



**IUCN World Conservation Congress
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The IUCN Sustainability Dialogues

The transition to sustainability is urgent, but is it possible?

The IUCN Sustainability Dialogues explore innovations for a new era of sustainability with experts from around the world in a series of lively and interactive debates in the Auditorium.

The world is facing unprecedented challenges from climate change, loss of biodiversity and the end of the era of cheap oil at the beginning of the 21C.

All these issues are coming to head together and at a faster pace than most policy makers could have predicted, with potentially catastrophic impacts on people and nature worldwide. No one is immune from their influences although they affect the poorest and most vulnerable groups of people.

Monday 6th October: 09:00-11:00

Auditorium

A DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD.*

What are the major challenges and innovations in pioneering the transition to sustainability today's world

- Mohammad Yunus, Founder, Grameen Bank & Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.
- Ma Jun, Director, Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs, China.
- Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP.
- Bjorn Stigson, CEO, WBCSD.
- Maria Fernanda Espinosa, Ambassador to the United Nations, Ecuador.
- Juliette Biao Koudenoukpo, Minister of Environment, Bénin.

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* Takes place during the Opening Plenary of the World Conservation Forum

Monday 6th October: 14:30-16:00

Auditorium

GREENING DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE.

What role does environment play in delivering development goals

- Monique Barbut, Chief Executive Officer of GEF.
- Poul Engberg-Pedersen, Director General of Norad, Norway.
- Irene Freudenschuss-Reichl, Director General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, Austria.
- Anne Gazeau Secret, Director General for International Cooperation and Development, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, France.
- Yolanda Kakabadse, Advisor, Fundación Futuro Latinoamericano, and former President of IUCN.
- Soraya Rodriguex_g