

IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for the United States

August 20 and 21, 2024

Generously hosted at [Conservation International](#)
Arlington, VA

*Followed by the Annual Meeting of the
IUCN US National Committee on August 22nd*

Tools: 3:45 4:45 pm

Led by Sarah Over, Head of Membership and Commission Support Unit, and Natalie Cox, Programme Officer, IUCN North America Regional Office

- < [IUCN Contributions for Nature Platform | *Collective progress on conservation impact for global goals*](#)
- < [IUCN Engage | *The virtual community for Union constituents*](#)
- < [IUCN Members Magazine | *Unite for Nature*](#)
- < [Crossroad Blogs | *Open Letters to IUCN Members*](#)
- < [Panorama | *Solutions for a Healthy Planet*](#)

Initiatives and novel approaches: 4:15-4:45 pm

This session presents new initiatives and novel approaches for the Union, and may include, but is not limited to:

- < [Act 30 | *Mapping Diverse and Effective ways of conserving 30% of our planet, A new initiative of IUCN, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, and Esri. Session led by Swati Hingorani, Global Coordinator, Act30, and Senior Programme Officer, IUCN Protected and Conserved Areas Team*](#)
- < [Synthetic Biology and Nature Conservation | *Union-wide process and engagement towards a policy on synthetic biology*](#)

Commissions Rapid Rounds: 4:45-5:30 pm

welcome to then connect further with Commission Chairs and representatives during the Commission-hosted Happy Hour to follow.

Happy Hour: 5:30- 7:00 pm

Get to know Commission representatives, learn more about their work, and join a Commission over drinks and hors d'oeuvres.

Day 2: Wednesday August 21, 2024

I. **Registration, Recap and Getting to Impact**

On Day 2, Members will dive more deeply into the preparations required for the upcoming [2025 World Conservation Congress](#) (to be held in Abu Dhabi, October 9-15, 2025), including governance review, voting, and how to prepare motions. Day 2 will include interactive workshops and work groups, allowing Members to discuss themes of interest, review Resolution progress, organize around new motions, and collaborate to drive conservation action around mutual areas of interest.

Registration and light breakfast: 8-8:45 am

Insights from Day 1 and Agenda Setting for Day 2: 8:45- 9:00

- ◁ A review of accomplishments from Day 1 and reflections on input from the Vision Time Capsule will set the stage for Day 2, led by Dr. Tracy Farrell, IUCN Regional Director for North America

II. Road to Congress

This session will provide a review of statutory requirements to prepare for World Conservation Congress, including governance, voting (highlighting new electronic voting procedures), elections, timelines and other WCC preparation.

Road to Congress: 9:00 - 10:30 pm

Led by Sarah Over, Head of Membership and Commission Support Unit, and Dr. Susan

Motions Breakout Groups around emergent themes: 12:45 – 3:45 pm

Motions Breakout Groups will allow significant space and time for Members to collaborate to draft new motions and coordinate on emergent priorities ahead of the 2025 WCC. Workgroups will be facilitated by Members of the US National Committee and the IUCN M