

EXHIBITION OF PARTICIPANTS ORGANIZED BY THE IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2025 IN ABU DHABI

June 2025

[The IUCN World Conservation Congress](#) will take place from 9 to 15 October 2025 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates and the organizers invite all the interested actors to participate in the Congress Exhibition. [June is the last month to book a space in the Congress Exhibition.](#)

With around 90 exhibitors already confirmed, the Congress is filling up places fast. It represents an important occasion to connect with a global audience, gain visibility and make the mark at one of the largest conservation exhibitions. Bookings will close within the next month.

The Exhibition serves as a dynamic marketplace where IUCN Members, Commissions, businesses, partners, and academic institutions showcase their research, innovations, and conservation projects. Open to both registered Congress participants and the general public, the Exhibition allows exhibitors to present their work to a broad audience and network with IUCN constituents and more widely, all registered participants.

Through the exhibition participants can showcase their work, celebrate their achievements, launch new initiatives, run their own multilateral meetings, develop their network and seek new partnerships and run high-impact sessions on the Central Stages

The Exhibition will be held in three state-of-the-art halls of the [Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre \(ADNEC\)](#) for 5 consecutive days from Thursday 9 October to Monday 13 October.

The IUCN World Conservation Congress is a once-every-four-year's event gathering of nature conservation experts, leaders and decision-makers from around the world. It will help shape global priorities for nature conservation and climate change for the coming decade and beyond.

With only five years remaining until the 2030 deadline for the Paris Agreement, Sustainable Development Goals, and Global Biodiversity Framework, the IUCN Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi emerges as a pivotal opportunity to elevate ambition, accelerate action and scale up collaborative solutions that address the needs of both nature and people, ensuring that sustainability efforts are equitable and just.

[The Congress will tackle five critical themes](#), each driving the bold, transformative change needed to secure a sustainable future for both nature and humanity:



Scaling Up Resilient Conservation Action

In a world facing rapid change, conservation efforts must rise to meet escalating challenges. Achieving meaningful, large-scale biodiversity conservation requires a true step-change. It must be accelerated and scaled up the implementation of the global biodiversity framework, focusing on climate-resilient solutions at all levels -local, national, and global. By combining cutting-edge science with traditional knowledge, empowering communities, and fostering new leadership models, it is possible to shape the transformation of financial flows, governance, and on-the-ground action to sustain biodiversity in the face of climate change and other threats.



Reducing Climate Overshoot Risks

To preserve life on Earth, bold steps to change our climate trajectory, focusing on aggressive emissions mitigation and long-term adaptation strategies must be taken. Nature-based solutions like reforestation and wetland restoration are key but may lose efficiency as climate impacts grow. We need a diverse approach, including innovative solutions, while prioritizing biodiversity and vulnerable communities. By integrating advanced technologies, transforming education, and using adaptive management strategies, it is feasible to respond to the climate crisis with agility, creating a sustainable, resilient future for all.



Delivering on Equity

Achieving true conservation and environmental justice means placing the voices of Indigenous Peoples, women, youth, civil society, and rangers at the centre of action. Yet, conservation efforts must go beyond listening to actively reshape governance and laws to ensure equitable rights and address power imbalances in natural resource management. Rebuilding natural capital for future generations requires equity to become a foundation of conservation. By embedding fairness and the rule of law into our approach, it is necessary to safeguard biodiversity and ensure that communities thrive.



Transitioning to Nature-Positive Economies and Societies,”

Halting and reversing the decline of species and ecosystems remains critical but is not enough. We must shift toward Nature-positive economies that not only reduce the drivers of biodiversity loss but actively conserve, restore and regenerate ecosystems. Financial systems must align with the intrinsic value of nature, ensuring equitable outcomes and sustainable livelihoods, particularly for vulnerable communities. This transition requires transforming mindsets, policies, and practices, while governments and businesses must transparently measure and disclose their impact on nature. Bold, coordinated action will ensure that nature and society thrive together.



Disruptive Innovation and Leadership for Conservation

Transformative change in conservation can be driven by disruptive innovation, much like the breakthroughs we've seen in industry, agriculture, and technology. Artificial Intelligence, new financial mechanisms, groundbreaking laws, and innovative governance can reshape our current models. By empowering communities, supporting youth-led initiatives, and transforming education, we can prepare the next generation to lead. Disruptive innovation challenges the status quo and opens new pathways to restore ecosystems,



protect biodiversity, and build climate resilience. Bold, inclusive leadership is critical, and time is running out for the radical change required.

Created in 1948, IUCN has evolved into the world's largest and most diverse environmental network. It harnesses the experience, resources and reach of its more than 1,400 Member organisations and the input of some 16,000 experts. IUCN is the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it. Our experts are organised into six commissions dedicated to species survival, environmental law, protected areas, social and economic policy, ecosystem management, and education and communication.

They meet every four years at the IUCN World Conservation Congress to set priorities and agree on the Union's work programme. IUCN congresses have produced several key international environmental agreements including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the World Heritage Convention, and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. They continue to help these conventions strengthen and evolve so that they can respond to emerging challenges.

The Exhibition is open to both Congress participants and the public, allowing exhibitors to showcase their research, innovations and work to the broadest Congress audience.

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