



## IUCN Climate Crisis Commission (CCC)

### Terms of Reference 2022- 2025

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#### 1. Background

At the IUCN World Conservation Congress in 2021, the [resolution](#) to “Establishing a

## 2. Vision

The vision of the IUCN Climate Crisis Commission is a world in which global warming is limited to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels and society is adapting to manage

Climate and biodiversity are therefore strongly connected, as we cannot solve one without addressing the other. Addressing this nexus demands new ways of developing and supporting collaborative efforts, the creation of new plans and policies that implement actions and influence policy in a manner that avoids creating further risks and multiplies synergies.

### 3. Mission

The IUCN Climate Crisis Commission advances solutions for limiting global warming to 1.5°C that are appropriate and effective in ways that promote justice and ecosystem integrity, based on the best available scientific evidence and learnings from all reputable international bodies and from Indigenous knowledge systems. The IUCN CCC mobilizes and coordinates the Union's efforts by engaging with Regional and National IUCN Committees, Members, and Indigenous Peoples, and by building and promoting productive and constructive partnerships that reach for transformational systems change.

This mission will track IUCN's broader mission of conserving the integrity and diversity of nature, which has been successful in promoting over time a strong conservation policy around the world, as well as effective actions to protect biodiversity at ecosystems, species and genetic levels, and ecosystem services. The Climate Crisis Commission's action and results approach will help implement climate solutions consistent with IUCN mission and policy.

The CCC is a vehicle for addressing the dual crises in climate and biodiversity in synergistic ways, achieving transformational change through co-designed actions and through a whole of society approach informed by multi-stakeholder engagement, and that focuses on the clean energy transformation; human settlements and infrastructure; forests and other terrestrial and coastal-

family, other species and future generations on planet Earth as a whole ecosystem.

The solution space for the climate crisis must therefore address the urgent imperative to decarbonize our economies and protect and restore ecosystems and species, as well as the policies, approaches, public awareness and capacity building that will help bring about the necessary transformations and transitions. The Commission will facilitate a deeper engagement of IUCN with relevant multilateral processes such as UNFCCC, CBD/GBF, UNCCD, RAMSAR, CITES, UNEA, SDG's among some others related to oceans, food, and plastic pollution.

To achieve a unified approach to the climate crisis, the Commission will engage with the other six Commissions, the Secretariat, Indigenous Peoples, Member organizations, and key sectors, like the business community. It will connect existing efforts, promote synergies and build new ones, while avoiding duplication with regard to existing bodies; bringing a 'One IUCN' and 'whole of society' approach. The Commission will leverage IUCN's unique convening power, technical skills, as well as its diverse and unique membership structure and global status.

#### 4. Goal

By 2025, IUCN CCC will have been effective in bringing a more holistic, integrated and just approach to the development and implementation of IUCN climate policy and

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### 3. Finance: The C

trusted/forward thinking organization in the climate debate.

## 7. Structure

The Commission is led by the chair, Manuel Pulgar Vidal, appointed on May 19th 2022.

The chair is supported by a deputy chair, designated by the chair, based on candidates from the Steering Committee who would like to take this role.

The chair and the deputy chair are supported by eight regional vice chairs and thematic vice chairs, designated by the chair, based on candidates' location, competences and acceptance to take this role. The number of thematic vice chair's positions will be decided by the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee provides leadership and guides the development and implementation of IUCN CCC work based on an open discussion, including defining the work plan and budget.

The chair suggests to the Steering Committee, regional vice chairs and thematic vice chairs, the frequency of meetings, information sharing mechanisms, logistic arrangements and communication tools.

## 8. Membership

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