



# **IUCN position paper for UNFCCC COP29**

**United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change  
Twenty-ninth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP29)  
11 – 22 November 2024, Baku, Azerbaijan**

For more information, please contact:

Stewart Maginnis  
Deputy Director General  
(Programme)  
IUCN Headquarters  
[stewart.maginnis@iucn.org](mailto:stewart.maginnis@iucn.org)

Sandeep Sengupta  
Global Policy Lead, Climate  
Change  
IUCN Headquarters  
[sandeep.sengupta@iucn.org](mailto:sandeep.sengupta@iucn.org)

- IUCN also encourages Parties that have not yet done so to put in place their National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) by 2025, and to reflect their adaptation policies and priorities, as appropriate, also within their new NDCs. IUCN particularly notes that one of the 2030 targets agreed to under the *UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience* focuses on ‘reducing climate impacts on ecosystems and biodiversity and accelerating the use of ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions’.<sup>1</sup> These should be fully integrated within both NAPs and NDCs.
4. ***IUCN calls on all Parties to establish an ambitious new collective quantified goal (NCQG) on mobilizing climate finance at COP29 that increases concessional and grant-based financing for developing countries, utilises a wide variety of funding sources, and prioritizes the needs of the most vulnerable.***
- Finance remains central to the achievement of all climate goals. The NCQG must be adequate to the urgency and scale of the challenge, cover the entire spectrum of mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage, and fully take into account the needs and priorities of developing country Parties, particularly of vulnerable communities and ecosystems. This must also be accompanied by the full and timely delivery of the previously agreed US\$100 billion per year climate finance goal through to 2025, as emphasised in the first global stocktake outcome.
  - Noting that adaptation finance flows to developing countries are currently 10-18 times below estimated needs ([AGR 2023](#)), the NCQG should enable a rapid and substantial increase in adaptation financing, building on previous CMA decisions,<sup>2</sup> to achieve a balance between mitigation and adaptation finance as called for in the Paris Agreement. The NCQG should also transparently channel greater climate finance through the multilateral operating entities that serve the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC and Paris Agreement, ensuring that they are fully resourced and operate in a well-aligned and mutually supportive manner to



Article 6 should require the obligatory application of the *IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions*.

8. Noting that the COPs of all the three Rio Conventions are being convened in 2024, ***IUCN urges the COP Presidencies of the UNFCCC, CBD and UNCCD (Azerbaijan, Colombia and Saudi Arabia) and the respective Convention secretariats to jointly identify and promote concrete actions to strengthen cross-Convention collaboration, build synergies and effectively address the interlinked challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation. Looking ahead to 2025, IUCN also calls on the incoming Brazilian COP Presidency to make 'Climate and Nature' a central theme of UNFCCC COP30 in Belém.***
  - o Concrete opportunities exist to significantly strengthen operational linkages across the three Rio Conventions, especially at the regional and national levels. These include, for example, exploring and mandating joint work programmes, common reporting frameworks, and closer coordination and alignment in the preparation of the key national instruments under each of these processes, i.e. between the National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) targets of the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), and the NDCs of the Paris Agreement/ UNFCCC. IUCN also supports the building of stronger synergies across other relevant multilateral environmental agreements and processes.
9. ***IUCN strongly urges Parties to promote and implement inclusive, just and equitable climate policies and actions that incorporate the core priorities,***