



**8<sup>th</sup> IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum**  
**Reimagining Conservation in Asia: A Nature Positive Future**  
 Bangkok, Thailand  
 3-5 September 2024  
**Programme**

Onsite RCF registration 2 September 1400 to 2100 (Level 1 Panisea Lounge)

**DAY1 (3 September 2024)**

Time and Venue	Session and Description	Agenda
0800 Level 2 Main lobby	Registration	
0850 Ballroom	Security and protocol briefing	Participants take seats for general briefing
0900-1015 Ballroom	<b>I. Inaugural Session (75 mins)</b> High-level session marking the official opening of Asia RCF	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sawasdee RCF – welcome video</li> <li>2. Welcome by <b>Dr Dindo Campilan</b>, IUCN Regional Director for Asia and Hub Director for Oceania</li> <li>3. Welcome to the home of RCF 2024- address by <b>Mr Pornphrom N. S. Vikitsret</b>, Adviser to the Governor of Bangkok (Environmental Affairs), Bangkok Metropolitan Administration</li> <li>4. Message from the IUCN President - <b>Ms Razan Al Mubarak</b>, IUCN President (remote)</li> <li>5. Message from the IUCN Director General - <b>Dr Grethel Aguilar</b>, IUCN Director General</li> <li>6. Address by <b>Mr Athapol Charoenshunsra</b>, Director General of the Department of National Parks, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation, Government of Thailand, Government of Thailand</li> <li>8. Vote of thanks by <b>Prof Ma Keping</b>, Chair of the IUCN Asia Regional Members Committee (ARMC) and Councillor</li> <li>9. Ceremonial opening of RCF</li> </ol>
		10. Cultural performance

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1015-1130	Networking Break Inauguration of Exhibition Launching of RCF Learning Zone	Discover, share and empower at the IUCN Academy Learning Zone – <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a>
1130-1245 Ballroom	II-a. Reimagining Conservation in Asia (75 mins)	<p>“Perspectives on the RCF theme, from IUCN Asia’s key external stakeholders”</p> <p>Chair: <b>Razan Al Mubarak</b> IUCN President (remote) Moderator: <b>Valérie D'hoedt Mayer</b> IUCN Head of Global Knowledge Management</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. United Nations: <b>Sangmin Nam</b> Director, Environment and Development Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> <li>2. Financial institution: <b>Yoko Watanabe</b> Director, Environment, Asian Development Bank (ADB, remote)</li> <li>3. Private business sector: <b>Pras Ganesh</b>, Executive Vice President, Toyota Motor Asia (Thailand) Co. Ltd.</li> <li>4. Local community: <b>Kittisak Rrattanakrajangsri</b> Chairperson, Indigenous Peoples Foundation for Education and Environment, Thailand</li> </ol>
1245-1400	Lunch	
1400-1640 Ballroom	II-b. IUCN 20-year Strategic Vision for the Union and Programme 2026-29 (160 mins)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction by <b>Dindo Campilan</b></li> <li>2. Presentation on IUCN 20-year Vision (Unite for Nature) by <b>Kazuaki Hoshino</b>, IUCN Councillor</li> <li>3. Presentation on IUCN Programme 2026-29 by <b>Madhu Rao</b> Chair, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas</li> <li>4. Presentation on outcomes of pre-RCF dialogues with National Committees and Members by <b>Ma Keping</b></li> <li>5. Discussion and Q&amp;A with Members – led by <b>Mark Salway</b> Chief Operations Officer, IUCN</li> </ol>
1640-1700 1700-1830	Networking Break (20 mins)	

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- Anupama Rajya Shah Environmentalist and Youth Climate Activist, Nepal and Member of

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Time	Session	Agenda	Session	Agenda
0900-1015	III-a. Nature 2030 Programme Areas: progress towards impact targets and continuing strategic relevance (75 mins each, <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a> )		III-b. Emerging Programme Priorities in Asia for 2025 (75 mins each, <a href="#">see separate full agenda</a> )	
	Parallel session 1 Ballroom 1	Water and Wetlands	Parallel session 2 Ballroom 2	Financing Conservation
	Parallel session 3 Ballroom 3	Species Actions	Parallel session 4 Riverside VI and VII	Reimagining Asia Cities
1015-1045	Networking break (30 mins)			
1045-1200	Parallel session 5 Ballroom 1	Healthy Lands	Parallel session 6 Ballroom 2	NbS for Climate Action
	Parallel session 7 Ballroom 3	Healthy Ocean	Parallel session 8: Riverside VI and VII	Transforming Agri-food Systems
1200-1300	Lunch			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Commission on Ecosystem Management (CEM) - <b>Deepu Sivadas</b> Regional Chair South Asia</li> <li>4. Species Survival Commission (SSC), <b>Mirza Kusriji</b> Regional Vice-Chair for South and East</li> <li>5. World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), <b>Madhu Rao</b> Chair</li> <li>6. World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) - <b>Christina Pak</b> Steering Committee member</li> <li>7. Climate Crisis Commission (CCC) - <b>TBC</b></li> </ul>

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## DAY3 (5 September 2024)

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