



Speaking Up for Nature - better communications for the CBD/IUCN communities

11/12/22 09:30 – 10:30 LARGE ROOM

How is communication between two of the most influential global arrangements for nature conservation?

As essential actors, how can IUCN Members, including regional governments, youth and indigenous peoples, engage and communicate effectively through relevant collaborations such as IUCN's National and Regional Committees and Commissions?

Come to our panel discussion and add your voice for Nature to this interesting debate!

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IUCN Nature
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Pavilion -
Large Room



Anna Espadalé



Hilde Eggermont

11th December
0930 – 1030



Anna Espadalé Gelis

Technician of Environmental Planning Service

Anna Espadalé is working as a technician of the Environment Planning Service of the Government of Catalunya. She has a Degree in Biology from the University of Barcelona, a Master's Degree in Terrestrial Ecology and Biodiversity Management from the Autonomous University of Barcelona and a Professional Postgraduate Degree in Geographic Information Systems from the University of Girona.

She is a steering group member of the UICN Interregional Committee for Europe, North and Central Asia.



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Hilde Eggermont

IUCN Vice-President

Hilde Eggermont is freshwater biologist by training with a PhD in global change research. She is the Strategic Coordinator of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform, a national science-policy interface for biodiversity – hosting the IUCN National Focal point. Hilde is an IUCN Councillor elected from West Europe since 2016, and Vice President for the current quadrennium. She is also Chair and Coordinator of Biodiversa+ bringing together research policy actors and environmental policy actors from 36 European and associated countries, as part of the European Biodiversity Strategy 2030.



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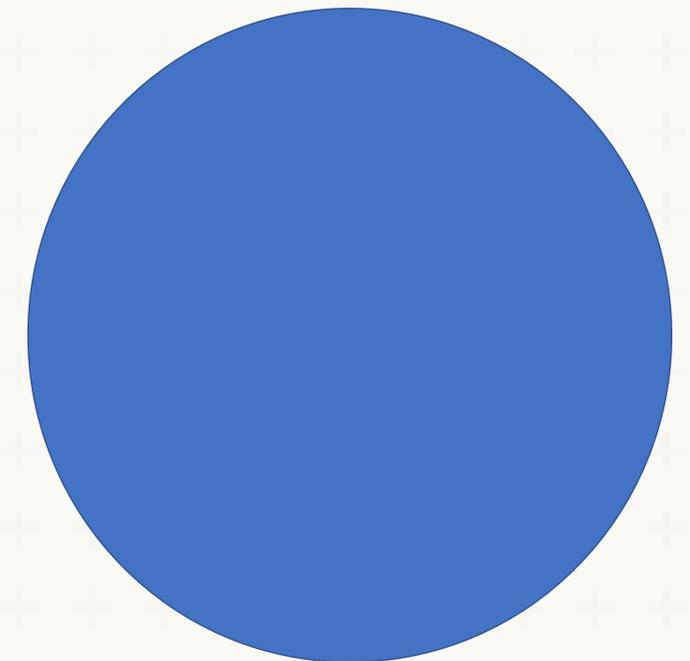
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Swetha Stotra



IPO representative?



Victoria Romero

Policy Officer – Biodiversity at IUCN

Victoria Romero is the Biodiversity Policy Officer at IUCN's International Policy Centre. Victoria has been with IUCN for more than 8 years, coordinating IUCN's policy activities and engagement with international conventions including the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). In this role, Victoria has followed negotiations on the Paris Agreement and the development of the CBD's post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. Victoria has also been involved in IUCN's motions process and following up on their implementation.



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Renata Gómez

Biodiversity Programme Manager at Regions4



Renata Gomez has experience in research oriented to the evaluation of public policies that influence land use change, with a special focus on tropical forests, climate change, and biodiversity. Is specialized in the coordination of projects that join efforts of civil society, private initiatives, and government to empower subnational governments and regions to fulfill their purpose as caretakers of natural resources.

She is currently the Manager of the Biodiversity Program at Regions4 where she develops research projects and exchange of experiences of the Regions for Biodiversity Learning Platform and coordinates the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments to the Convention on Biological Diversity.

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Swetha Stotra Bhashyam

Global South Focal Point at Global Youth Biodiversity Network



Swetha has dedicated the past 10 years towards working with several grass-root and international organizations to help protect the environment and conserve biodiversity. I am a part of the Steering committee of Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN). Working with GYBN has provided me the opportunity to lobby on international policies issues under the UNEP, Convention on Biological Diversity. I hold a Masters from the National Center for Biological Sciences, India in Wildlife Biology and Conservation, Masters from Osmania University, India in Zoological Sciences, and BSc from St. Francis College for Women, India in Life Sciences.

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Tony Juniper



Madhu Rao



Sean Southey



Ernesto Herrera



Tony Juniper

Chair of Natural England, writer, sustainability adviser and a well-known British environmentalist

Tony Juniper CBE is Chair of the official nature conservation agency Natural England. Before taking up this role in April 2019 he was the Executive Director for Advocacy and Campaigns at WWF-UK, a Fellow with the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership and President of the Wildlife Trusts. Until January 2018 he was an independent sustainability and environment advisor, including as Special Advisor with The Prince of Wales's International Sustainability Unit. He speaks and writes widely on conservation and sustainability themes and is the author of many books, including the multi-award winning bestseller 'What has Nature ever done for us?'

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Madhu Rao

elected Chair of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

The 3000 member-strong Commission has a mandate to develop scientific, technical and policy advice and advocate for global and national systems of marine, freshwater and terrestrial protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) that result in successful outcomes for the conservation of biodiversity. Madhu is also a Senior Advisor, Wildlife Conservation Society and a conservation scientist with over 25 years of experience with conservation implementation across diverse social and political contexts. She has extensive experience with conservation policy working at the science-policy interface for threatened species conservation and the creation and management of protected areas.

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Ernesto Herrera Guerra

Executive Director of Reforestamos, Chair of the IUCN MesoAmerican Regional Committee

Ernesto Herrera is an industrial engineer from the Universidad Iberoamericana and has a master's degree in environmental management from the University of Waikato, in New Zealand. He has worked in the private, government and civil society sectors and has been the Executive Director of Reforestamos México, A.C. since its creation in 2002. He currently chairs the Mesoamerican Committee of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, IUCN. Ernesto collaborates in the directive and advisory council of other civil society organizations that work for trees, the sustainable management of natural resources, the development of rural companies and the digitization of Mexico. Ernesto is interested in the development of Latin American multisectoral alliances to guarantee transparent, legal, responsible and sustainable landscape and seascape management.

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Sean Southey

Chair for the Commission on Education and Communication (CEC)

Sean has over 30 years of experience in the international development and communications field. Sean started his career with 5 years in the Canadian Ministry of Environment, followed by 12 years working with United Nations Development Programme's (UNDP) environment team. His NGO experience includes with ICLEI (Secretary General), Rare (Vice-President) and 10 years as President of PCI Media. He is now Co-Founder and President of Zamia Media. In the past decade he has led the development of over 80 campaigns world-wide.

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Sarah Over

Senior Membership Engagement Manager

Sarah Over joined IUCN in 2015 and is currently the senior membership engagement manager in the Membership and Commission support Unit, based in Gland, Switzerland. She has over 20 years' communications and engagement experience gained from working in multi-disciplinary environments in the public and private sectors. At IUCN, she works closely with colleagues across the regions to develop strategies to support and promote Member and community growth, engagement and retention. In doing so, she strives to strengthen relationships within IUCN, to help build Member value and maximise the impact of the Union's work.



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