UNION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA CONSERVATION DE LA NATURE

12e réunion du Bureau du Conseil de l' UICN
par téléconférence, le jeudi 7 mars 2024, de 12h00 à 13h45 UTC

Décisions

(Validé par le Conseil le 20 mars 2024 conformément au Règlement 58) l/MCID - 0 Tc 0 TC /7222

- x Bibiana Sucre
- x Gloria Ujor

Invite le Comité des candidatures à élire son Président.

Point 4 de l' ordre du jour : Approbation des Termes de référence du Responsable et du Responsable adjoint des élections

DÉCISION B12/4

Le Bureau du Conseil de l'UICN,

Sur recommandation du Comité institutionnel et de gouvernance du Conseil et après consultation de

Annexe A

Liste des participants

Membres du Bureau :

Participants :

Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, Présidente, Présidente de session
Ramiro Batzin, Vice-président
Imèn Meliane, Vice-présidente
Sue Lieberman, Présidente du CPP
Vivek Menon, Président du CIG
Jon Paul Rodriguez, Représentant des Présidents de Commissions
Samad-John Smaranda, Conseiller élu des régions
Jong Soo Yoon, Conseiller élu des régions
Grethel Aguilar, Directrice générale

Étaient excusés :

Rick Bates, Président du CFA (représenté par Jong Soo Yoon)
Nihal Welikala, Trésorier (représenté par Imèn Meliane)

Autres participants :

Sandrine Friedli Cela, Conseillère juridique
Courtney Hood, Conseillère spéciale et responsable du bureau de la Directrice générale
Louise Imbsen, Assistante de gouvernance
Luc De Wever, Secrétaire du Conseil

Bureau of the IUCN Council

12th Meeting (virtual) - 7 March 2024 – 12:00 to 14:00 UTC

Agenda

Agenda Item 1: Introduction by the President and approval of the agenda
Agenda Item 2: Appointment of the members of the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC) By decision C110/11, Council approved the ToR of the Congress Preparatory Committee (CPC). On 18 December 2023,oved Ma recommendation to the Bureau taking into account the criteria defined in the ToR. The next step is for Bureau to appoint, by 1 August 2024, three additional members nominated by IUCN Members which will be part of CPC when acting as appeals body for motions referred to the electronic debate and vote on motions held prior to Congress.

Agenda Item 3: Appointment of the members of Council's Nominations Committee

-vote adopting the amendments to the Statutes. The next step will be for WCEL's Steering Committee to nominate four candidates for the purpose of the Bureau nominating one of them to the IUCN Council as candidate Election Officer and another one as candidate Deputy Election Officer.

Documents:

- x B12/4/1 GCC13 Outcomes and recommendations to Council 25 January 2024, in particular Annex 3 (with track changes)
- x B12/4/2 ToR Congress Election Officer and Deputy Election Officer CLEAN w.1 additional changeDocuments

x GCC13 Outcomes and recommendations to Council (25 January 2024), in particular Annex 1 and 2
Agenda Item 6 : Appointment to the Steering Committee of WCPA

On 9 February 2024, the Chair of WCPA submitted a request to Bureau for approval of the appointment of an additional member of the Steering Committee of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

Documents:

- x B12/6/1 Appointment to the Steering Committee of the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA)
- x B12/6/2 Note Chair WCPA with CV and EOI Dr Stephenson

Agenda Item 7: Criteria for Council meetings held in-person outside IUCN's Conservation Centre

The Secretariat is suggesting to adjust the criteria for holding Council meetings outside IUCN's Conservation Centre in Gland last approved by Council in 2011.

Documents:

- x B12/7/1 Criteria for Council meetings held in-person outside the IUCN Conservation Centre

Agenda Item 8: Date and place of the 112th Council meeting (5-7 November 2024)

By decision C107/25 (May 2022), Council established the dates for C112, which now happens to be in the week between the close of the CBD COP and the opening of the UNFCCC COP and to coincide with the 4th World Urban Forum. Holding C112 earlier will be a challenge because of the RCF and the IUCN World Leaders' Forum in September/October 2024. Options for postponing C112 to a later date are limited to the w/c 25 November 2024 (between the end of the UNFCCC COP and the opening of the UNCCD COP) unless January 2025 is considered.

If Bureau accepts the revised conditions for holding a Council meeting outside the IUCN Conservation Centre (Agenda Item 7), it means that a final decision on holding C112 in the Regions will have to be approved at C111 in May 2024. To avoid travel from CBD COP in Colombia to C112 in Gland and onwards to UNFCCC COP in Azerbaijan, consideration may be given to holding C112 in Colombia or Azerbaijan.

Comments from Council members have been compiled in this note.

Agenda Item 9: Draft Agenda of the 111th Council meeting (14-16 May 2024)

As in September 2023, Bureau is invited to review the draft agenda for the forthcoming Council meeting C111, indicating in particular which items to discuss during the virtual Council meeting preceding the in-person meeting. A Doodle poll has been launched to determine the dates for the (max. 3-hour) virtual meeting (options: 23, 24, 29, 30 April and 1, 2 May 2024).

On the question whether to extend the duration of Council with an extra day of plenary meetings, during Bureau B11 in September 2023, it was "agreed to consider this question after the 110th Council meeting taking into account the experience at Fontainebleau in terms of the effectiveness and efficiency of the meeting." (extract from the summary minutes of B11) A decision on a possible extension of C111 is required soon in order to allow Council members to make their travel arrangements and the Secretariat to adjust the contracts with suppliers (hotels, audiovisual equipment, interpreters, local transport).

Documents:

- x B12/9/1 Draft Agenda C111 (14-16 May 2024)

Agenda Item 10: Any other business

10.1 Extension to 2025 of the IUCN Programme 2021- 24

At the request of the Chair of the Programme and Policy Committee (PPC), the recommendation of PPC to approve the extension of the mandate of the 2021-24 Programme until the end of 2025 (cf. PPC18 Outcomes and recommendations to Council) is tabled for the Bureau's consideration. In the meantime the Legal Opinion on who in IUCN has the authority to decide on extending the IUCN Programme and Financial Plan has been made available.

10.2 Terms of Reference of the IUCN Council's Global Focal Person for Oceans

At the request of the Chair of PPC, the recommendation of PPC19 (4 March 2024) to approve the ToR of the IUCN Council's Global Focal Person for Oceans is tabled for the Bureau's consideration.

Documents:

- B12/10.1/1 PPC18 Outcomes and recommendations to Council 23 January 2024
- B12/10.2/1 ToR of the IUCN Council's Global Focal Person for Oceans

Annex 1

ELECTION OFFICER AND DEPUTY ELECTION OFFICER OF THE 2025 WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Approved by the Bureau (B/75/1), endorsed by the IUCN Council (C/95/2) in October 2018, revised by the Bureau

Election Officer appointed by the

and the

counting of the votes on motions and elections in accordance with Rules 63 and 74 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.

Terms of Reference of the Election Officer

2. The Terms of Reference of the Election Officer shall be as follows:

In advance of the World Conservation Congress:

a) review the procedures for voting on motions and elections and recommend improvements to the Secretariat on the basis of the experience of the Members';

b) Responsible for monitoring and ensuring the accuracy of the electronic voting process during the vote on elected from the Indigenous Councillor that meet the requirements established in the S Council's Nominations Committee the nominations for President, Trea the requirements, and adjudicate on

any issues which may arise during the nomination process;

d) advise Council in advance of the closing of the nominations period if the nominations received are unlikely to fill the positions available for any of the statutory regions, or to meet the criteria established by Council, and necessitate an extension of the deadline;

e) following the closing date for nominations, prepare the Report of the Election Officer to the World Conservation Congress including the names of candidates for Councillors elected from the Regions and for Indigenous Councillor and their biographical information, listed in alphabetical order from a point in the alphabet chosen at random, with an indication of the number of nominations received per candidate as per Regulation 40;

At the Congress:

f) Explain the voting procedures during a plenary session, as required;

g) Report to the Congress Steering Committee on all matters related to elections;

h) Participate ex-officio in the meetings of the Credentials Committee;

i) Report immediately to the Congress Steering Committee any activities that he/she might detect regarding elections and voting that might be contradictory to the Statutes, Rules or Regulations;

j) Oversee the arrangements for presenting candidates to the Members' Assembly and meet with candidates ahead of the elections to explain the procedures;

k) Announce the election results and prepare the report of the Election Officer;

l) Responsible for supervising the electronic voting on motions and elections during the Members' Assembly which includes verifying the accuracy of the electronic voting system taking into account the report of the Credentials Committee, ensuring that election results are not known in advance by anyone other than the Election Team and that, in case of a secret ballot, the system can guarantee the anonymity of all votes (RoP 70);

m) Transmit to the President before the close of the Congress her/his own evaluation taking into account Council's guidance for self-evaluation with any recommendations to the next Council for improving the role and functioning of the Election Officer/Deputy Election Officer.

Deputy Election Officer

3. The Deputy Election Officer is appointed by the IUCN Council to act in the place of the Election Officer whenever the latter is unable to act as Election Officer, in case of a conflict of interest, or if the Election Officer has the same nationality as any of the presidential candidates, and to provide support to the Election officer

the IUCN Council may make suggestions of candidates for Election Officer and Deputy Election Officer to the Chair of WCEL in order to be taken into consideration by WCEL's steering committee. Members of WCEL's steering committee who are close relatives of, or have any working relationships (employer/employee) or engage in any business transaction with any of the proposed candidates, shall recuse themselves from the steering committee's decision.

9. When appointing the Election Officer and the Deputy Election Officer, the IUCN Council shall seek to reflect gender, geographical and other diversity of IUCN. The incumbents shall have neither the same nationality nor that of any already known presidential candidate.

Membership applications submitted by 30 September 2023

Organisation	Acronym	Statutory state	Category

IUCN Council's Global Focal Person for Oceans

Terms of Reference

BACKGROUND

The IUCN Regulations provide:

45bis. Council may appoint members of Council as IUCN Council Global Focal Persons, for a period up to the end of the term for which s/he has been elected, with the purpose of:

(a) increasing the understanding in Council on a specific matter and the inclusiveness of its deliberations;
(b) contributing to raise the profile of IUCN's work with key stakeholders;
(c) promoting a strong focus and coherent body of work across IUCN on the issue concerned by liaising with the Secretariat, the Commissions and Members; and
(d) bringing her/his perspective and advice to the Council trough the relevant committee of the Council, including policy, governance, and resourcing implications.

COUNCIL DECISION C109/29 (May 2023)

The IUCN Council,
on the recommendation of the Programme and Policy Committee (PPC),
appoints Ms Lolita Gibbons as the IUCN Council Global Focal Person for Oceans.

CONTEXT

Why are oceans important for IUCN?

- Oceans cover 70% of our planet's surface, and over two thirds of the ocean lie beyond national jurisdictions
- The oceans produce nearly half of the oxygen we breathe, have absorbed 30% of the anthropogenic emissions of CO2 and around 93% of the added heat arising from human-driven changes to the atmosphere

Global ocean challenges?

- There are no solutions

- Livelihoods and sustainable use of marine species/resources
- Deep sea mining
- Public awareness and support for action for healthy oceans
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3. IUCN Commissions and their Taskforces, themes and Specialist Groups, including

- Climate Change Commission (Ocean and Climate Change)
- WCPA (High Seas Specialist Group)
- WCPA marine themes and Specialist Groups
- WCEL (Oceans, Coasts and Coral Reefs Specialist Group)
- SSC – at least a dozen Specialist Groups focused on marine taxa
- PPC Taskforce on Antarctica and the Southern Ocean

4. Engagement of IUCN through intergovernmental policy fora on ocean issues, including

- The Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Convention on International Trade in endangered species (CITES)
- World Heritage Convention (WHC)
- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IMO)
- Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMO)
- United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)
- UN Ocean
- Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

And others.

Proposed terms of reference for the Global Oceans Focal Point:

1. to raise the profile and understanding of ocean issues in Council, and to help raise the profile of IUCN's work on oceans issues with key external stakeholders
2. to help ensure that there is strong focus and coherent body of work on ocean issues across IUCN, including but not limited to IUCN work on implementation of the Kunming – Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and IUCN intergovernmental policy engagement
3. to keep Council informed on the broad strategy and direction of IUCN's work on oceans issues, including relevant Commission activities, working closely with Commission Chairs
4. to bring ocean issues with significant policy and/or resourcing implications to Council through the Programme and Policy Committee

Appendix A- Current and future potential oceans initiatives and avenues for action

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Current and future potential oceans initiatives and avenues for action, include:

- 9th Our Ocean Conference (Greece 2024)
- Oceans and Coastal Zones – Climate Action Pathway UNFCCC COP29 (Baku, Azerbaijan) Nov. 2024
- Marine Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (HSA), tracking ratification progress
- UN High Level Political Forum – the reporting and review mechanism for progress on the SDGs (especially SDG14)
- CBD – marine and coastal programme of work; development of NBSAPs and implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework; CBD COP16 (Cali, Colombia) Oct. 2024
- World Heritage Convention, marine programme, marine WH sites – protection of common heritage beyond national jurisdictions
- Red List – conservation of marine species
- RAMSAR – coastal and marine sites
- CITES – listed marine species, potential new listings, implementation
- CMS – listed migratory species, potential new listings, implementation (e.g., bycatch, marine noise, deep sea mining)
- ISA – environmental impact assessment and regulation of deep-sea mining
- UNEP Regional Seas Programmes
- UN Ocean (2025)
- Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs) – integrations1J -0.001 Tc td/TT0 (M)-2c x CMShen xßH5ÆE=Ys)-se