive session explores what cross-sector and cross-scale collaboration can unlock, what it takes to make it work, and how stronger partnerships can accelerate implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework. Together, we will move beyond advocating for partnership to identifying what makes partnerships effective, how their contribution can be valued, and what could make them more powerful.

Confirmed Partners/Speakers:
Mariëlle Karssenberg
Government of the Netherlands - **Ivo Walsmit**
Strong supporter of Diamond Approach mechanism and partnerships with lots of experience of how such processes can be an accelerating force for change.

CGIAR: Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

SeedNL
Sector specific partnership further embedding biodiversity in their mandate and the 7 Guiding Principles publication.

Commonland
One of the founding members of the 1000 landscapes for 1 billion people partnership. This radical collaboration aims to accelerate integrated landscape management using the 4R framework.

Nexus Action
Global learning collective and community-owned process convened by an alliance of partners - the Gardeners. Through its practice and thought leadership, this collective of changemakers aims to model more effective, iterative, inclusive and coordinated Science-Policy-Society Interfaces for food systems transformation.

SNV
Experience facilitating locally grounded multi-actor collaboration around agriculture, food, climate and livelihoods across Africa and Asia. Could bring a strong implementation perspective on what it takes to move from convening stakeholders to changing practices, markets and institutions.

To be confirmed. Potential other speakers/contributors include:
IPBES Nexus & Transformative Change Assessment
Scientific excellence around interlinkages among biodiversity, water, food, health and climate change as well as providing a stronger understanding of what processes contribute to transformative change.

NJR youth biodiversity & food representatives
A critical youth perspective on inclusion, intergenerational equity and power. Rather than simply asking whether youth have a seat at the table: who shapes the agenda, who holds decision-making power, and what would meaningful participation actually look like?

FAO
A policy and multilateral perspective on building stronger connections between biodiversity and food and agriculture agendas, including what is required to mainstream biodiversity across institutions and international processes.

Agroecology Coalition
Mechanisms for countries and organizations to collaborate on food systems transformation through agroecology to address multiple crises simultaneously.

WUR: Jeanne Nel head of the Biodiverse Environment Programme
Explores how biodiversity and food systems narratives, knowledge and networks can help create pathways towards transformative, nature-positive change.

We are also exploring additional LMIC owned partnership examples and representation to include in the dialogue session.

Co-organisers:
Government of the Netherlands, CGIAR, Nexus Action, SeedNL, Commonland, SNV

15:30 - 16:30

On food production, pollinators and our landscapes

Pollinators and pollination make the interactions between people and biodiversity very clear. Pollination is required for a large share of our food production and for the reproduction of most flowering plants. Initiatives to restore landscapes starting with pollinators occur at very different scales from local to global (FAO). In this session, we will show best practices for creating pollinator landscapes through collaborations and provide guidance for the next steps.

Speakers:
- **Koos Biesmeijer** – Naturalis Biodiversity Center – Pollinator monitoring, pollinator landscapes
- TBD - Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security (NBSAP)
- **Hien Ngo** - FAO –Coordinator International Pollinators Platform
- TBD – EU Pollinator Initiative / Nature Restoration Regulation
- TBD - Promote Pollinators - coalition of >35 countries adopting national pollinator initiatives

Co-organisers:
FAO & Naturalis

Monday 26 October

16:45 - 17:45

From Biodiversity Ambition to Investment Reality: Lessons from DFCD

DFCD works with companies and partners in climate-vulnerable landscapes to strengthen business models, environmental and social systems, biodiversity relevance and investment readiness. Through its Origination Facility, DFCD uses grants and technical assistance to help promising enterprises move closer to commercial finance while improving their climate and biodiversity contribution.

The session will focus on the gap between biodiversity ambition and investor requirements. It will ask what prevents capital from reaching enterprises and landscapes that can contribute to biodiversity outcomes, what kinds of de-risking and technical assistance are useful, and where public finance remains necessary because private finance cannot cover all biodiversity needs. The event will also discuss why landscape approaches are essential to assess whether individual investments are aligned with local ecological and social priorities. The event will explore what DFCD's experience suggests about the opportunities and limitations of using origination support, technical assistance and blended finance to contribute to larger biodiversity finance goals.

Speakers:
- **Floor van Oppen**, Manager Blended Finance (including DFCD), FMO
- **Rik Overmars**, Program Manager, SNV / DFCD Origination Facility
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)
- European Commission (TBC)

Co-organisers:
FMO, WWF Netherlands & SNV

18:00 - 19:00

Reconnect Borneo: Financing Nature at Scale - From ambition to implementation

Reconnect Borneo offers an island-scale, science-based framework that links priority ecological corridors with emerging financing pathways and investable landscape interventions. This session will examine how public, private and blended finance can move restoration beyond isolated projects and towards long-term connectivity across Borneo. Land Life brings implementation experience from highly degraded landscapes and demonstrates what restoration requires on the ground, how impact can be measured and where finance can unlock scale. The session objective is to identify financial institutions, companies and public-sector partners willing to work with WWF, Land Life and partners after COP17 to finance and implement restoration and ecological connectivity at scale in Borneo.

Speakers:
- Moderated by **Aaron Vermeulen** (WWF International)
- Final list of speakers to be confirmed

Co-organisers:
Impact House, part of Grant Thornton Netherlands

Session organizers:
WWF & Land Life

Tuesday 27 October

09:00 - 09:45

TandemGlobal
Business and nature for good

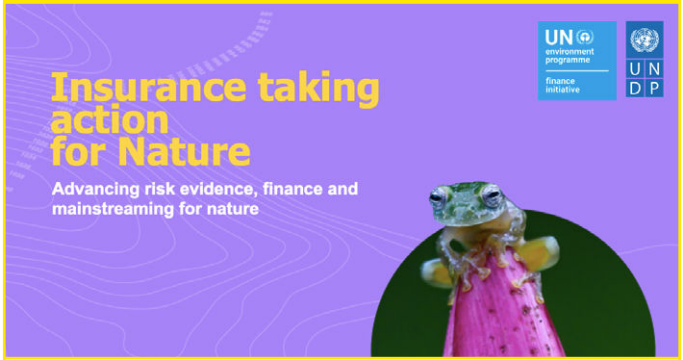
Financing Nature Through Business Operations, Turning everyday corporate investment into biodiversity, water and community outcomes

How can businesses turn the money they already spend on sites, infrastructure and operations into stronger outcomes for biodiversity, water and communities? Tandem Global, Stellantis, Enbridge and BeeOdiversity will explore how corporate investment, biodiversity intelligence and practical implementation can work together to finance nature at scale.

Speakers:
- Tandem Global – **Anna Willingshofer**
- Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB) – **Roger Cruz**
- Enbridge – **Gina Jordan**
- BeeOdiversity – **Michaël van Cutsem**

Co-organisers:
Global Infrastructure Basel (GIB); Enbridge; BeeOdiversity

10:00 - 11:00



Insuring Water Security: Nature in how insurers, banks and governments manage flood, drought and water scarcity

Floods, droughts and water scarcity are increasingly inter-connected challenges, with climate change and ecosystem degradation intensifying risks for communities, businesses and economies. Healthy ecosystems, including wetlands, forests and floodplains, play a critical role in managing these risks alongside conventional water infrastructure. This session will explore how insurers, banks and public authorities can work together to strengthen water resilience, drawing on practical experiences from Japan's Kumamoto Water Positive Action initiative and the UK's Flood Action Coalition. The discussion will highlight how insurance risk expertise, investment and innovative partnerships can support nature-based solutions and mobilise finance for water resilience. It will also examine the enabling conditions needed to scale collaboration across the water system.

Speakers:
- **Thomas Viegas**, Aviva
- **Hiroko Urashima**, MS&AD
- Representative, Triodos Bank (TBC)
- Representative, public water authority (to be confirmed)
- Moderator: **Verena Kraus** (UNEP FI)

11:15 - 12:15

From Santa Marta to Yerevan: What countries can learn from emerging fossil fuel phase-out roadmaps for climate and nature

Addressing the fossil economy is essential to halting and reversing biodiversity loss. Beyond driving climate change, fossil fuel extraction, infrastructure and petrochemical value chains directly affect nature through habitat loss, pollution and water stress. Building on the 2026 Santa Marta Conference, this session explores lessons from emerging fossil fuel phase-out approaches and how they can inform national climate and nature plans. It will connect these lessons to the Global Biodiversity Framework, particularly Targets 8, 14, 15 and 18, and examine how public and private finance, including potential restrictions on financing new fossil fuel expansion, can support the transition.

Speakers:
- **Pjotr Jan Tjallema**
- **Hein Brekelmans** - Triodos Bank
- TBD - IUCN NL
- Other speakers TBD (potentially COFFIS, GABV, FMO, an asset manager/pension fund)

Co-organisers:
IUCN NL

Tuesday 27 October

13:00 - 14:00

Mainstreaming Biodiversity: How to achieve target 14?

Biodiversity mainstreaming is a key objective of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, requiring biodiversity to be integrated into policies, planning, finance, and decision-making across all sectors. However, implementation remains limited due to a lack of shared definitions, practical guidance, and methods to measure progress. This side event will address these barriers by exploring how biodiversity mainstreaming can be better understood, operationalized, and monitored by governments, businesses, financial institutions, and other stakeholders.

Speakers:
- **William Voorberg**
- WWF; BlackRock; EY

Co-organisers:
BlackRock; WWF; EY

14:15 - 15:15

seedNL grow together

Fair and Equitable, but Effective? Pragmatic Approaches to Access and Benefit Sharing

Discussions at the Eleventh Session of the Governing Body of the ITPGRFA in 2025 did not yet result in agreement on reforms to the Multilateral System, including the proposed expansion of Annex I and enhancement of benefit-sharing. While multilateral negotiations continue, the need to conserve and sustainably use plant genetic resources for food and agriculture remains immediate.
This raises two critical questions:
1. How can stakeholders continue to make measurable progress towards the objectives of the CBD while international negotiations continue?
2. How can existing instruments under the ITPGRFA be used more effectively to strengthen conservation, access, collaboration, and benefit-sharing?
   The session will invite participants to explore whether a voluntary Coalition of Willing Countries and Users could complement—not substitute for—ongoing multilateral negotiations by testing practical approaches and generating evidence that could inform future decision-making.

Speakers:
- **Gareth Borman**
- SeedNL
- LVVN
- MoFA
- CGN
- Plantum
- Representatives of Governments of Willing Countries
- Representatives of public genebanks, research institutions, or IPLC organizations

15:30 - 16:30

UN environment programme WCMC

The role of the finance sector in achieving the KMGBF goals and targets

Achieving KMGBF goals and targets will require a substantial increase in financial resources from all sources: international and domestic, public and private. This session, co-organized by UNEP-WCMC and PBL, will convene a discussion between representatives of governments, public and private financial institutions on the latest developments in addressing this challenge, and potential solutions for accelerating progress. PBL will present their latest analysis of nature-related risks to the Dutch economy, building on the landmark study “Indebted to Nature” from 2020. Speakers from government, public and private financial institutions will discuss successful case studies from different countries showcasing how finance can contribute to the achievement of NBSAPs and KMGBF goals and targets.

Speakers:
- **Alena Cierna**
- **Marcel Kok**, Programme Leader International Biodiversity Policies, Department of Global Sustainability, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
- **Rodrigo Cassola**, Principal Specialist, Nature and Finance, UNEP-WCMC
- **Alexander Verderk**, Senior Policy Officer, International and European Biodiversity & Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands
  Natacha Boric, Head of Policy, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation (to be confirmed)
- **Andrea Cruz Angon**, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership In-country Facilitator for Mexico (to be confirmed)
- **Karina Strong**, Group Sustainability Director, Barclays (to be confirmed)

- **Marcela Betancourt Munoz**, IDB Invest (to be confirmed)
- **Bayuni Shantiko**, UNDP BIOFIN Indonesia, National Coordinator (to be confirmed)

Co-organisers:
PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency

16:45 - 17:45

INSTITUT DE LA FINANCE DURABLE
PARIS EUROPLACE

Financing the agricultural transition: overcoming barriers and unlocking solutions to achieve Target 10 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Agrifood systems are at the heart of food security and climate resilience, but they also drive significant greenhouse gas emissions and pressures on nature. This side event will explore how agriculture can accelerate its transition towards more sustainable and nature-positive models—including agroecology, diversification, agroforestry, organic farming and on-farm renewable energy.

The discussion will highlight innovative public and private finance solutions, from targeted incentives and Payments for Ecosystem Services to blended finance, green loans and performance-based instruments, that can help farmers manage transition risks, unlock investment and ensure fair remuneration. The event will consider how finance can be redirected away from environmentally harmful practices and mobilised to support a resilient, competitive and nature-positive agrifood system.

Moderator:
French Banking Federation

Speakers:
- Institut de la Finance Durable
- French Bank (name TBC)
- Conservation International
- LBP AM

Co-organizers:
- Institut de la Finance Durable and the French Banking Federation

18:00 - 19:00

Finance for Biodiversity

Calling for the successful establishment of the Tropical Forest Forever Facility – A demonstration of support from the signatories of the TFFF Rotterdam Statement of Support from Investors

Organised by The Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, Robeco and WWF Netherlands, this event will bring together leading voices from across finance and policy to focus on how private investors can engage with the Tropical Forests Forever Facility (TFFF), and outline how governments can support its success in helping scale finance for nature. It follows directly after the expected official launch of the TFFF Rotterdam Statement of Support from Investors on October 15 during the PRI in Person 2026 conference in Amsterdam, and will include reflections from signatory investors on why this instrument is a key contributor to global climate and nature goals.

Speakers:
- **Natacha Boric**
- Government of the Netherlands (TBC)
- Financial institution from the Global South
- IPLC representation
- Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, **Anita de Horde**
- **Michal Kulak**, Deputy Head of Sustainable Investment Research, Robeco
- **Ian Mallory**, TFIF Transition Committee
- **Andreas Dahl-Jorgensen**, Government of Norway
- **Patrick Luna**, Government of Brazil
- **Xenia zu Hohenlohe**, Special Envoy for the TFFF, World Bank

Co-organisers:
Robeco, WWF Netherlands

09:00 - 09:45

Aligning Ambition on KMGBF Target 16: Building Coordinated National Policies and Footprint Indicators

Invitation only

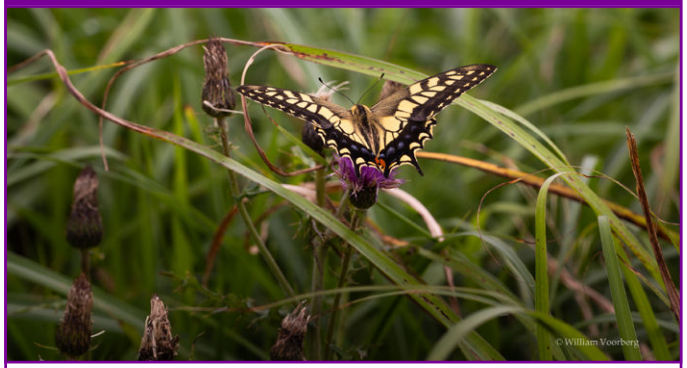
Target 16 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) commits Parties to enabling sustainable consumption and substantially decreasing global footprints in an equitable manner. However, as the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss accelerate, an 'offshoring' of national footprints poses serious equity challenges for producer countries and creates acute supply chain and resource security risks for consumer nations. Advancing methodologies have significant potential to inform policy-responses to these challenges, for example by allowing the identification of the sectors and locations linked to the largest impacts to biodiversity that might be targeted for supply chain regulation, landscape-based support, or production-side knowledge and capacity development. However, national uptake of such metrics into official policy frameworks and monitoring systems is lagging, as do concrete and timely policies to bring these footprints down and bolster resilience. This Roundtable Session convenes CBD Member States and technical leaders to discuss the policy interventions and monitoring requirements for ensuring rapid progress linked to Target 16, and the potential to build momentum towards a multilateral agenda to improve footprint policy and monitoring.

Speakers:
Speakers are still to be fully confirmed but are likely to involve:
- **Jonathan Green**
- A speaker from the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature
- A speaker from WWF International (or a national office)
- A speaker from the Stockholm Environment Institute (Dr Jon Green)
- A speaker from Netherlands Environment Assessment Agency (PBL)
- A speaker from OECD

Speaking-interventions will be intended to set the scene and be relatively brief, with the main format of discussions being a Roundtable where participants are invited to share their perspectives and requirements. Preparatory material will be circulated to invited participants in advance of the session.

Co-organisers:
WWF-International; JNCC (Joint Nature Conservation Committee); Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN)

10:00 - 11:00



Understanding the user: matching biodiversity impact tools with private sector demands

Biodiversity assessment tools are rapidly becoming essential for businesses and financial institutions seeking to understand their impacts and dependencies on nature. But are these tools answering the questions that decision-makers actually have?

This interactive side event brings together companies, investors, NGOs and tool developers to explore whether today's biodiversity tools are fit for purpose. Through a dynamic interactive format, participants will discover leading assessment tools, discuss their strengths and limitations, and identify the gaps that still need to be filled.

Join us to explore how biodiversity assessment can move beyond measurement and become a catalyst for better business decisions—and, ultimately, better outcomes for nature.

Speakers:
- **William Voorberg**
- Naturalis; Global Canopy; WWF; BNP; WCMC; Blackrock; KPMG

Co-organisers:
Global Canopy; WWF; BNP; WCMC; Blackrock; KPMG

Wednesday 28 October

11:15 - 12:15

1% of GDP for Biodiversity

The scientific evidence on biodiversity loss, and the economic evidence on the returns to conservation investment, both indicate that the cost of inaction substantially exceeds the cost of action. The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) Europe region invites Parties - and in particular high- and upper-middle-income Parties, including EU Member States and other European Parties - to adopt a national benchmark of allocating at least 1% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per year to biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration, to be reached progressively by 2030 and reported through National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plans (NBSAPs), national reporting under GBF Target 19 and EU Nature Restoration Regulation.

In this session, we will discuss with biodiversity experts and policy makers on setting the measurable goal of 1% of GDP for Biodiversity, with an open floor for interaction with the public.

Speakers:
- **Stephen Venn**, Society for Conservation Biology European Region (SCB Europe); University of Oulu, Finland
- **Geert de Snoo**, Leiden University, the Netherlands
- Speakers from IUCN, WWF and Greenpeace

Co-organisers:
Contacted several parties (WWF, IUCN, British Ecological Society, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology CEH, Royal Entomological Society RES) and are not sure which will be part of the event yet

13:00 - 14:00

The post COP17 dialogue: Where youth and decision-makers perspectives meet

Youth are on the frontlines of the biodiversity crisis and are reliant on effective decision-making during COP17 to keep the 2030 targets of the KMGBF in sight. Furthermore, youth and future generations will be the ones experiencing the consequences of the choices that are made today. Youth are ready to engage, with a unique long-term perspective, grassroot experience, and innovative ideas. Therefore, this side event gives youth a seat at the table in an open dialogue with high-level politicians and lead negotiators at the Dutch Pavilion.

Across four roundtables, attendees dig into the biodiversity themes that matter most to youth: the role of nature in the economy of tomorrow, the future of biodiversity and food systems, a livable and biodiverse environment, and the nexus of food, biodiversity, health and water for IPLCs, youth and women.

Speakers:
- **Natasja Hölscher**
- In the end all attendees can be considered a speaker when participating in an honest dialogue, but to get the high-level focus will be on the Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food security and Nature next to other high level attendees.

We are working together with youth representives from Finland, Denmark, France and Germany.

14:15 - 15:15

Restoring land, redirecting finance: Re-aligning financial flows to deliver nature positive outcomes

Building on the Dutch Government's analysis of the impact of public spending and subsidies on biodiversity, this session explores how redirecting financial flows can support nature-positive food systems and advance GBF Targets 18 and 19.

Governments, financial institutions, businesses and environmental organisations will exchange solutions and identify practical recommendations, including opportunities for innovative instruments such as blended finance and payments for ecosystem services.

Speakers:
- **Koos Biesmeijer**, Naturalis Biodiversity Center, co-author of the analysis of the impact on biodiversity of public spending by the Dutch Government
- **Pjotr Tallema**, Researcher Impact & Economics, Triodos Bank
- Rabobank
- **Eva Zabey**, CEO, Business for Nature
- FAIRR or IISD (TBD)
- OECD (TBD)
- UNDP BioFin (TBD)

Co-organisers:
WWF, Naturalis, Business for Nature, TBC: FAIRR, IISD

Wednesday 28 October

15:30 - 16:30

What if Biodiversity Became a Partner? Changing Mindsets and Consumption Patterns for Food systems transformation

Biodiversity is often presented as another challenge for food systems already tackling food security, livelihoods, climate resilience and water security. But what if biodiversity is instead seen as an active partner in food systems transformation? Building on the Biodiversity & Food Systems Partnership's Shared Messages, this session explores how more biodiverse diets can drive wider change for people and nature. Three examples bring this to life: plant-rich diets supporting nature recovery, bio-diverse school meals, and seed sovereignty connecting dietary and cultural diversity.

Speakers:

- **Roseline Remans** & **Beatrice Rocca**
- ProVeg International: Shifts towards plant-rich diets: linkages between sustainable consumption, plant-rich diets, and nature protection
- Global School Meals Coalition/ Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT: Linking agrobiodiversity, nutrition and public procurement.
- AGUAPAN / International Potato Center (CIP), Peru: Recognising and rewarding Indigenous custodianship of agrobiodiversity.
- ZOA & FiberFoods, Uganda: Connecting indigenous crops and biodiversity restoration with nutrition, women's livelihoods and market opportunities.
- NL Biodiversity and Food Youth representative, Dutch UN Youth Delegation

The coordination and facilitation of the session is managed as a collaboration of the Netherlands Food Partnership, ProVeg International and the Dutch UN Youth Delegates.

18:00 - 18:30

Why Your Decisions at COP17 Matter for Our Mental Health

What does biodiversity policy have to do with youth mental health? This side event explores the deep, global connection between biodiversity loss, eco-anxiety, and the well-being of the next generation. Join us to discover how the choices made by policymakers here can directly transform the existential anxieties of young people worldwide into agency, resilience, and a future worth believing in.

Speakers:

- **Boaz Diepman**
- **Imany Liefhebber** & **Jip Willems** & possible speakers from GYBN (subject to change)

Co-organisers:
Jonge Klimaatbeweging (JKB); GYBN NL (Global Youth Biodiversity Network)

Thursday 29 October

10:00 - 11:00

From Biodiversity Data to Decision-Useful Nature Intelligence

Biodiversity data can guide future investments, but the link between what investors need, the available tooling and biodiversity data use in these tools is far from easy and transparent. Here we combine financial sector expertise with biodiversity experts to help make biodiversity-positive ambitions feasible for all businesses.

Speakers:
Speakers and round table participants will include (some of) the following people who all agreed to take part:

- Naturalis Biodiversity Center (convener): **Koos Biesmeijer**, **Marcel Beukeboom**
- European Central Bank - ECB: **Victor Smit**
- WWF: **Christine Wortmann**
- Natural History Museum London: **Emma Woods**
- Senckenberg Gesellschaft für Naturforschung: **Aidin Niamir**
- Finance for Biodiversity Foundation: **Natascha Boric**
- PBAF – Platform Biodiversity Accounting Financials: **Wijnand Broer**
- Network for Greening the Financial System -NGFS

Co-organisers:
ECB, WWF, Natural History Museum London, Finance for Biodiversity Foundation, Senckenberg Institute, PBAF

11:15 - 12:15

IDFB (in person) - Nature Finance policy insights from COP17

Convened by the Interface Dialogue Finance & Biodiversity (IDFB), this session brings together key policy insights from across the nature finance discussions at COP17 — including Finance Day, the TNFD programme, the Netherlands Pavilion Nature Finance Programme, and side events on Targets 18 and 19.

Join us to connect the dots, identify emerging priorities, and explore what governments and financial institutions can take forward to accelerate biodiversity finance and implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Speakers:

- **Daan Groot** (IDFB)
- **Anita de Horde** (FfBF)
- **Caroline van Leenders** (RVO)
- **Nicolas Poolen** (TNFD)

Co-organisers:
Finance for Biodiversity Foundation

13:00 - 14:00

Banks as enablers/disablers for mainstreaming biodiversity

Banks have the power to drive the transition to a nature-positive economy—but how do they do it in practice? Join leading banks as they discuss biodiversity risks, reporting challenges, innovative financing approaches, and the lessons they've learned in embedding nature into lending and investment decisions.

Speakers:

- **William Voorberg**
- Norinchukin Bank; BNP Paribas; Triodos Bank.
- Moderated by Naturalis

Co-organisers:
Naturalis Biodiversity Center

14:15 - 15:15

Turning the Tide: An ecosystem services-based framework to estimate benefits and costs of riverine and offshore plastic cleanup interventions

Plastic pollution mitigation is often discussed in terms of tonnes removed, but rarely in terms of societal value created. This session presents a novel ecosystem-service-based benefit-cost framework that quantifies the social returns generated by different plastic mitigation strategies. Results from four international case studies reveal significant variation in economic performance, with river interception generally generating higher benefit-cost ratios than offshore cleanup due to lower costs and earlier intervention in the pollution pathway.

Bringing together experts from ecosystem services, marine plastic science, policy experts, (local) cleanup initiatives and policymakers, this session uses these findings as a starting point for a broader debate on the societal effects of plastic pollution, investment priorities in plastic pollution mitigation, the need for institutional reform and explores how economic evidence and local partnership can together shape more effective plastic policy and investment decisions.

Speakers:
- **Vince van 't Hoff** (FSD)
- **Ahmad Damaj** (The Ocean Cleanup)
- **Svanika Balasubramanian** (Reporpuse)
- **Liliane Geerling** (RVO)
- **Ingrid Coetzee** (ICLEI)

Co-organisers:
Ahmad Damaj

15:30 - 16:30

HARNESSING THE NEXUS
BIODIVERSITY & RESTORATION IN SALINE LANDSCAPES

Harnessing the Nexus: Biodiversity and Restoration in Saline Landscapes

This CBD COP17 side event brings together leading experts and practitioners from environmental science, agriculture, soil and water management to explore and further specify the "salinity nexus", the complex interplay between salinity, biodiversity, climate change, soil health, water resources, and food production. Through cutting-edge research and real-world case studies, speakers will highlight how integrated approaches can address both coastal and inland salinity challenges while delivering multiple environmental and socio-economic benefits.

Speakers:
- The speakers are yet to be confirmed. They will be representatives of our co-organisers including:
- ADB
- Biodiversa + (tbc)
- Global Soil Biodiversity Initiative (tbc)
- FAO WASAG
- FAO INSAS
- ICBA
- LVVN
- NFP
- NWP
- WUR
- WWF (tbc)
- VU

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16:45 - 17:45

From Commitment to Capital: Unlocking Investment for Nature-positive Delivery

The Institutional Investors Group on Climate Change (IIGCC) looks to convene stakeholders to overcome barriers preventing private capital from funding global biodiversity goals under Target 19 of the KMGBF. By drawing on leading investor practices, clarifying policy needs, treating nature as critical economic infrastructure, and leveraging public-private partnerships, the session aims to bridge capital with scalable nature investments.

Speakers:
- **Michal Kulak** (Deputy Head Sustainable Investment Research, Robeco)
- **Luz Martinez** (Head of Sustainability, ILX Management)
- **Nicholas Bruschi** (Senior Nature Policy Lead, IIGCC)
- **Peter Walker** (Nature Programme Manager, IIGCC)

18:00 - 19:00

Financing Healthy Watersheds: Urban Nature-Based Solutions for Water, Biodiversity and Climate Resilience

Healthy watersheds are essential for resilient cities—but how do we finance their restoration and long-term management? Drawing on lessons from IISD's SUNCASA project in three African cities, this session explores how Nature-based Solutions can address water, biodiversity and climate challenges, and what is needed to move from successful projects to sustained investment in resilient watersheds.

Speakers:
- Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya, **Dr. Deborah Mlongo Barasa** (TBC)
- Minister of the Environment, Climate Change and Nature for Canada, **Julie Dabrusin** (TBC)
- United Nations Global Fund for Coral Reefs, Director, **Pierre Bardoux**
- Netherlands Technical Representative – Ministry Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security & Nature (TBC)
- City or national government representative from South Africa, Rwanda or Ethiopia (TBC)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development, Senior Director for Economic Law & Policy, **Benjamin Simmons** (moderator)
- International Institute for Sustainable Development, SUNCASA Project Lead, **Janina Schnick**

Friday 30 October

11:15 - 12:15

Bridging global ambition and local action through place-based financing mechanisms

As countries move from commitment to implementation of their NBSAPs, a persistent gap remains between global finance architecture and on-the-ground realities. This session brings together landscape restoration practitioners and financial actors for a strategic dialogue on Integrated Landscape Finance - an approach to structuring and financing biodiversity conservation and restoration alongside local socio-economic resilience, climate adaptation, and well-being.
By bridging finance flows with local priorities, inclusive governance and long-term implementation, this approach offers a concrete pathway for connecting landscapes to the broader biodiversity finance architecture. Drawing on experiences from multiple sectors and countries, the session will examine what it takes to move from strategy to scaled, place-based delivery.

Speakers:
After confirmation of the session, Commonland is open to discuss the composition of the panel with the Dutch Pavillion. Tentatively, the composition is as follows:

- Moderator: To be decided/discussed with Dutch Pavillion whether a dedicated moderator will be preferred, or if this role can be filled by Commonland (in person of **Willem Ferwerda**, Founder of Commonland)
- **Jeroen Voorhuis** (Commonland, Landscape Finance Director)
- Placeholder: Actor from a commercial bank (e.g. Triodos, Rabobank)
- Placeholder: Actor from impact investment (e.g. Mirova, &Green)
- Placeholder: Actor from civil society (e.g. WWF, Climate KIC, One Acre Fund)

13:00 - 14:00

Reforming Biodiversity-Harmful Financial Flows: Accelerating Action Towards Target 18

This informal session will explore how different actors can work together to accelerate implementation of Target 18 and reform incentives and financial flows that are harmful to biodiversity. The discussion will consider the broader range of incentives, policies, financial mechanisms, and economic structures that shape impacts on biodiversity.

Through concise contributions and an open discussion, participants will share practical experiences, identify opportunities for collaboration, and explore how governments, financial institutions, international organisations and other stakeholders can jointly move from commitments towards implementation.

The session will serve as an informal warm-up to the official side event on Target 18 taking place at 18:15: https://www.cbd.int/side-events/7671.

Speakers:

- **Deborah Heijblom**
- Government representatives from Netherlands, Armenia, Finland, Colombia, France, UK
- IGO Representatives from OECD, BIOFIN

14:15 - 15:15

NATIONAL MONITORING SUPPORT INITIATIVE

Biodiversity Monitoring System:Ghana's Experience

In Ghana biodiversity data is generally hosted in institutional repositories with limited access for use in the design and implementation of public policies, strategies and programmes. This state has adversely affected our efforts at national development. The launch of the National Monitoring Support Initiative is a bold attempt at establishing a national repository host biodiversity data to track the performance of the country in respect of the achievement of the KMGBF.

Speakers:
Dr. Peter Dery Director Environment,MEST; **Dr. Yaw Osei-Owusu** CEO,Conservation Alliance; **Mrs Jewel Kudjawu** Director Intersectoral,EPA; **Mrs. Emelyne W-Hanson** Principal Planning Officer,MEST, UNEP(TBD)