**International Land Conservation Network and European Land Conservation Network**

**2020 Global Congress Agenda**

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**Day 2: Thursday, April 23rd 2020**

**Món Sant Benet, Sant Fruitós de Bages, Catalonia, Spain**

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[Image: Logos of various organizations and networks related to land conservation.]
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, *Droche Aptowitzer 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

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**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 offset initiatives, specifically global air travel.

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

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**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, QEII 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

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**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

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**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 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


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 Behchoko
- Phoebe Rabesca, Tłıchǫ Community Government of Behchoko
- Eddy Pena, Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, Peru
- Julio Rolin, Community of Boca Pariamanu, 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

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
Tumwijuku 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, QEII 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 Catalonian 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
Arancha 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