

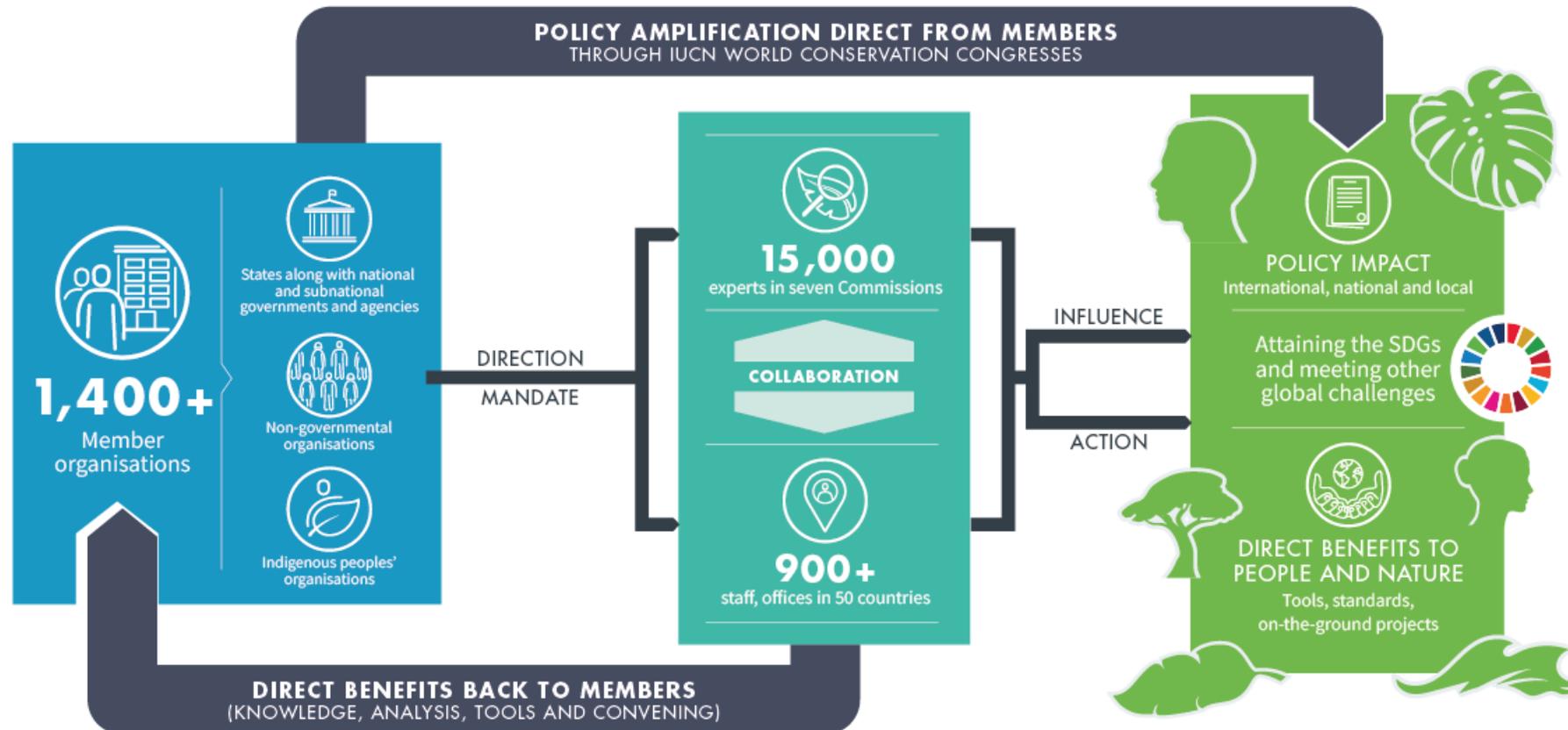


IUCN Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North and Central Asia

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IUCN Regional Conservation Fora (RCFs)



- The biggest step for the IUCN Constituency to prepare for the next IUCN World Conservation Congress;
- Held every four years in all 8 IUCN Statutory Regions;
- A joint RCF for the two Statutory Regions: West Europe, East Europe North and Central Asia;
- Ensure that regional matters are embedded in the IUCN key decision-making;
- Discuss early drafts of the IUCN Programme with Members and partners, before the formal approval of the document at the IUCN Congress;
- Identify key global biodiversity issues that warrant in-depth debate during the Members' Assembly at the Congress;

RCFs 2019



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FORUM
ROTTERDAM
1-3 JULY 2019



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KUWAIT
9-11 SEPTEMBER 2019



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BISSAU
8-11 JULY 2019



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DE CONSERVACIÓN
PARAGUAY
12-14 AGOSTO 2019



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OTTAWA



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JOHANNESBURG
23-25 JULY 2019

Objectives



- **IUCN Programme 2025-2029/30:** The draft Programme is expected to be ready for consultation after the Council meeting in May 2024. Discuss IUCN's position on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework and identifying key global biodiversity issues.
- **IUCN Governance:** The Members' Assembly at Congress is the highest decision-making body of IUCN. The RCF provides an opportunity for Members to familiarize themselves with the preparations.
- **Motions Process:** Discuss and draft? or negotiate motions proposals to be presented by Members from the region to the 2025 Congress motions process - Submission around October 2024 to January 2025.
- **Gender and Youth:** The RCF will fully follow the event guidance in the Gender mainstreaming strategy for events and the IUCN Youth Strategy 2022.



Objectives

- **Update on implementation of IUCN Resolutions and Recommendations:** Follow up previous resolutions and decisions. Special sessions on a number of Resolutions (Decision 147: Development of a 20-year Strategy);
- **Overall preparation for Congress:** Provide general information for the Congress key deadlines and procedures, and criteria - process for sponsored delegates;
- Promote ways Members and Commission members can actively engage;
- **Regional aspects:** Regional Work Plans, priorities, successes;
- **Science:** Discuss scientific needs and advances that will help the region better achieve its conservation aims;



Highlights from RCF19 in Rotterdam

- 320+ participants
- 50+ nationalities
- 8 parallel thematic sessions
- 18 side events
- 10+ posters
- 50+ draft motions
- 4 excursions



Objectives



The 2024 Regional Conservation Forum for Europe, North and Central Asia, will take place 30 September - 3 October 2024 in Bruges - Brugge, Belgium - Bruges Meeting & Convention Centre (BMCC).

- Flemish Ministry of Justice and Enforcement, Environment, Energy and Tourism and the City of Bruges;
- Flemish Ministry of Finance, Budget, Immovable Heritage and Housing and the Flanders Heritage Agency;
- Facilitated by the Belgian Biodiversity Platform (IUCN National Focal Point), VisitFlanders and the Agency of Nature and Forests.

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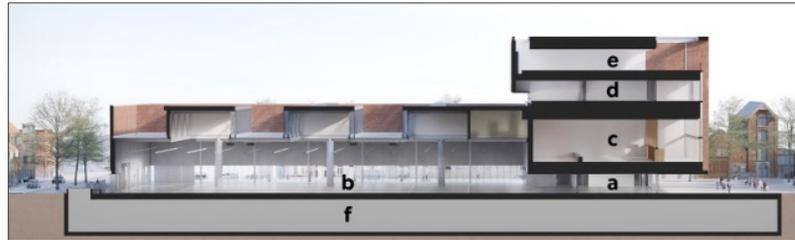
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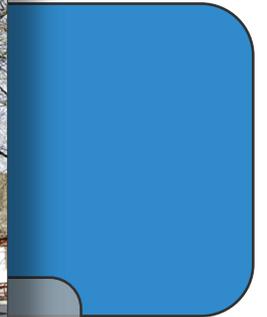
The venue

<https://bmccbruges.com/en/>



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**rooms &
capacities**



The city

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Dank u!

