



Nature Based Solutions for an Uncertain Future?

IUCN Pavilion, Bonn Zone, C.05

Thursday 9th November, 10:00 – 11:30



This event will focus on the challenge of identifying scalable natural solutions to adapt to climate change, and how to raise the necessary financial and technical capital for natural infrastructure adaptation solutions.

Effective country-driven climate change adaptation reflects the importance of water management in reducing vulnerability and building climate resilience. Over 90% of I/NDCs refer to water management as a key response to climate change impacts. Climate resilience is strengthened through healthy ecosystem services that provide natural pathways to adaptation. Adapting to climate change relies on well-functioning river basins that provide key economic and environmental services for freshwater and marine ecosystems.

Many nature based solutions are focussed at project intervention level, yet the climate change impacts on hydrology will be across river basins and regions, impacting agriculture, human health, and ecosystems. Panellists will respond to framing presentations followed by active discussion with the audience.



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10:00	Welcome and Introduction	James Dalton	Director, IUCN, Global Water Programme
10:10	Optimising and negotiating balanced development programmes in river basins under climate change uncertainty	Julien Harou	University of Manchester, U.K.
10:20	Leveraging Green Finance to attract investment to support Nature Based Solutions	Justine Leigh-Bell	Director, Climate Bonds Initiative
10:30	Panel Discussion	Facilitator: Nathanial Matthews	Programme Director, Global Resilience Partnership
Panel One: Challenges and Opportunities			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monica Scatasta <i>European Investment Bank</i> • Renat Heuberger <i>CEO, South Pole Group</i> • Mark Fletcher <i>Global Water Leader, Arup</i> • Justine Leigh-Bell <i>Director, Climate Bonds Initiative</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Matthews <i>Coordinator, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation</i> • Peter Odhengo <i>Senior Policy Analyst Climate Finance, GCF NDA Desk, National Treasury, Kenya</i> • Alan Nicol <i>IWMI Ethiopia</i> 	
Panel Two: How to Scale NBS			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie White <i>Manager International Policies & AGWA co-chair, SIWI</i> • Vidya Soundarajan <i>Action on Climate Today</i> • Felix Ries <i>International Climate Initiative, Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i> • Julien Harou <i>University of Manchester</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alastair Morrison <i>Senior Water Sector Specialist, Green Climate Fund</i> • Alain Vidal <i>Senior Adviser, External Engagement, CGIAR</i> • Oppong Boadi <i>UNFCCC Focal Point, Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Ghana</i> • Daniel Zimmer <i>Director, Sustainable Land Use, Climate-KIC</i> 	
Panellists will respond to a guiding question followed by questions from the audience			
11:25	Synthesis and Closing Remarks	James Dalton	IUCN, Global Water Programme
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