



## FEBA Journey at UNFCCC COP 29

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## About this Journey

The [twenty-ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC COP29\)](#), hosted by Azerbaijan, will take place from 11-22 November 2024 in Baku.

This document delineates a journey through COP29 for individuals interested in following events related to Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) – an approach that falls under the umbrella of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) – and countless other related, cross-cutting topics. The items listed in this document also relate to the breadth of topics covered by the [FEBA Working Groups](#).

*Note:* Speakers and event details are subject to change. Be sure to confirm all event details by accessing the official schedules of the organising parties.

In collaboration with the Azerbaijan COP29 Presidency, IUCN will host a dedicated Nature Day on 21 November, focusing on “Nature and Biodiversity / Indigenous Peoples / Gender Equality / Oceans and Coastal Zones.” Further, IUCN is hosting and participating in a number of side events and activities during COP29, showcasing the Union’s work and expertise. Event information can be found [here](#).

Stay up to date throughout COP29 by reading IISD’s [Earth Negotiations Bulletin](#) (ENB).

## About FEBA

The [Friends of Ecosystem-based Adaptation \(FEBA\)](#) is a global collaborative network of more than 100+ agencies and organisations involved in EbA working jointly to share experiences and knowledge, to improve the implementation of EbA-related activities on the ground, and to raise awareness and understanding of EbA in adaptation planning processes and multilateral policy frameworks. The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) serves as the FEBA Secretariat. The coordination of the FEBA network is part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI). The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) supports this initiative based on a decision adopted by the German Bundestag. The CBD COP recognises FEBA as a key partner “to support Parties in their efforts to promote ecosystem-based approaches to climate change adaptation” (Decision 14/5).

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## FEBA News ahead of COP29

A fundamental objective of the FEBA network is to amplify the collective voice of the EbA community and improve collective understanding, share experiences and knowledge, accelerate implementation, and build a strategic policy influence around biodiversity and climate adaptation. At CBD COP16, FEBA launched two knowledge products through its thematic expert working groups to inform COP negotiations and promote the interlinkages between climate and nature. At UNFCCC COP29, FEBA will further promote these products by developing associated materials that directly illuminate climate linkages and speak to the relevant COP29 priorities. These materials will be shared with the Network in due course and disseminated during COP29 events and engagements. As a reminder, a contextual overview of the FEBA working groups mentioned and respective products is outlined below.

In January 2024, FEBA established an [expert working group](#) under the guidance of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat and the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) to assist in national target setting and implementation of Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) Targets 8 and 11 – focusing on the links between climate change and biodiversity and specifically via EbA approaches. At CBD COP16, the working group launched a publication, [Harnessing Ecosystem-based Adaptation to drive progress on implementing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#), providing consolidated evidence, guidance, and case studies on EbA to support the uptake of EbA across national strategies and plans under the Rio Conventions – with a primary focus on CBD and UNFCCC.

The intersection of health and nature-based solutions (NbS) offers a promising pathway to concurrently address public health, biodiversity, and environmental challenges. The World Health Organization (WHO) co-chairs an [expert working group](#) on Biodiversity, Climate, and NbS through its Department of Environment, Climate Change and Health (ECH), IUCN, and the FEBA network. At CBD COP16, a joint IUCN-WHO Report on [Nature-based Solutions for Health](#) was launched through this working group to provide evidence-based guidance and practical recommendations for policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders. The report emphasises how NbS can enhance health outcomes and contribute to biodiversity conservation while enhancing climate adaptation and mitigation opportunities.

Finally, FEBA will host an event, ‘Advancing the Climate-Nature Nexus for Global Adaptation and Resilience’, at COP29, organised by IUCN. The event will evidence how advancing climate-nature integrated approaches such as ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and nature-based solutions (NbS) for adaptation can support enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change. Speakers will champion activities in the policy and practice spaces and highlight partnerships and synergies under the FEBA initiative. Crucially, FEBA members will illustrate how reinforcing nature-climate linkages provides benefits across the sustainable development agenda. The event will take place on Tuesday, November 19th, from 1700 – 1800 local time, at the Science for Climate Action Pavilion. Speakers include representatives from the CBD Secretariat, UNEP-WCMC, WWF, BMUV and more. We invite all Members to join us there – further details will be shared in due course.

## Events of interest

### Calendar of events

All times are listed in Baku local time. [Find your local time zone here](#). Details on events can be found on consecutive pages.

#### Week 1

Monday, 11 Nov	Tuesday, 12 Nov	Wednesday, 13 Nov	Thursday, 14 Nov	Friday, 15 Nov	Saturday, 16 Nov	Sunday, 17 Nov
<p><b>Formal opening of COP 29 negotiations, Pavilions, and side events</b></p> <p>The Value of Blue Carbon: from NDCs to Cultural Co-Benefits 13:00-13:50 (Blue Zone, Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion)</p>		<p>Addressing the Climate Crisis in the Caribbean Region 14:30-16:00 (Blue Zone, IICA Pavilion)</p>	<p>MEL systems for adaptation actions and support, including transformational adaptation 13:00-15:00 (Meeting Room 04, Area C)</p>	<p>Locally led adaptation -how to hold ourselves accountable for delivery? Voices from the Global South 11:30-13:00 (Blue Zone, SIDE EVENT 3)</p> <p>Achieving Climate Resilience through Regenerative Seascapes 17:00-18:30 (The Science for Climate Pavilion)</p>	<p>Innovative Financing in Blue Carbon Ecosystems 11:30-13:00 (Blue Zone, Side Event Room 5)</p> <p>Resilience Rooted in Tradition: Integrating Indigenous and Local Knowledge for Adaptation and Loss &amp; Damage Solutions 13:30-14:30 (Blue Zone, Resilience Hub)</p>	

## Calendar of events (continued)

### Week 2

Monday, 18 Nov	Tuesday, 19 Nov	Wednesday, 20 Nov	Thursday, 21 Nov	Friday, 22 Nov
<p>The Global EbA Fund reception 12:00-13:00 (UN Faith Pavilion)</p> <p>GINGR -- Renewable Energy Towards the People-Positive and Nature-Positive 13:30-14:30 (WWF Pavilion)</p> <p>Nature-Positive Infrastructure for Climate Change Resilience 16:00-17:30 (Blue Zone, IDFC Pavilion)</p>	<p>Canadian Leadership in Climate Change and Agriculture: Domestic and International Perspectives 12:00-13:00 (Canadian Pavilion)</p> <p>Land Use Action Event: Transforming Land &amp; Ecosystems for a Nature-Positive 2030 12:00-13:30 (Nasimi Room)</p> <p>An integrated approach: Gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions for Climate, Nature and People 16:00-17:00 (The Science for Climate Action Pavilion)</p> <p>Advancing Integrated Climate-Nature Nexus for Adaptation and Resilience 17:00-18:00 (The Science for Climate Action Pavilion)</p> <p>Empowering coastal communities: Bridging science and finance for climate resilience 21:00-22:00 (Ocean Pavilion)</p>	<p>Driving continual performance improvement and enhancing transparency and accountability in the race for critical minerals: The Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative 9:00-10:00 (Standards Pavilion)</p> <p>Adaptation, Resilience and Biodiversity: Innovative Approaches from Conservation to Development 18:30-20:00 (Blue Zone, Side Event 4)</p>	<p>High-level roundtable on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities traditional knowledge at the core of the climate-nature nexus 9:00-10:30 (COP Presidency, Nasimi Room)</p> <p>Towards a People-Positive Energy Transition 10:00-11:00 (SDG Pavilion)</p> <p>Power of the Seas: offshore wind and electricity grids deployment with a nature-inclusive design 11:30-13:00 (BENELUX-EIB Pavilion)</p> <p>Mangroves in NDCs: scaling up implementation for people, climate, and nature 12:30-13:30 (Blue Zone, NDC Partnership Pavilion)</p> <p>High-Level Dialogue: Supporting Government to Implement An Energy Agenda for People and Nature Positive 15:00-16:00 (South Africa Pavilion)</p> <p>Global Leaders Roundtable: Aligning Climate Action and Biodiversity Conservation for Achieving a Nature-positive Future and the Paris Agreement Goals 15:00-17:00 (Blue Zone Conference Room Nasimi (SE5).</p> <p>Revealing global peatland hotspots for climate action: Bridging Science and Policy 16:45-18:15 (Side Event Room 2, Blue Zone)</p>	

## Monday, 11 November 2024

### The Value of Blue Carbon: from NDCs to Cultural Co-Benefits

Time: 13.00-13.50 | Venue: Blue Zone, Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

Organised by: NASA, University Corporation for Atmospheric Research, Conservation International

**Description:** This side event will highlight the quantitative aspects of Blue Carbon (e.g., their roles in NDCs) and the more qualitative aspects of Blue Carbon (e.g., cultural ecosystem services). Specifically, it will address the ways in which blue carbon has been and can be further included in GHG inventories and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) through the 2025 NDC revision cycle. This event will highlight some of the tools the United States Government and Pacific partners have created to track and quantify blue carbon sinks and identify effective conservation and restoration opportunities while exploring the intrinsic and cultural ecosystem services provided by blue carbon in the Pacific.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Wednesday, 13 November 2024

### Addressing the Climate Crisis in the Caribbean Region

Time: 14.30-16.00 | Venue: Blue Zone, IICA Pavilion

Organised by: Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura (IICA)

**Description:** Panel of experts.

**Speakers:** Curt Delice (IICA), Ulrike Krauss (Caribbean Biodiversity Fund), among others.

## Thursday, 14 November 2024

### MEL systems for adaptation actions and support, including transformational adaptation

Time: 13.00-15.00 | Venue: Meeting Room 04, Area C

Organised by: UNFCCC - Nairobi Work Programme, IUCN

**Description:** The event will provide a unique opportunity for Parties, experts, and stakeholders to deepen their knowledge of existing, proven MEL systems for adaptation actions and support, including transformational adaptation. It will provide an opportunity to exchange insights on enhancing these systems in light of the evolving climate change adaptation landscape.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Friday, 15 November 2024

### Locally led adaptation -how to hold ourselves accountable for delivery? Voices from the Global South

Time: 11.30-13.00 | Venue: Blue Zone, SIDE EVENT 3

Organised by: Fauna & Flora International, BRAC, Huairou Commission Women Homes and Community, Partnership for Governance Reform

**Description:** Community leaders will share insights on how to deliver locally-led adaptation (LLA) that benefits people, climate, and nature, backed by tangible results and metrics, and discuss questions of accountability & roles, incl. donors, in delivering the LLA Principles and effective climate adaptation finance.

**Speakers:** TBC: from Fauna & Flora, IIED, BRAC, Huairou Commission, Partnership for Governance Reform, ICCCAD, CADPI, Fundación Avina, FFLA.

### Achieving Climate Resilience through Regenerative Seascapes

Time: 17.00-18.30 | Venue: Science for Climate Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN, Mission Inclusion, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund

**Description:** The session will highlight initiatives in the Western Indian Ocean and the Caribbean. Scientists, practitioners, implementors, and granting mechanisms working in these regions will showcase their role and contributions to successful examples where regenerative seascapes contribute to climate resilience while protecting biodiversity and supporting the sustainable blue economy through Nature-based Solutions, specifically focusing on gender equality. Speakers are championing activities in this space under the Regenerative Seascapes for People, Climate, and Nature project (ReSea), a key project contributing to the African-led Great Blue Wall initiative, the Caribbean Biodiversity Fund and the Global EbA Fund, advancing NbS for Adaptation through tailored climate finance.

**Speakers:** High-level Keynote: Francisca Cortes Solari (Patron of Nature, IUCN) (provisional); IUCN or Cordio Mission Inclusion Caribbean Biodiversity Fund Global Affairs Canada Global EbA Fund recipient (Asia Pacific Region) UNDESA/SDG14.

## Saturday, 16 November 2024

### Innovative Financing in Blue Carbon Ecosystems

Time: 11.30-13.00 | Venue: Blue Zone, Side Event Room 5

Organised by: Conservation International, Rare, Pew Charitable Trusts, International Partnership for Blue Carbon

**Description:** This event will explore financial mechanisms to protect and sustainably manage coastal blue carbon ecosystems in support of climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience action. We will hear from experts sharing examples around blue carbon markets, payment for ecosystem services, parametric insurance, and more. Additionally, we will highlight recent resources that can help link actions on the ground with national and global commitments, including biodiversity outcomes from CBD COP 16, and provide examples of how countries include these financial mechanisms.



**Speakers:** TBC.

## Resilience Rooted in Tradition: Integrating Indigenous and Local Knowledge for Adaptation and Loss & Damage Solutions

Time: 13.30-14.30 | Venue: Blue Zone, Resilience Hub

Organised by: Fauna & Flora International, Government of Vanuatu, IIED, Avina, BRAC

**Description:** The interactive session will foreground the importance of incorporating Indigenous and local wisdom in decision-making on climate adaptation, as well as loss and damage through voices from the Global South. It will explore the diverse perspectives on knowledge, how different knowledge types can be meaningfully integrated, and how we can assess the effectiveness of these efforts in relation to the 1st, 2nd, and 5th LLA principles, ecosystem-based adaptation as well as in responding to loss and damage. It will also provide insights on how intensifying climate change has impacted indigenous approaches to resilience and ultimately, how indigenous knowledge can set the agenda for resilience building, peace with nature, and better impact response rather than feeding into planning processes as a secondary input.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Monday, 18 November 2024

### The Global EbA Fund Reception

Time: 12.00-13.00 | Venue: UN Faith Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN and UNEP

**Description:** The Global Ecosystem-based Adaptation (EbA) Fund is an innovative financing mechanism that provides catalytic small grants to support pioneering initiatives aimed at enhancing climate resilience. These grants are designed to implement nature-based solutions that protect ecosystems while simultaneously addressing the impacts of climate change. The fund emphasizes projects that incorporate innovative approaches and have the potential for scaling up and replication to foster long-term ecosystem and community resilience.

The Fund supports projects worldwide, with a focus on vulnerable regions that are most affected by climate change, and ecosystems critical to biodiversity and human livelihoods. Key regions include Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Asia-Pacific, where ecosystems such as mangroves, forests, wetlands, and coral reefs face increasing threats from climate change-induced challenges like sea-level rise, droughts, floods, and extreme weather events.

**Speakers:** TBC

### GINGR -- Renewable Energy Towards the People-Positive and Nature-Positive

Time: 13.30-14.30 | Venue: WWF Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN and the Renewable Grid Initiative

**Description:** During this event, we want to focus on why GINGR is so timely and needed and present key findings from three discussion papers. With this we also want to encourage participants to take action and support the initiative. The main takeaway would be an understanding of the GINGR initiative, its objectives, and the metrics to be provided. Further, participants should feel activated to join and support GINGR.

**Speakers:** TBC

## Nature-Positive Infrastructure for Climate Change Resilience

Time: 16.00-17.30 | Venue: Blue Zone, IDFC Pavilion

Organised by: Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and UNEP-WCMC

**Description:** This session will explore how sustainable and nature-positive approaches to infrastructure development can deliver long-term economic, social, and environmental benefits and contribute to climate and nature action. It will highlight case examples and best practices from multilateral development banks, financial institutions, and the private sector that show how nature-based solutions can be integrated into infrastructure planning and design to create resilient, sustainable, and climate-friendly infrastructure that benefits both people and the planet.

**Speakers:** DBSA, UNEP-WCMC, AFD, ADB, World Bank, AIIB, UNEP, others TBC.

## Tuesday, 19 November 2024

### Canadian Leadership in Climate Change and Agriculture: Domestic and International Perspectives

Time: 12.00-13.00 | Venue: Canadian Pavilion

Organised by: SOCODEVI, World Food Program, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, World Vision, IFAD, Canadian Cattle Association, Canadian Federation of Agriculture

**Description:** This event will highlight Canada's leadership in agriculture and food security by showing how farmers, with the right investments, are improving environmental sustainability and adapting to the impacts of climate change. In this panel discussion, a diversity of partners will explore domestic and internationally-focused organizations' issues, strategies, and innovations to highlight common themes, approaches, and persistent challenges. Through touching on issues such as local commitments, biodiversity, modes of finance, gender empowerment, and international collaboration, this event will show why agriculture and food security are critical to discussions and decision-making on climate change. The perspectives of small-scale farmers, cooperatives, and commercial enterprises will be shared in this compelling discussion, which links policy to practice and will include insight from the Government of Canada.

**Speakers:** Naomi Johnson- On-Site Event Lead & Senior Policy Advisor at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Danielle Nierenberg- Moderator President and Co-Founder of Food Tank, Regina Schmidt-Speaker Head of SDG2 Acceleration at the World Food Programme Innovation Accelerator, Donal Brown- Speaker, Associate Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Alicia Lopez-Alvarez - Speaker, Climate Change Technical Specialist at World Vision Canada, Bob Lowe- Speaker, President of the Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) and current President of the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) at the Canadian Cattle Association (CCA) and Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB), Keith Currie - Speaker, President at Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA), Renée Brunelle-Speaker, Senior Advisor and Practice Leader in Environment at SOCODEVI, Mesfin Mathewos- Speaker, Nature+ Food Systems Program and Manager at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

## Land Use Action Event: Transforming Land & Ecosystems for a Nature-Positive 2030

Time: 12.00-13.30 | Venue: Nasimi Room

Organised by: FAO, IUCN, HLC

**Description:** Achieving 2030 biodiversity, climate, and land degradation goals hinges on sustainable land-use systems and resilient terrestrial ecosystems. This session highlights transformative actions proving that a nature-positive, low-emission future is possible, where restored and protected ecosystems boost biodiversity and strengthen community resilience.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## An integrated approach: Gender-responsive Nature-based Solutions for Climate, Nature and People

Time: 16.00-17.00 | Venue: The Science for Climate Action Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN

**Description:** Organised by IUCN's Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation & Global Affairs Canada, a diverse group of speakers will showcase the impact of the CAD 315 million investment under Canada's Partnering for Climate (P4C) and the role of the IUCN Global Standard for NbS in implementing and measuring progress on socially and ecologically just actions that are locally relevant and globally scalable.

**Speakers:** TBC

## Advancing Integrated Climate-Nature Nexus for Adaptation and Resilience

Time: 17.00-18.00 | Venue: The Science for Climate Action Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN-FEBA

**Description:** The event will evidence how advancing climate-nature integrated approaches such as ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) and nature-based solutions (NbS) for adaptation can support enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change. Speakers will champion activities in the policy and practice spaces and highlight partnerships and synergies under the FEBA initiative. Crucially, FEBA members will illustrate how reinforcing nature-climate linkages provides benefits across the sustainable development agenda.

**Speakers:** Speakers include representatives from the CBD Secretariat, UNEP-WCMC, WWF, BMUV and more.

## Empowering coastal communities: Bridging science and finance for climate resilience

Time: 21.00-22.00 | Venue: Ocean Pavilion

Organised by: FAO, World Fish

**Description:** Building on the momentum of four UNFCCC Ocean Dialogues, this event highlights how community-led ecosystem management and nature-based solutions contribute to coastal resilience and demonstrate the importance of connecting science and finance in empowering coastal communities.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Wednesday, 20 November 2024

### Driving continual performance improvement and enhancing transparency and accountability in the race for critical minerals: The Consolidated Mining Standard Initiative

Time: 09.00-10.00 | Venue: Standards Pavilion

Organised by: IUCN and ICMM

**Description:** TBC.

**Speakers:** TBC.

### Adaptation, Resilience and Biodiversity: Innovative Approaches from Conservation to Development

Time: 18.30-20.00 | Venue: Blue Zone, Side Event 4

Organised by: Canadian Foodgrains Bank Association Inc. and Caribbean Biodiversity Fund (CBF)

**Description:** A panel discussion to assess the linkages between climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and food security and identify concrete solutions, in particular innovative practices, to support climate-vulnerable communities in building resilience against the rapid changes of climate conditions. The event will focus on examples and practices from the Caribbean and African regions.

**Speakers:** J Munywoki, Fadhili Trust Kenya; B Tassew, Terepeza Dev. Asso. Ethiopia; L Dodzo, World Vision; S Wang, WFP; N Johnson, Canadian Foodgrains Bank; U Krauss, Caribbean Biodiversity Fund; O. Day, CLEAR; F Bretos, The Ocean Foundation; R Sellares, FUNDEMAR; V Pizarro, PIMS; A Leon, Fundación G Puntacana.

## Thursday, 21 November 2024

### High-level roundtable on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities traditional knowledge at the core of the climate-nature nexus

Time: 9.00-10.30 | Venue: COP Presidency

Organised by: IUCN and COP Presidency

**Description:** The event aims to highlight the critical role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) in safeguarding ecosystems and addressing climate change through their leadership and traditional knowledge. The objectives include advocating for the integration of Indigenous knowledge into global conservation and climate strategies, ensuring that Indigenous voices and priorities shape policies impacting their lands, and promoting a holistic approach to the climate-nature nexus that recognizes the interconnectedness of humans and ecosystems. Additionally, the event seeks to foster increased investments and initiatives that uphold IPLCs' land rights, support self-determined conservation, and create equitable pathways for Indigenous communities to access resources and funding.

**Speakers (invited):** Nigar Arpadarai - Member of Parliament of Azerbaijan and UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29, Chief Tapi Yawalapiti, Leader of the sixteen nations, Upper Xingu Indigenous territory, Sonia Guajajara, Minister of Indigenous Peoples of Brazil, Kandra Ehrman – Guna Indigenous People (Panamá), Cathryn Eatock, Co-Chair of the LCIPP Facilitative Working Group, Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Chair of UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Nanaia Mahuta, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, New Zealand,

Grace Balawag, Kankanaey, Igorot Indigenous leader, Philippines, Célia Xakriabá , Member of the Chamber of Deputies from Minas Gerais, from people of Xakriabá of Brasil.

## Towards a People-Positive Energy Transition

Time: 10.00-11.00 | Venue: SDG Pavilion

Organised by: RGI-IUCN

**Description:** Explore the importance of “People-Positive” in a successful energy transition:

- How can we involve, respect, and engage the communities where wind, solar, and electricity grids will be built?
- How can we achieve a just energy transition and co-create local, sustainable, and long-term benefits for those affected by such infrastructure?
- How can we support local and vulnerable communities, particularly those whose livelihoods depend on natural resources?

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Power of the Seas: offshore wind and electricity grids deployment with a nature-inclusive design

Time: 11.30-13.00 | Venue: BENELUX-EIB Pavilion

Organised by: RGI-IUCN-Elia Group

**Description:** It will focus on two main areas: 1) a technical one presenting state-of-the-art solutions to optimise grid infrastructure to enable offshore wind integration. 2) The second area will focus on the opportunities that Nature Inclusive Design (NID) offers to minimise environmental impacts and contribute towards Nature Positive.

**Speakers:** Antonella Battaglini (RGI), Rachel Asante-Owusu (IUCN), and Karsten Sach.

## Mangroves in NDCs: scaling up implementation for people, climate, and nature

Time: 12.30-13.30 | Venue: Blue Zone, NDC Partnership Pavilion

Organised by: Pew Conservancy Trust, FAO, UNFCCC High-Level Champions, NDC Partnership, Wetlands International, TNC, Rare, IUCN, CI, Global Mangrove Alliance, Mangrove Breakthrough, CIFOR-ICRAF

**Description:** Mangrove ecosystems are critical for food, livelihoods, biodiversity, and climate. This event will highlight how including mangrove-positive targets in countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) can be an important catalyst for mobilising action and finance for mangrove conservation and restoration and further enhancing mitigation contributions. Through a moderated panel discussion composed of diverse mangrove stakeholders, attendees will learn about new and ongoing initiatives to implement and mobilize mangrove-climate action and finance.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Global Leaders Roundtable: Aligning Climate Action and Biodiversity Conservation for Achieving a Nature-positive Future and the Paris Agreement Goals

Time: 15.00-17.00 | Venue: Blue Zone Conference Room Nasimi (SE5).

Organised by: IUCN and COP Presidency

**Description:** This high-level event aims to bring together global leaders from state and non-state sectors to strengthen conservation and restoration efforts. The event will showcase innovative strategies and partnerships that drive investment and action towards achieving the 2030 climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development goals. By highlighting successful initiatives, it seeks to inspire broader participation and replication of these efforts worldwide, emphasizing the integration of biodiversity, climate action, and nature-based solutions in all sectors of society.

**Speakers (invited):** High-level Opening: COP29 President, Ms. Grethel Aguilar IUCN Director General, Mr. Simon Stiell, UNFCCC Executive Secretary, Ms. Inger Andersen, UNEP Executive Director, Mr. Astrid Schomaker CBD Executive Secretary Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, UNCCD Executive Secretary Mr. David Obura, Chair of IPBES. High-level Panel: 1. Brazil | H.E. Marina Silva, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Federative Republic of Brazil 2. Colombia | H.E. Susana Muhamad, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development of the Republic of Colombia. 3. Tajikistan | H.E. Bahodur Sheralizoda, Chairman of the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan 4. Germany | H.E. Steffi Lemke, Minister of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety 5. Canada | H.E. Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada 6. Egypt | H.E. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Arab Republic of Egypt 7. Democratic Republic of Congo | H.E. Ève Bazaiba, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development 8. Maldives | H.E. Thoriq Ibrahim, Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, Republic of Maldives 9. Seychelles | H.E. Flavien, Joubert, Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change & Environment. 10. Mongolia | H.E. Saldan Odontuya, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

## High-Level Dialogue: Supporting Government to Implement an Energy Agenda for People and Nature Positive

Time: 15.00-16.00 | Venue: South Africa Pavilion

Organised by: Pew Conservancy Trust, FAO, UNFCCC High-Level Champions, NDC Partnership, Wetlands International, TNC, Rare, IUCN, CI, Global Mangrove Alliance, Mangrove Breakthrough, CIFOR-ICRAF

**Description:** The session will serve as a platform for Technical Experts, High-level Panellists, and Ministers to provide technical and policy guidance on the needs, priorities, and approaches to energy transition and nature-positive approaches. The session will develop a report that will be shared widely to inform other deliberations regarding positive discussions on energy and nature.

**Speakers:** TBC.

## Revealing global peatland hotspots for climate action: Bridging Science and Policy

Time: 16.45-18.15 | Venue: Side Event Room 2, Blue Zone

Organised by: Michael Succow Foundation for the Protection of Nature, Ramsar Convention, Wetlands International, Global Environment Centre, GEC, WI

**Description:** We urgently need climate action in priority areas revealed in the Global Peatland Hotspot Atlas launched at the event. The Atlas bridges science and policy through thematic maps and visuals, uniting stakeholders to set ambitious targets and leverage funds for climate action on peatlands and wetlands.

**Speakers:** TBC.