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ILCN at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference of Parties (COP15) in December 2022

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Serengeti, Tanzania; Unsplash/Hu Chen

The International Land Conservation Network (ILCN) will be well represented at Part Two of the 15th annual meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (COP15) in Montreal from December 7-19. The event convenes delegations from around the world to agree on a new set of goals to guide global action for the conservation and sustainable management of biological diversity.

Jim Levitt, director of the ILCN; Chandni Navalkha, ILCN associate director; and Shenmin Liu, ILCN regional representative for Asia will attend COP15 as registered delegates on behalf of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, which houses the ILCN.

The possible inclusion of a target of conserving 30 percent of the earth's land and water by 2030 will be a focus of COP15 and is of great interest to the private and civic land conservation community of practice. In March 2022, The Nature Conservancy partnered with the International Union for the

Conservation of Nature's World Commission on Protected Areas and Equilibrium Research on an initial paper on [Best Practice in Delivering the 30x30 Target](#). Additional guidance is in development.

If adopted, the new target is expected to include protected areas and “other effective area-based conservation measures” (OECMs). This will offer new opportunities and challenges to organizations and practitioners seeking to advance effective voluntary land conservation efforts around the world. Some of these opportunities and challenges were highlighted in an ILCN webinar in 2021 on [the role of OECMs in land conservation in Africa](#) as well as a Global Congress session on the role of [OECMs in integrated conservation landscapes](#).

The meeting will provide several learning and networking opportunities for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) through side events led by ILCN partners such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Global Environmental Institute – China, the Center for Large Landscape Conservation, Wilderness Foundation Africa, and others on key topics. The agenda for the event is not yet finalized, but topics are likely to include incentives to recognize OECMs, Indigenous-led conservation, integrating ecological connectivity, and transboundary conservation efforts.

The ILCN will be hosting a meeting open to all attendees who are interested in connecting with the network. If you will be in Montreal, Canada, for COP15 this December and would like to connect with the ILCN team, please reach out to sliu@lincolninst.edu and cnavalkha@lincolninst.edu.

The ILCN team looks forward to reporting back from the meeting in the January ILCN newsletter.

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