

World Leaders' Conservation Forum Jeju 2015



Nature: a path to peace and coexistence

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Save the dates : The World Leaders' Conservation Forum Jeju 2015

The IUCN World Conservation Congress, held in Jeju in 2012, initiated a series of high-level World Leaders' Dialogues focused on critical environmental issues. Featuring leaders and experts from government, business, civil society, private sector and academia, these dialogues were one of the highlights of the IUCN Congress and the need for this type of event to be replicated was further cast in the Jeju Declaration signed at the Congress.

The World Leaders' Conservation Forum will provide a platform for leaders from all sectors of society, including Governments, business, civil society and academia, to discuss and seek creative nature-based solutions to global environmental, economic, and social challenges.

Under the theme of 'Nature: a path to peace and coexistence', the World Leaders' Conservation Forum 2015 is expected to inspire people around the world, to take concrete actions in favour of co-existence between human and nature, resilient ecosystems and sustainable development, and nature conservation and its role in peace-building.

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PROGRAMME



7 July
Tue.

DAY 1 Experts' meetings

Meeting 1

Coexistence 1: Reduction of the Threats posed to Biodiversity

Meeting 2

Development: Nature Conservation for Sustainable Development

Meeting 3

Coexistence 2: Coexistence between Humans and Nature

Meeting 4

Peace: Facilitating Transboundary Conservation and Peace-building

Special session : Regional Summit Dialogue

* Roles of Local governments in harmonizing development and coexistence between humans and nature



8 July
Wed.

DAY 2 Leaders' Dialogues

Dialogue 1

Peace: Transboundary Conservation and Peace-building

Ecological systems often defy political boundaries and conservation efforts are often overlooked but nevertheless effective means for peace-building. During this dialogue, panelists will share their experiences in relation to transboundary conservation and the role it can play for peace-building. Ecological corridors, protected areas, environmental diplomacy and others are concepts that inevitably come to mind when thinking about these issues, especially in the local context of the Korean DMZ World Eco-peace Park.

Dialogue 2

Coexistence: Harmonious coexistence between humans and wildlife

Human-wildlife conflicts, as we understand them today, are not always inevitable and have not been the norm in all cultures and communities. During this dialogue, participants will address concepts like human-wildlife co-evolution and cultural tolerance to wildlife, but will also consider the issue of biodiversity management close to urban areas, or the concerns raised by invasive species and their multiple consequences on human health or economy, and will offer clues as to how harmonious coexistence can be achieved.



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Dialogue 3

Development: Resilient ecosystem and sustainable development

The business logic for conserving nature has always been a harder sell than making the case for other green initiatives. How should companies handle the overuse of natural resources and the reduction in the planet's biodiversity? Or why should they? During this dialogue, panelists will explore the relationship between nature conservation and economic development. How can nature help businesses, and how can businesses develop and prosper within the framework of a sustainable development? Are conservation challenges a limitation or an opportunity for business?

9 July
Thu.

DAY 3 Field Trip

* World Heritage site(Geomunoreum), Ramsar Site (Dongbaekdongsan) and their adjacent local Community

7_8 July

Exhibitions and Side events
Environmental exhibitions & cultural events

* This program is subject of constant further development and change, and will be updated on our official website(www.wlcf.kr).