

90th Meeting of the Bureau of the IUCN Council

By conference call on Thursday 14 January 2021 from 2 to 3.45 PM UTC

Draft Agenda

2:00-
2.05

Agenda Item 1: The President's opening remarks and approval of the Agenda

2.05-
3.00

Agenda Item 2: Appointment of an Election Officer

On 6 December 2020, Prof. Denise Antolini, Election Officer wrote to the President and the

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TIMETABLE

Annex 1

ELECTION OFFICER OF

- 10) Oversee the arrangements for presenting candidates to the Members' Assembly and meet with candidates ahead of the elections to explain the procedures;
- 11) Coordinate and be accountable to the Members' Assembly for the counting of votes, and oversee a team of vote counters from the Secretariat (if voting is done electronically verify the accuracy of the electronic system), and ensure that election results are not known in advance by anyone other than him/herself;
- 12) Announce the election results and prepare the report of the Election Officer;
- 13) Responsible for supervising the electronic voting on motions in the Members' Assembly which includes verifying the accuracy of the electronic voting system (Regulation 40bis) and that, in case of a secret ballot, the system can guarantee the anonymity of all votes (RoP 70);
- 14) Make recommendations to the next Council for improving the role and functioning of the Election Officer based on her/his own evaluation taking into account Council's guidance for self-evaluation.

DRAFT MESSAGE PRESIDENT TO BUREAU

To: members of the Bureau
Subject: FOR THE IUCN BUREAU'S APPROVAL BY .. SEPTEMBER 2020 – Terms of Reference of the Deputy Election Officer

You are kindly invited to reply to this message by .. September 2020

Dear members of the Bureau of the IUCN Council,

You may recall that during its 84th meeting in May 2020, the Bureau discussed the Election Officer's letter to the IUCN President dated 23 March 2020 (copy enclosed as Annex 1) notifying Council regarding a provision of her Terms of Reference (ToR) as she has the same nationality as a candidate for President, and referring the matter of her continued service to the Council.

The Bureau requested the Election Officer to recuse herself on any matter related to the candidates for President. Also at the Bureau's request, the CPC prepared, in consultation with the Election Officer, draft Terms of Reference for the position of a Deputy Election Officer who would be appointed to act in the place of the Election Officer in case of a conflict of interest.

However, the Bureau would not formally adopt a decision until the process for the nomination of possible candidates for appointment as Deputy Election Officer was clarified.

I am grateful to Jennifer Mohamed-Katerere and Antonio Benjamin for designing a procedure for the nomination of candidates. You will find it as paragraph (5) of the draft ToR enclosed herewith as Annex 2.

The proposal in paragraph 5 (with track changes) contains brackets, inviting Bureau members to make a choice between the Congress Preparatory Committee (OPTION 1) and the Bureau (OPTION 2) as the body to which the Steering Committee of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) will nominate four candidates for the position of the Deputy Election Officer.

If a majority of Bureau members chooses OPTION 1, the next sentence in brackets "[The Congress Preparatory Committee will recommend two candidates to the Bureau for decision]" will also be approved.

If OPTION 2 is chosen, the sentence in brackets "[The Congress Preparatory Committee will recommend two candidates to the Bureau for decision]" will be removed.

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DRAFT MESSAGE PRESIDENT TO BUREAU

appointment as Deputy Election Officer, from four candidates proposed by the steering committee of WCEL.]

Annex 1

DEPUTY ELECTION OFFICER OF THE 2020 WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

Proposed calendar of Council meetings January -September 2021
with indicative topics for the agenda prepared by the Secretary to Council

Strategic direction Oversight Fiduciary responsibilities

| C103 in week 26-30 April | C104 in week 21-25 June | C105 in Marseille, 2 September |
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| x Approval of IUCN Work Plan 2021 (cf. decision C102/3; unless it is approved by e-mail) | | |

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Agenda Item 5

Appointment of members of the Steering Committee of the World Commission
on Environmental Law (WCEL)

Origin: Chair of WCEL

REQUIRED ACTION

The Bureau of the IUCN Council is invited to appoint members of the Steering Committee of WCEL on the recommendation of the Chair of WCEL. the following individuals as:

1. Deputy Commission Chair: Nicholas Bryner
2. members of the Steering Committee of WCEL:
 - x Denise Antolini,
 - x Christina Pak, and
 - x Christina Voigt.

1. On 11 January 2021, the Chair of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) requested the Secretary to Council to add to the agenda of the 90th Meeting of the Bureau the appointment of members of the Steering Committee of WCEL with the following explanation:
 - x Professor Denise Antolini will be stepping down as Deputy Chair and transition to a position on the WCEL Steering Committee.
 - x Current WCEL Steering Committee Member, Professor Nicholas Bryner, will be filling the role of Deputy Chair for the remainder of Antonio Benjamin's term.
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Professor Nicholas Bryner is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) and the Chair of the WCEL Early Career Group. Professor Bryner is currently an Assistant Professor of law at Louisiana State University School of Law. He has written several articles on environmental, energy, and natural resources law, including: "People of the Sun: Leveraging Electricity Reform to

Christina Pak specializes in international development finance and law

Dr. juris Christina Voigt is professor at the Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, Norway. Professor Voigt is an expert in international environmental law. She works in particular on legal issues of climate change, environmental multilateralism and sustainability. Professor Voigt is a member of the IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL), member of the IUCN Task