



# International Land Conservation Network and European Land Conservation Network 2020 Global Congress Agenda

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## Day 1: Wednesday, April 22nd 2020 Barcelona, Spain

<b>08:45 - 16:00</b>	<b>Excursion to Montserrat mountain in Montserrat Natural Park, Catalonia, Spain (Departure from Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera, Casa Milà, Barcelona, Spain)</b>
<b>19:00 - 21:00</b>	<b>Welcome Reception and 50th Anniversary of Earth Day Celebration, Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera, Casa Milà, Barcelona, Spain</b>

## Day 2: Thursday, April 23rd 2020 Món Sant Benet, Sant Fruitós de Bages, Catalonia, Spain

<b>09:00 - 10:00</b>	<b>Opening Plenary and Keynote Lectures</b>				
<b>Thematic Tracks:</b>	<b>CF: Conservation Finance</b>	<b>LP: Law and Policy</b>	<b>OG: Organization and Governance</b>	<b>LS: Land Stewardship and Management</b>	<b>LL: Large Landscape Conservation</b>
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	CF 1: A Global Survey of Conservation Finance	LP 1A: Conservation Tools and Strategies in Common Law Jurisdictions	OG 1: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Recording PPAs in Global Databases	LS 1: Making, Maintaining or Breaking High Nature Value Landscapes	LL 1: Forest Restoration and Conservation at Scale
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>		LP 1B: Conservation Tools and Strategies in Civil Law Jurisdictions			
<b>12:00 - 13:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b>	CF 2: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Incentives for Privately Protected Areas	LP 2A: Legal Tools for Private Land Conservation in the European Union	OG 2A: Standards and Practices: A Framework for International Application	LS 2: Utter Opposites? Conservation in a Commercial Farming Context	LL 2A: Reclaiming Our Fresh Water Resources
<b>13:00 - 14:30</b>		LP 2B: The Role of Privately Protected Areas in Achieving Global Targets in Latin America	OG 2B: Models for Organisation Building: The International National Trust Organisation		LL 2B: Peer Learning and Collaborative Leadership in Large Landscapes
<b>14:30 - 15:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>				
<b>15:00 - 16:30</b>	CF 3A: Impact Investing and ESG Investments	LP 3: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Coordinating PPAs with National Protected Area Systems	OG 3: High and Low Tech Tools to Create, Track, and Increase Impact	LS 3A: Tools Fit for the Job: External Support to Farm Conservation	LL 3: Land Conservation and Spatial Planning
<b>15:00 - 16:30</b>	CF 3B: International and Cross - Border Giving			LS 3B: Getting Together, Raising Voices: Uniting the Stewards of the Land	
<b>19:00 - 21:00</b>	<b>Gala Dinner and Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony</b>				

**Day 3: Friday, April 24th 2020**  
**Món Sant Benet, Sant Fruitós de Bages, Catalonia, Spain**

<b>07:00</b>	<b>Breakfast at Your Hotel</b>				
<b>Thematic Tracks:</b>	<b>CF: Conservation Finance</b>	<b>LP: Law and Policy</b>	<b>OG: Organization and Governance</b>	<b>LS: Land Stewardship and Management</b>	<b>LL: Large Landscape Conservation</b>
<b>08:30 - 10:00</b>	CF 4: Carbon Payments for Conservation	LP 4: Understanding Categories: OECMs and PPAs - Where does your project belong, and does it matter?	OG 4A: The Value of Networks Across Scales	LS 4A: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Ensuring PPA Permanence	LL 4: Fire Resilience in Mediterranean Regions
<b>08:30 - 10:00</b>			OG 4B: Connecting Universities with Land Conservation Organisations	LS 4B: Symbiosis - Inspiring Partnerships in Stewardship	
<b>10:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>				
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	CF 5A: Blended Finance and the Role of Intermediaries	LP 5: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Not Just Individuals: Exploring Other PPA Subtypes	OG 5: Bridging Private, Indigenous, and Local Community Conservation	LS 5A: Nutritional Nexus: Connections Between Food, Farming and Stewardship	LL 5: Science-driven Large Landscape Conservation
<b>10:30 - 12:00</b>	CF 5B: Using EU LIFE Funding for Private Land Conservation			LS 5B: Talking the Walk: Communicating with Stewards, Stakeholders and Communities	
<b>12:15 - 13:00</b>	<b>Closing Plenary - The Future of Private Land Conservation in Europe</b>				
<b>13:00 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				



## CF CONSERVATION FINANCE

### **CF 1: A Global Survey of Conservation Finance**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Peter Stein, *Lyme Timber Company, USA*

David Meyers, *Conservation Finance Alliance, USA*

Candice Stevens, *Wilderness Foundation Africa, South Africa*

Marnie Lassen, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

**Moderator:** Leigh Whelpton, *Conservation Finance Network, USA*

#### **Description:**

This global survey will explore a range of case studies to examine different approaches to conservation finance around the world and ask practitioners what regionally-unique political, social, and economic opportunities and challenges they have faced. Framed by the aggregate experience of practitioners, the session will give attendees a distilled understanding of creative solutions to challenging problems around the world.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

### **CF 2: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Incentives for Privately Protected Areas (PPAs)**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Candice Stevens, *Wilderness Foundation Africa, South Africa*

Jose Monsores Jr., *Network of Private Natural Heritage Reserves (RPPNs), Brazil*

Samin Vargas Villavicencio, *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, Peru*

**Moderator:** Brent Mitchell, *QLF Atlantic Center for the Environment, USA*

#### **Description:**

This session will explore the range of incentives that have been or could be employed to catalyse the creation of Privately Protected Areas and to aid in their long-term management. It will outline the guidance provided by IUCN and highlight several case studies. Participants should come prepared to discuss their own experience with incentives for private conservation.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

### **CF 3A: Impact Investing and ESG Investments**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Peter Stein, *Lyme Timber Company, USA*

Stef van Dongen, *Pioneers of Our Time, The Netherlands*

Margot Kane, *Spring Point Partners, USA*

Michiel Bakker, *Conservation Capital Africa, UK*

**Moderator:** Candice Stevens, *Wilderness Foundation Africa, South Africa*

**Description:** Much of the future of conservation finance lies with impact capital. This session will address examples of how impact investing and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) investments are being deployed to address conservation goals in multiple geographies. Practitioners will have the opportunity to discuss the challenges and opportunities of mobilising these investments in their places or regions, and attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the relevance of this rapidly growing industry to their work.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

### **CF 3B: International and Cross-Border Giving**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Roberto Peralta, *Peralta Abogados, Chile*

Rob Wilson, *Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canada*

Karen Cooper, *Drache Aptowitz LLP, Canada*

**Moderator:** Philip Tabas, *The Nature Conservancy, Europe*

#### **Description:**

As land ownership patterns change, foreign landowners play an increasing role in specific 'donative' conservation transactions. This session will highlight and share case studies of mechanisms developed to deliver appropriate tax benefits/tax incentives to such owners when their lands are identified as conservation priorities and NGOs and their government agencies partners pursue durable conservation, restoration and preservation solutions. Examples will include Chile, EU and Canadian cases.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

### **CF 4: Carbon Payments for Conservation**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Christian Dannecker, *South Pole, Switzerland*

Rob Wilson, *Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canada*

Andrea Tuttle, *Forest and Climate Policy Consultant, Arcata, USA*

Eron Bloomgarden, *Climate and Forest Capital, Spain*

**Moderator:** Peter Stein, *Lyme Timber Company, USA*

#### **Description:**

Carbon sequestration may be the ecosystem service that has evolved the most over the last dozen years in the United States, the European Union and many other parts of the world. Payments for carbon credits have become a significant financing factor in many conservation transactions, and the regulatory and voluntary schemes that create such markets are also becoming major conservation and restoration financing sources from fees paid by greenhouse gas emitters. This panel will share specific examples of carbon payments being part of the conservation capital 'stack' and share insights into some of the newer carbon off-set initiatives, specifically global air travel.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 08:30-10:00

### **CF 5A: Blended Finance and The Role of Intermediaries**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Urs Dieterich, *South Pole, Switzerland*

Stephen Hart, *European Investment Bank, Luxembourg*

Marnie Lassen, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

Bruno Mweemba, *Zambia Green Bond, Zambia*

**Moderator:** Candice Stevens, *Wilderness Foundation Africa, South Africa*

#### **Description:**

As the scale and complexity of conservation transactions increase, in numerous countries across the globe various conservation NGOs have evolved to become financing intermediaries. Their role is to gather up or control discrete sources of conservation capital and concessionary financing and provide access to these financial resources and deliver technical support in the creation and execution of complex conservation transactions. These entities may also 'blend' their financial resources with government agency grants as well as with 'private profit seeking' capital. The presenters will share real time examples of blended finance projects and identify some of the risks and rewards of such efforts.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

## **CF 5B: Using EU LIFE Funding for Private Land Conservation**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Angelo Salsi, *EU LIFE Programme, Belgium*

Stefano Picchi, *WWF OASI, Italy*

Inga Račinska, *Latvian Fund for Nature, Latvia*

**Moderator:** Tilmann Disselhoff, *Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Germany*

### **Description:**

Angelo Salsi, Head of Unit of the European Commission's LIFE Programme & CIP eco-Innovation at the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME), will offer a programme manager's perspective on LIFE funding opportunities for private and civic land conservation projects. Organisations that have developed projects and received EU LIFE funding will share experiences and insights from the conservation practitioner and LIFE project manager perspective. The workshop will conclude with an extensive Q and A session with the panelists – participants' chance to ask everything you want to know about their next LIFE funding proposal on private land conservation.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

## **LP LAW AND POLICY**

### **LP 1A: Conservation Tools and Strategies in Common Law Jurisdictions**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

James Fitzsimons, *The Nature Conservancy, Australia*

Mike Jebson, *QEI National Trust, New Zealand*

Victoria Marles, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

Jessica Owley, *University of Miami, USA*

**Moderator:** Laura Johnson, *International Land Conservation Network, USA*

#### **Description:**

Organisations and conservation practitioners in common law jurisdictions use a number of agreement types to protect private lands, other than outright fee simple ownership. Session panelists will discuss the core agreements used in their country, including conservation covenants in Australia and New Zealand and conservation easements in the United States. Speakers will discuss the similarities and differences of their respective agreements, addressing such issues as the agreements' unique suitability to their jurisdictions, their special focus on protecting ecological features or working landscapes, or both, their accommodation or prohibition of limited development, the importance of financial incentives to landowners, and new challenges to enforceability and to permanence in the face of climate change.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

### **LP 1B: Conservation Tools and Strategies in Civil Law Jurisdictions**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Henry Tepper, *Fundación Tierra Austral, Chile*

Alan Harper, *Terra Peninsular, Mexico*

Cesar Guerrero, *Terra Peninsular, Mexico*

Flora Moir, *Mexican Fund for the Conservation of Nature, Mexico*

Jofre Rodrigo, *Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura, Spain*

**Moderator:** Graham Chisolm, *Conservation Strategy Group, USA*

#### **Description:**

Private lands conservation activity in civil code countries is advancing rapidly. This panel will discuss, compare and contrast the land protection tools, strategies, and experiences of NGOs in three geographies (Chile, Catalonia Spain, and Mexico) that have passed private lands enabling legislation in their civil law jurisdictions that permit flexible and enforceable land protection agreements that are similar to legal tools that have been used successfully in common law jurisdictions. Attendees will gain an understanding of the strategies by which these legal tools have been developed and implemented, and the lessons learned from these examples.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

### **LP 2A: Legal Tools for Private Land Conservation in the European Union**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Jurgen Tack, *European Landowners Organisation, Belgium*

Inga Račinska, *Latvian Fund for Nature, Latvia*

Mireia Salazar, *Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura, Spain*

Bettina Matzdorf, *Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research, Germany*

**Moderator:** Tilmann Disselhoff, *Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Germany*

#### **Description:**

This session will address how private lands conservation is being implemented under existing EU and national legislation, across differing national legal frameworks. Panelists will discuss the legal tools currently used in specific countries, as well as how new legal instruments may be applied to advance private lands conservation in the future. Attendees will come away with examples of tools currently in use, and to discuss with the panelists the contexts and tools used in their own jurisdictions.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

### **LP 2B: The Role of Privately Protected Areas (PPAs) in Achieving Global Targets in Latin America**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Renata Cao, *Chujum Lab, Mexico*

Ariel Genovese, *Red Argentina de Reservas Naturales Privadas, Argentina*

Constanza Pinochet, *Así Conserva Chile, Chile*

Rafael Antelo Albertos, *Fundación Casanare Palmarito, Colombia*

**Moderator:** Roberto de la Maza, *Vo. Bo. S.C., Mexico*

#### **Description:**

Latin America has immense experience in the establishment of PPAs. This session will share perspectives on the role of PPAs in achieving Aichi Target 11 in the region, focusing on the work of the Latin American Alliance to Strengthen Protected Areas to 2020. Specific experiences from Argentina, Mexico, Chile and Colombia will be shared, and the presentations and discussion will enable attendees to consider how these efforts may or may not be adapted and replicated in other countries or regions.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

### **LP 3: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Coordinating PPAs with National Protected Area Systems**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

James Fitzsimons, *The Nature Conservancy, Australia*

Lisa McLaughlin, *Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canada*

Bruno Paris, *Environment and Climate Change Canada, Canada*

**Moderator:** Sue Stolton, *Equilibrium Research, UK*

#### **Description:**

Coordination of Privately Protected Areas (PPAs) as a part of national protected area systems can create a range of conservation benefits for government protected areas, PPAs and other protected areas types. These benefits could be in the form of better prioritisation for protected area network expansion, better understanding of protected corridors and more coordinated management across the landscape. This session will explore experience and challenges with PPA coordination with National Protected Area Systems.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

### **LP 4: Understanding Categories: OECMs and PPAs - Where does your project belong, and does it matter?**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Daniel Marnewick, *Birdlife South Africa, South Africa*

Candice Stevens, *Wilderness Foundation Africa, South Africa*

#### **Description:**

As defined in the Convention on Biological Diversity's Aichi Target 11, area-based conservation of biologically important sites should be achieved using protected areas (PPAs) or 'other effective area-based conservation measures' (OECMs), both of which can be recognised on privately or communally owned lands. This session will focus on defining OECMs, clarifying the differences between OECMs and PPAs, and will offer a case study of how one jurisdiction, South Africa, has applied these categories to private land conservation mechanisms. Attendees will develop a greater understanding of each category, and will have the opportunity to discuss how differentiating between these categories may be important to conservation efforts in their jurisdictions.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

### **LP 5: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Not Just Individuals: Exploring Other PPA subtypes**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Nigel Dudley, *Equilibrium Research, UK*

Josep Maria Mallarach, *Silene Association, Catalonia, Spain*

**Moderator:** Sue Stolton, *Equilibrium Research, UK*

#### **Description:**

To the general public, ideas of "privately protected" are usually associated with individuals, or perhaps associations of individuals in the form of nongovernmental organisations. But Privately Protected Areas (PPAs) cover the gamut of areas that are not under the governance of state actors or indigenous nations. This session will describe all the subtypes of PPAs (including corporations, for-profit owners, research entities, or religious groups), and discuss some of the governance and management features that are unique to them. Participants may share unique examples of private governance.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

## **OG ORGANISATION AND GOVERNANCE**

### **OG 1: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Recording Privately Protected Areas (PPAs) in Global Databases**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Santi Pérez Segú, *Department of Territory and Sustainability, Generalitat of Catalonia, Spain*

Jessica Stewart, *United Nations Environment Programme – World Conservation Monitoring Center, UK*

**Moderator:** Brent Mitchell, *QLF Atlantic Center for the Environment, USA*

#### **Description:**

National recording of protected areas is a key element of international agreements, enabling countries to demonstrate progress towards agreed targets such as those of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and certain targets within Sustainable Development Goals 14 and 15. Almost all national governments around the world report protected areas to the World Database on Protected Areas but currently only 28 governments report on PPAs. IUCN and the World Conservation Monitoring Centre are establishing a system for improving recording of PPAs in the World Database of Protected Areas, in parallel to the current government-centered processes and using independent experts.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

### **OG 2A: Standards and Practices: A Framework for International Application**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Constanza Pinochet, *Asi Conserva Chile, Chile*

Jofre Rodrigo, *Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura, Spain*

Lisa McLaughlin, *Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canada*

**Moderator:** Sylvia Bates, *Land Trust Alliance, USA*

#### **Description:**

Land Trust Standards and Practices are the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust in the United States, initially drafted in 1989 to affirm certain best practices as the surest way to secure lasting conservation on private lands. As private land conservation initiatives grow and mature around the world, organisations and networks in many countries are considering establishing standards and practices to build trust and ensure the integrity of their work. This session will highlight the successes and challenges of such efforts in Chile, Spain, and Canada, and is of relevance to all those in the global private land conservation community who are striving for excellence and effectiveness in their operations and activities.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

### **OG2B: Models for Organisation Building: the International National Trusts Organisation**

#### **Presenters for this panel:**

Miquel Rafa Fornieles, *Fundació Catalunya-La Pedrera, Spain*

Alicia Leuba, *Trustees of Reservations, USA*

**Moderator:** Catherine Leonard, *International National Trusts Organisation, UK*

#### **Description:**

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**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30



### **OG 3: High and Low Tech Tools to Create, Track, and Increase Impact**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Anna Foley, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

Carolyn Dupont, *Upstream Tech, USA*

Clive Hurford, *Serapias Ltd., UK*

**Moderator:** Kristijan Čivić, *Eurosite, The Netherlands*

#### **Description:**

Land conservation organisations should be seeking to take advantage of technological solutions wherever possible to maximise their impact. Whether to manage data or monitor conservation property(ies), more high- and low-tech tools are available than ever before to support effective and efficient land management. In this session, panelists will discuss topics ranging from how to translate data management software developed for U.S. land trusts to other geographic contexts to high- and low-tech tools and strategies for conservation property monitoring.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

### **OG 4A: The Value of Networks Across Scales**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Marco Barrero, *Reserva Ecológica El Edén A. C., Mexico*

Kristijan Čivić, *Eurosite/ELCN, The Netherlands*

Jennifer Gooden, *University of Oxford, UK*

Loring Schwarz, *Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition, USA*

**Moderator:** Victoria Marles, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

#### **Description:**

Private land conservation efforts are growing around the world, but are often fragmented, inconsistent, and operating at different levels of capacity. Recognising this, networks for private land conservation have formed – and continue to form - to collectively increase the extent and improve the quality of private land conservation by sharing experiences and resources among experts and practitioners. This session will feature panelists from networks for private land conservation at all scales – local, regional, national, and international – who will discuss the value of networks for helping private land conservation communities make the greatest possible contribution to the achievement of local, national and international nature conservation goals.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 08:30-10:00

### **OG 4B: Connecting Universities with Land Conservation Organisations**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Nicole Ardoin, *Stanford University, USA*

Lluís Brotons, *CREAF, Spain*

Marianne Jorgensen, *Academics for Land Protection in New England, USA*

James Fitzsimons, *The Nature Conservancy, Australia*

**Moderator:** David Foster, *Harvard University, USA*

#### **Description:**

Academic communities can be a powerful force for positive environmental change locally and globally. Connecting university researchers with land conservation organisations and managers can leverage the strengths and benefits of each to achieve conservation outcomes. This session will focus on efforts underway to understand and foster university/land conservation organisation partnerships. The discussion will include questions such as: What are barriers to and facilitators of such partnerships? What makes a good partnership? When are university researchers best able to answer or address questions for land conservation organisations? When and why aren't

they? What kinds of successful partnerships already exist, and what support exists for those? Panelists will share perspectives from their experiences in the academic community and as land conservation practitioners.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 08:30-10:00

### **OG 5: Bridging Private, Indigenous, and Local Community Conservation**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Lillith Brook, *Government of Northwest Territories, Canada*

Ambe Chenemu, *Tłıchǫ Community Government of Behchokǫ*

Phoebe Rabesca, *Tłıchǫ Community Government of Behchokǫ*

Eddy Pena, *Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, Peru*

Julio Rolin, *Community of Boca Paríamanu, Amahuaca Peoples, Peru*

Dixon Kaelo, *Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, Kenya*

Lee Tindall, *Greater Sossusvlei-Namib Landscape, Namibia*

**Moderator:** Grazia Borrini-Feyerabend, *Council of Elders, ICCA Consortium, Switzerland*

**Description:** Land conservation by Indigenous peoples and local communities is of immense importance for nature conservation, sustainable self-determination, and human rights around the world. In many countries and regions, voluntary conservation efforts are key to protecting natural and cultural heritage in the ‘territories and areas governed, managed and conserved by custodian Indigenous peoples and local communities’—often abbreviated as ICCAs, or ‘territories of life.’ ICCAs are a governance type for protected area recognised by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and the Convention on Biological Diversity. The aim of this panel is to share the experiences, tools, and strategies of community custodians—from traditional land users, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, to civic land conservation practitioners.

Speakers engaged in Indigenous peoples and local community-led conservation efforts in Canada, Peru, Kenya and Namibia will explore key elements of their innovative models of collaboration with Indigenous governments and local communities.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

## **LS LAND STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

### **LS 1: Making, Maintaining or Breaking High Nature Value Landscapes**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Nathaniel Page, *Fundatia ADEPT, Romania*

Maiko Nishi, *The Satoyama Initiative, Japan*

Javier Beltran, *The Nature Conservancy, Argentina*

**Moderator:** Brendan Dunford, *Burren Programme, Ireland*

#### **Description:**

Within the overall category of natural landscapes, high nature value (HNV) farming landscapes are special because they have been shaped by centuries of low-tech, low-input farming or forestry. Their biodiversity largely relies on the continuation of these traditional land uses. Many high nature value landscapes, such as the species-rich grasslands of Europe, the satoyama landscapes of Japan, or the Gran Chaco forest mosaic of Argentina and Paraguay which will be presented in this session, are threatened by demographic change, the use of modern farming techniques and socio-economic pressures. Panelists in this session will provide an overview of the high nature value farmlands and landscapes in their geographies. In particular, they will explain how they are grappling with these threats and challenges, and what is being done to encourage landowners and land users to conserve these farming landscapes.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

## **LS 2: Utter Opposites? Conservation in a Commercial Farming Context**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Ilana Moir, *Colorado West Land Trust, USA*

Martin Lines, *Nature Friendly Farming Network, UK*

James Ryan, *Farm Environment Trust, New Zealand*

**Moderator:** Wolfgang Suske, *suske Consulting, Austria*

### **Description:**

In many countries, the share of land used for commercial agriculture is rising and ranks highest as compared to other land uses. Farmers, whether owners or lessors, can therefore potentially make an enormous contribution to nature conservation. However, intensification of farming, driven by economic imperatives and technological change, is having increasingly negative impacts on nature and biodiversity. Through what tools and strategies can farmers foster nature on their farms and minimise negative impacts, without compromising their quality of life and the economic health of their farm? What motivates farmers to conserve landscapes and biodiversity, particularly in an intensive farming context? In this session, speakers will present different approaches, from three corners of the world, of how and why farmers are succeeding in combining biodiversity protection with well-run, modern and economically sustainable farms.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

## **LS 3A: Tools Fit for the Job: External Support to Farm Conservation**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Derek McLoughlin, *European Forum on Nature and Pastoralism, Ireland*

Kevin McCann, *Conservation Outcomes, South Africa*

Marnie Lassen, *Trust for Nature, Australia*

Sjoerd Wartena, *Terre de Liens, France*

**Moderator:** Brendan Dunford, *Burren Programme, Ireland*

### **Description:**

This panel is a continuation of Sessions LS1 and LS 2, and will explore external sources of support, such as technical advice or financial assistance, for farmers interested in nature conservation. Speakers from Europe, Australia and South Africa will illustrate how external support is defined and implemented in different ways on different continents, and where the gaps remain in each case. Two issues which are currently topical around the world will receive particular attention: results-based payment schemes for ecosystem services, and access to land for young farmers or new entrants to the profession. The session will offer participants plenty of scope for comparison and exchange of models.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

## **LS 3B: Getting Together, Raising Voices: Uniting the Stewards of the Land**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Abdelwahab Afefe, *National Parks of Egypt, Egypt*

Olga Raposo, *FEDEHESA, Spain*

Tumwujukye Ok Amerito, *Land Forum, Uganda*

**Moderator:** Anton Gazenbeek, *International Land Conservation Network, Belgium*

### **Description:**

This session will focus on the bottom-up empowerment and self-organisation of landowners and stewards; in other words, how landowners and land users are networking and organising themselves for greater conservation effectiveness in very different ways and places. Panelists will address how in Uganda the users of the land are being empowered in a context in which the enabling conditions for effective private land conservation are elusive and many farmers are unaware of their rights; how in Spain,

landowners are organising to pool knowledge and resources to defend traditional 'dehesa' landscapes and their agroforestry in the face of new challenges related to climate, policy shifts and rural demography; and how in Egypt the indigenous Bedouin land users are maintaining traditional ecological knowledge and relationships to the land through cooperatives to sustainably exploit medicinal plants. Together, speakers will shed light on how landowners and users organise themselves on their own terms, and on lessons learned from their experiences.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

#### **Session 4A: IUCN PPA Guidelines - Ensuring PPA Permanence**

##### **Presenters for this session:**

Sue Stolton, *Equilibrium Research, UK*

Mike Jebson, *QEI National Trust, New Zealand*

Laercio Souza, *REPAMS, Brazil*

**Moderator:** Brent Mitchell, *QLF Atlantic Center for the Environment, USA*

##### **Description:**

The 'long-term conservation of nature' is at the core of the IUCN protected area definition. For government-managed protected areas this is usually embedded in the process of establishing a protected area in policy and legislation. For other protected area governance types the concept of 'long-term' is not always as straightforward. Defining long-term for any protected areas is fraught with difficulties and some government-managed protected areas may not be secure in the long term. This session will explore some of those difficulties, and potential, practical solutions.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 08:30-10:00

#### **LS 4B: Symbiosis - Inspiring Partnerships in Stewardship**

##### **Presenters for this session:**

Natasha Wilson, *South African National Biodiversity Institute, South Africa*

Mel Galbraith, *Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi Incorporated, New Zealand*

Carlos Sanchez Garcia-Abad, *Fundación Artemisan, Spain*

**Moderator:** Anton Gazenbeek, *International Land Conservation Network, Belgium*

##### **Description:**

This session will take an in-depth look at novel and inspiring partnerships in land restoration and management, and how they may be replicated elsewhere. These include community trusts in South Africa combining rural development with biodiversity stewardship, large-scale land and biodiversity restoration efforts by citizen volunteers in New Zealand, and partnerships between rural landowners and hunters in Spain. Panelists will discuss the advantages of such partnerships, their added value for landowners, and their impact on nature conservation. Key questions are how mutually beneficial partnerships can be forged, how shared conservation visions can be built, what motivates the partners to join, and how they remain committed.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 8:30-10:00

#### **LS 5A: Nutritional Nexus: Connections Between Food, Farming and Stewardship**

##### **Presenters for this session:**

Marc Vilahur, *Fundació Emys, Spain*

Cilla Pickering, *Conservation Outcomes, South Africa*

Dessislava Dimitrova, *Association of Slow Food Convivia, Bulgaria*

Henock Paul-Marie Sonangba, *Green Space-Espace Vert, Central African Republic*

**Moderator:** Wolfgang Suske, *suske Consulting, Austria*

**Description:**

As global food demand continues to rise, how can this growing demand be turned in favour of land conservation and stewardship? Speakers in this session will discuss their perspectives in connecting consumers with farmers who manage their land for nature and biodiversity conservation, the role of land stewardship in countries with high levels of food insecurity and low levels of environmental awareness, and whether novel foods and the rediscovery of traditional foods such as wild game can be an adequate response to climate change and its impact on land use and food production.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

**LS 5B: Talking the Walk: Communicating with Stewards, Stakeholders and Communities****Presenters for this session:**

Pamela Castro Figueroa, *Terra Peninsular, Mexico*

Ruben Khachatryan, *Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets, Armenia*

Edmond Staal, *Stichting het Limburgs Landschap, The Netherlands*

**Moderator:** Anton Gazenbeek, *International Land Conservation Network, Belgium*

**Description:** Private land conservation does not exist in a vacuum. Motivating more landowners and users to become stewards of the land for biodiversity means reaching out to them and to the communities they live in. The theme of this session is bringing stewardship and its benefits to local communities. How can local stakeholders be brought on board, supporting conservation? What are the best ways to approach them – formulae for success, pitfalls to avoid? How can conservation practitioners deal with communities that oppose land “being locked up” by protection? How does one identify those landowners and stakeholders who are open to conservation? What sort of benefits can one realistically promise? Land trusts and civil society organisations embedded in their communities and working with a broad range of stakeholders are invited to come to this session and share their experiences and lessons learned.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00

**LL LARGE LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION****LL 1: Forest Restoration and Conservation at Scale****Presenters for this session:**

Dian Agista Prihanggalasari, *Burung Indonesia, Indonesia*

Richard Campbell, *Save the Redwoods League, USA*

Barbara Promberger, *Carpathia Foundation, Romania*

Catherine “Tommie” Herbert, *United States Forest Service, USA*

**Moderator:** David Foster, *Harvard Forest, Harvard University, USA*

**Description:**

To provide a full set of ecosystem services (for example, to provide adequate supplies and quality of drinking water, provide wildlife habitat, and to provide opportunities for human recreation), forests around the globe must be thoughtfully protected, managed and, in many cases, restored to historic conditions. This session will offer several case studies about how NGOs around the globe are working to restore natural forests large and small. Attendees will have the chance to learn about exemplary strategies and network regarding how to adapt such strategies to conditions in their locales.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 10:30-12:00

## **LL 2A: Reclaiming our Freshwater Resources**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Adam Livingston, *Sequoia Land Trust, USA*

Spencer Meyer, *Highstead Foundation, USA*

Fernando Coz, *Fundación Chile Lagos Limpios, Chile*

Eva Vayhinger, *Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union, Germany*

**Moderator:** Jim Levitt, *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA*

### **Description:**

In the age of climate change, maintaining water quality and quantity for human and wildlife populations is increasingly difficult due to many factors, including watershed fragmentation, pollution, invasive species proliferation, and water rights conflicts. To rise to these challenges, water funds and other conservation and restoration mechanisms are pioneering methods to protect the places and natural processes that provide fresh water, flood protection, wildlife habitat, and other elements of water security. Participants will learn about several such efforts from North and South America, Europe and Australia, and will have the chance to discuss key issues with experts leading these efforts.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

## **LL 2B: Peer Learning and Collaborative Leadership in Large Landscapes**

### **Presenters for this session:**

Sharon Farrell, *Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, USA*

Wendy Janssen, *National Park Service, USA*

Bill Labich, *Highstead Foundation, USA*

Greg Moore, *Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, USA*

Hernan Mladinic, *Chile-California Conservation Exchange, Chile*

Dennis Shaffer, *Appalachian Trail Conservancy, USA*

Henry Tepper, *Fundación Tierra Austral, Chile*

**Moderator:** Shawn Johnson, *University of Montana, USA*

### **Description:**

Over the past two years, the International Land Conservation Network has convened the first cohort of the Large Landscape Peer Learning Initiative (LLPLI) to share insights and strategies regarding finance, governance, law and policy, and stewardship. These exchanges and in-depth strategic collaborations between large landscape conservation leaders from California, the Appalachian Trail in the eastern United States, Chile's Mediterranean Zone and Chilean Patagonia have generated a variety of significant, strategic and replicable results. Come meet several of the key participants and learn along with them regarding the power of peer exchange and collaborative processes.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 13:00-14:30

### **LL 3: Land Conservation and Spatial Planning**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Nathan Cummins, *The Nature Conservancy, USA*

Marie Grimm, *Technical University of Berlin, Germany*

Sabrina Wei, *Peking Forestry University, China*

Miquel Rafa, *Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera, Spain*

**Moderator:** Jim Levitt, *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA*

#### **Description:**

Civic and academic organisations in the field of land conservation and management (NGOs and non-profit organisations as well as colleges and universities) can be key players in shaping spatial planning and development patterns across large territories, from the Great Plains of the United States to interior China. This session will give participants the opportunity to better understand how such results can be achieved to steer a variety of decisions, from selecting wind farm sites to building connective landscapes that connect critical protected areas.

**Date and Time:** Thursday, April 23; 15:00-16:30

### **LL 4: Fire Resilience in Mediterranean Regions**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Lisa Micheli, *Pepperwood Foundation, Sonoma County, CA, USA*

James Fitzsimons, *The Nature Conservancy, Australia*

Marc Castellnou, *Pau Costa, Catalonia, Spain*

**Moderator:** Pedro Prata, *Rewilding Portugal, Portugal*

#### **Description:**

From the arid grasslands that surround the San Francisco Bay to expansive Catalanian agricultural regions to the Australian Outback, the prevalence and consequences of wildfire in Mediterranean regions are ever more urgent. How can land managers play key roles in managing such threats, protecting lives, property, and cultural and natural heritage from devastation? This session will bring together conservation leaders from Mediterranean regions to discuss the history, present situation, opportunities and strategies for managing wildfire risk in their places and landscapes.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 8:30-10:00

### **LL 5: Science-driven Large Landscape Conservation**

#### **Presenters for this session:**

Mark Anderson, *The Nature Conservancy, USA*

Joel Dunn, *Chesapeake Conservancy, USA*

Aranca Munoz, *Strategic Ecological and Urban Planning and Design Consultant, Spain*

**Moderator:** Carolyn Dupont, *Upstream Tech, USA*

#### **Description:**

Advanced remote sensing and geographic information system (GIS) tools can help planners, practitioners and citizens to identify where and how they can best focus conservation resources, and to precisely monitor and evaluate the conditions of protected places over time. The experts in this session will discuss how and why they are using such systems today to inform land conservation and management choices, and how they expect the art and science of such tools to evolve in coming years. Participants will learn about the potential relevance of current scientific tools in use and available for priority-setting and decision-making in their landscapes and will have the opportunity to discuss how these tools are being used in their geographies.

**Date and Time:** Friday, April 24; 10:30-12:00