

REPORT ON THE 2021 GLOBAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAND CONSERVATION NETWORK



Montserrat Landscape, Oliver Freixas (Getty Images)

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Purpose, Progress and Potential: Advancing Private Land Conservation Across Scales

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Birds on a Rice field in Ebro Delta Natural Park, Tarragona, Catalonia, Spain, Gerold Grotelueschen (Getty Images)

INTRODUCTION

The 2021 Global Congress marked a significant moment for the International Land Conservation Network. By the time this third convening of the private and civic land conservation community of practice took place in December 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic was well into its second year. Management of the event, which was originally scheduled for April 2020, involved a number of logistical and organizational challenges as the pandemic changed our ways of working and connecting – evolving from an in-person gathering of around 250 people at Món Sant Benet in Catalonia, Spain, to a hybrid in-person and virtual format, then to a fully virtual meeting. ILCN staff and our network partners had to pivot quickly, navigating steep learning curves as we continued to forge and strengthen relationships and information exchange through digital tools in the absence of in-person connection. Quickly, it became clear that what had begun as a challenge was in fact an opportunity – that by connecting online, we could bring in and reach a broader community in the private land conservation space; and through the renewed and growing global recognition of the importance of nature for the well-being of people and the planet, we could build greater support for our work by emphasizing the relevance of voluntary, private action for land conservation, restoration, and stewardship to the climate emergency, biodiversity loss, and human health.



Mon Sant Benet, the original 2021 Global Congress venue (Photo courtesy of Hotel Mon)

The ILCN took full advantage of this opportunity, increasing the geographic representation of network participants who registered for and attended the 2021 Global Congress. The event had 908 registrants from 89 countries, almost three times the number of countries represented at the 2018 Global Congress in Santiago, Chile. From December 8-10, 2021, 432 people or about 48% of registrants joined the live event; many more individuals, who did not attend live due to time differences or for other reasons, engaged with the content and sessions asynchronously. For details regarding registrants and countries represented, see Appendix 1.



2021 Global Congress Event Page on Hopin Virtual Platform

The virtual format of the Congress allowed the ILCN to design and offer its most extensive and in-depth set of content sessions and workshops to date. 137 speakers from 37 countries contributed to 34 sessions across five thematic areas - Conservation Finance, Law and Policy, Land Stewardship and Management, and Organization and Governance, and Large Landscape Conservation and Restoration and two content streams - one on private land conservation in Europe, and the other on the

IUCN's Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas. See Appendix 2 for the full speaker list and country information, the Congress agenda and detailed session descriptions, with links to recordings.

CONGRESS PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

For the first time in the ILCN's history, the Congress took place in partnership with a sister network of the ILCN, the European Land Conservation Network (ELCN), and one of its key project partners, Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera (FCLP). Now known as Eurosite - the European Land Conservation Network, the ELCN came to life as a project of the European Union's LIFE Programme in 2015 following the inaugural ILCN

Global Congress in Berlin. It has evolved into an international network that works across all 27 member states of the European Union. The 2021 ILCN Global Congress served as the final conference of the LIFE ELCN project, and the beginning of a new initiative on private land conservation in Europe: European Networks for Private Land Conservation (ENPLC).

Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera, a leading organization in the land stewardship movement in Catalonia, was an invaluable partner and key sponsor for the Congress. The in-person event scheduled in April 2020 was to have taken place at a hotel and conference center owned by FCLP, a restored monastery known as



2021 Global Congress field visit to Montserrat Mountain (Photo: Brent Mitchell)

Món Sant Benet. Despite the fact that by December 2021 we had decided against an in-person meeting, Miquel Rafa Fornieles, FCLP's Director of Territory and Environment, led three Congress participants – Catalan conservationist Jordi Pietx, ILCN staff member Chandni Navalkha, and IUCN PPA (International Union for the Conservation of Nature Specialist Group for Privately Protected Areas) leader Brent Mitchell - in a short field visit to Montserrat that had originally been planned as part of a larger study tour of Catalan private land conservation sites. FCLP owns and protects, in partnership with the Government of Catalonia, a significant part of Montserrat Natural Park, a regional emblem and national treasure.

CONGRESS PRESENTED ONLINE

Due to time differences for Congress participants joining from the Americas and elsewhere, the ILCN broadcast a Congress Preview on the evening of December 8. The preview was introduced and hosted by Jim Levitt. It featured the first showing of the pre-recorded Congress keynote panel, as well as a brief overview of the agenda, ensuring that participants in time zones distant from Europe were well-informed regarding how to use the virtual event platform for asynchronous participation.

The formal proceedings of the Congress began at 9 am Central European Time on the morning of December 9. It was broadcast on the Hopin virtual event platform and was expertly run by ILCN and ELCN staff on three continents: at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Phoenix, Arizona in the United States; at the Peking University - Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy in Beijing, China; and at the ELCN in Berlin, Germany and Tilburg, Netherlands, as well as at Món Sant Benet campus in Sant Fruitós del Bages, Catalonia, Spain.

The convening commenced with introductions by Jim Levitt and Tilmann Disselhoff, followed by recorded video remarks given by Jennifer Morris, CEO of The Nature Conservancy, and Angelo Salsi, Head of the LIFE Environment Unit at the European Commission's Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA).

Following the welcoming remarks, we aired a pre-recorded keynote panel titled *Conservation in the 21st Century: The Green Recovery and Realizing 30x30*. The panel was moderated by Andrew Bowman and featured four outstanding conservation leaders from Africa, Asia, Europe, and North America: **Dr. Luthando Dziba**, Managing Executive: Conservation Services, South African National Parks; **Sally Jewell**, The Nature Conservancy Global Board Member, Former U.S. Secretary of Interior; **Jörg-Andreas Krüger**, President, NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union), Germany; and **Professor Li Zhang**,

Secretary-General, Alashan SEE Foundation, China (SEE standing for Society for Entrepreneurs and Ecology).



2021 Global Congress Keynote Panelists. From left: Andrew Bowman; Dr. Luthando Dziba; Sally Jewell; Jörg-Andreas Krüger; Li Zhang

After a full day of concurrent content sessions (see Appendix 2 for the full schedule), the first day concluded with the presentation of the Conservation Visionary Award to recognizing the roles of the government and civil society in Catalonia, Spain for their remarkable achievements in protecting nearly 33% of the land area of Catalonia to date through collaboration between landowners, civil society organizations, and government. Miquel Rafa Fornieles, Director of Territory and Environment at Fundació Catalunya la Pedrera, accepted the award on behalf of the Catalan conservation community as a representative of one of the leading organizations in the region working to protect Catalonia’s natural and cultural heritage. Prior to the award ceremony, Chandni Navalkha presented the certificate to Miquel in-person at Montserrat Natural Park.

A final address was delivered on the evening of December 10 by Tilmann Disselhoff, Jim Levitt, and Chandni Navalkha, highlighting the important steps forward made by the global private and civic land conservation community in addressing the climate and biodiversity crises, and the opportunities ahead as the world aims to protect 30% of our lands and waters by 2030 and to restore nature during the UN’s decade of ecosystem restoration. Throughout the Congress, remarks were preceded and elevated by musical recordings from Angela Mbulo and Garth Stevenson - dignitaries that were shown to participants at appropriate intervals to inspire and renew the sense of purpose and community that brings this community of practice together.



ILCN staff member Chandni Navalkha presenting the Conservation Visionary Award Certificate to Miquel Rafa Fornieles (Photo: Brent Mitchell)

The five tracks of the Congress, comprised of 37 pre-recorded panels, were well-prepared, professionally delivered and covered a wide range of relevant topics. Track leaders, moderators, and speakers organized the sessions over several meetings and recording sessions, demonstrating an immense amount of commitment to the network and to sharing their expertise at the Congress. Pre-recorded sessions were complemented by four virtual networking opportunities over the course of the two days, which allowed participants to meet with each other online and interact informally.

CONGRESS OUTCOMES AND FOLLOW-THROUGH

The third ILCN Global Congress aimed to build upon the momentum created at the 2015 and 2018 Congresses in Berlin, Germany and Santiago, Chile by once again creating a dedicated, inspiring gathering for private and civic land conservation practitioners to exchange expertise, ideas, cases, and innovations that will advance our collective work around the globe. We sought to:

- 1) Build a better understanding of the diversity of tools and strategies being used to protect and steward private or communal land around the world for the long-term
- 2) Highlight those tools and strategies that have the greatest potential to advance private land conservation in different country contexts
- 3) Foster productive, meaningful, and actionable relationships among experts and practitioners, fostering continued knowledge exchange, shared problem-solving, and a sense of community, and
- 4) Elevate the role and importance of private and civic land conservation in confronting the climate, biodiversity, and health crises in the context of the 30x30 target and the UN's Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

Through both the planning and execution phases of the Congress, the joint efforts of the ILCN and ELCN ensured that we followed through with our intended outcomes. Several examples are noted below.

- One of the most important outcomes of the Congress was the strengthening of the relationship between the ILCN and Eurosite-ELCN, which are now working together more closely than ever before, particularly through the efforts of Carolina Halevy as the ILCN Regional Representative for Europe. In the lead up to the Congress, the ILCN and Eurosite-ELCN collaborated on a proposal to the European Union's Erasmus+ programme. Immediately following the Congress, ILCN staff participated in a January 2021 ad-hoc meeting of EU stakeholders on private land conservation tools and instruments in Europe. We will continue to work together in close collaboration in future years.
- Similarly, another important outcome of the Congress was the partnership of and inclusion of the IUCN Privately Protected Areas Specialist Group training materials on the Guidelines for Privately Protected Areas. Brent Mitchell and Sue Stolton, co-leads of the Specialist Group, presented 5 dedicated sessions on the Guidelines. The ILCN will continue to work closely with the IUCN PPA Specialist Group, now under the leadership of Miquel Rafa Fornieles.
- Several speaker panels established good working relationships and connections while preparing and presenting in their sessions, leading to ongoing conversations and exchange on thematic areas ranging from cross-border conservation tax issues to the complex intersections between private land conservation and indigenous rights. For example, Candice Stevens, an ILCN Steering Committee member and moderator of several Conservation Finance sessions at the Congress, is now leading the IUCN's Sustainable Finance Specialist Group, and is planning to loop in several speakers who contributed to the finance discussions as that Specialist Group builds out its program. In another example, the session on Strategies for Private Land Conservation in Civil Law Jurisdictions brought together - for the first time- representatives of two countries (France and Chile) with a similar history and trajectory of passing and implementing new legislation for private land conservation in civil code countries.
- During the Congress, Jim Levitt introduced the forthcoming Policy Focus Report titled From the Ground Up: Land Trusts and Conservancies as Climate Change Solution Providers. The report details more than 10 examples of how private land conservation organizations and initiatives are addressing the impacts of a changing climate, from renewable energy siting to carbon

sequestration. Speakers such as Brendan Foran of Greening Australia and Nathan Cummins from The Nature Conservancy presented their cases during the Congress. The ILCN will continue to make the role of private and civic land conservation in tackling climate change a priority area.

- Kiragu Mwangi, ILCN's Regional Representative for Africa, joined a panel on Mobilizing Capital to Achieve the 30x30 Target, and is working closely with Peter Stein on developing a picture for conservation and biodiversity finance in Africa. Kiragu will take several of the ideas to the first Africa Protected Areas Congress to be held in Kigali, Rwanda in March 2022, where he will host a Knowledge Café networking session to determine the need and opportunity for an emerging network of African private and civic land conservation practitioners and organizations.
- The Nature Conservancy of Canada, a partner and supporter of the ILCN since its founding in 2014, has agreed to host the next Global Congress, likely to take place in mid- to late-2024. The exact location in Canada has yet to be specified.

ILCN and Eurosite-ELCN leadership and staff will continue to follow through on the opportunities that emerged, and continue to develop, through the 2021 Global Congress. We will continue to leverage digital tools to do so until we can once again bring together our community of practice in person. Although it took place entirely online, the 2021 Global Congress marked an important milestone in the evolution of our network. Consider, for example, the following comments received immediately following the event:

"A fantastic and inspirational event."

- Rupert Koyote, Environment and Climate Change Canada

"It was wonderful being able to participate in this fantastic congress. We in Australia are so pleased to be part of this large and growing network. I hope we meet face to face soon. Congratulations."

- Jody Gunn, CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance

"So wonderful to see the amazing exponential growth of ILCN since its beginning in Berlin. Taking private land conservation to the whole world is exciting and impactful. Congratulations everyone!"

- Andrea Tuttle, Former Director, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

"I was really amazed, what a masterpiece of organization! We are now, and by all means, a world class organization. [What] great quality of speakers. What was special were the variety of cultures, contexts and points of view each of them carried along, while still having a common language and goal. I would like to thank each and every person that turned this event into yet another historical moment."

- Angelo Salsi, Head of LIFE Environment Unit at the European Commission's Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)

APPENDIX 1

SPEAKERS AND REGISTRANTS' COUNTRY INFORMATION

Countries Represented by Speakers (37)

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan (China), Uganda, United Kingdom, United States

Countries Represented by Registrants (89)

Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Dominican Republic, DR Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Estonia, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Hong Kong (China), Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Jordan, Kenya, Latvia, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico (US), Romania, Russia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Zimbabwe

APPENDIX 2

CONGRESS AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Links to the recordings for each session can be found within the schedule on the following pages.

Alternatively, you may access the recordings by track via the YouTube links provided below:

Conservation Finance: [2021 Global Congress Conservation Finance Track - YouTube](#)

Organization and Governance: [2021 Global Congress Organisation and Governance - YouTube](#)

Law and Policy: [2021 Global Congress Law and Policy Track - YouTube](#)

Land Stewardship and Management: [Land Stewardship and Management - YouTube](#)

Landscape-Scale Conservation and Restoration: [2021 Global Congress Landscape-scale Conservation and Restoration Track - YouTube](#)

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Agenda



December 8 – 10, 2021

Online: Central European Time

Wednesday, 8 December 2021

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23:00 CET

Congress Preview



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9:00 to 9:15	<i>Introductory Remarks:</i> Video Greetings				
9:15 to 10:00	<i>Keynote Panel:</i> Conservation in the 21st Century: The Green Recovery and Realizing 30x30				
	Andrew Bowman President, Land Trust Alliance	Sally Jewell The Nature Conservancy Global Board Member and Former United States Secretary of the Interior	Li Zhang Secretary-General, Society of Entrepreneurs and Ecology (SEE) Foundation	Jörg-Andreas Krüger President, Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union	Luthando Dziba Managing Executive: Conservation Services, South African National Parks
	Track CF: Conservation Finance	Track OG: Organization and Governance	Track LP: Law and Policy	Track LS: Land Stewardship and Management	Track LL: Landscape-Scale Conservation and Restoration
10:30 to 12:00	<i>CF 1:</i> Mobilizing Private Capital to Reach the 30x30 Target	<i>OG 1:</i> IUCN Guidelines Recording Privately Protected Areas in Global Databases	<i>LP 1</i> Developing and Adapting Conservation Agreements	<i>LS 1:</i> Stewarding Grasslands: Good for Grasslands, Good for Climate, Good for Farmers	<i>LL 1A:</i> Peatland Restoration in the European Union <i>LL 1B:</i> Forest Restoration and Conservation at Scale
12:00 to 13:00	Break - Networking Rooms Open				
13:00 to 14:30	<i>CF 2:</i> IUCN Guidelines Incentives for Privately Protected Areas	<i>OG 2A:</i> Organization Building for People, Places, and Nature <i>OG 2B:</i> Strengthening Collaboration Through Data: Sharing and Democratizing Data to Increase Efficiency and Impact	<i>LP 2:</i> Tools for Private Land Conservation in the European Union	<i>LS 2A:</i> Land, Food and Livelihood: Conservation and Stewardship on Arable Land <i>LS 2B:</i> Managing Forests and Carbon	<i>LL 2:</i> Finding Intersections Between Conservation and Industrial, Commercial, and Agricultural Land Uses
14:30 to 15:00	Break - Networking Rooms Open				
15:00 to 16:30	<i>CF 3A:</i> Impact Investing and ESG Investments <i>CF 3B:</i> International and Cross Border Giving	<i>OG 3A:</i> Operating Ethically Through Standards and Practices: International Examples <i>OG 3B:</i> Private Land Conservation and Indigenous Rights: Developing an Ethical Framework and Good Practices	<i>LP 3:</i> IUCN Guidelines Ensuring Privately Protected Area Permanence	<i>LS 3A:</i> Talking the Walk: Supporting and Mobilizing Community-Driven Stewardship <i>LS 3B:</i> DIY Restoration and Conservation on Private Lands in Europe	<i>LL 3A:</i> The Role of Privately Protected Areas in Achieving Global Targets in Latin America <i>LL 3B:</i> Sustaining Nature Under Climate: New Science to Inform Conservation
16:45	Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony				



Friday, 10 December 2021

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	Track CF: Conservation Finance	Track OG: Organization and Governance	Track LP: Law and Policy	Track LS: Land Stewardship and Management	Track LL: Landscape-Scale Conservation and Restoration
8:30 to 10:00	<i>CF 4:</i> Carbon Payments for Conservation: Authentic Additionality	<i>OG 4:</i> Fostering Effective Collaboration Through Networks	<i>LP 4:</i> The Role of OECMs in an Integrated Conservation Landscape	<i>LS 4A:</i> Working Outside the Box: Creative Strategies From Land Stewards	<i>LL 4:</i> IUCN Guidelines Coordinating Privately Protected Areas with National Protected Area Systems
			<i>LS 4B:</i> Nature-based Solutions and Restoration of Modified Ecosystems		
10:00 to 10:30	Break - Networking Rooms Open				
10:30 to 12:00	<i>CF 5A:</i> Blended Finance and the Role of Intermediaries	<i>OG 5:</i> Involving Volunteers in Private Land Conservation	<i>LP 5:</i> Conservation Tools and Strategies in Civil Law Jurisdictions	<i>LS 5:</i> IUCN Guidelines Not Just Individuals: Exploring Other Privately Protected Area Subtypes	<i>LL 5:</i> Geospatial Technology for Tracking and Monitoring Conservation Effectiveness and Outcomes
	<i>CF 5B:</i> Funding Private Land Conservation in Europe				
12:15 to 13:00	<i>Congress Closing Remarks:</i> The Future of Private Land Conservation in Europe and Around the World	Tilmann Disselhoff President, Eurosite-ELCN	Chandni Navalkha Associate Director, Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy		



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Track CF:

Conservation Finance



10:30 to 12:00

CF1:

Mobilizing Private Capital to Reach the 30x30 Target

Tens of nations have committed to protecting 30% of their lands and waters by 2030 (30x30). Achieving this target will require billions of dollars of annual investment, far beyond current levels of conservation spending. In addition to profit-seeking capital, philanthropic capital will play a major role in closing the funding gap. Experts from key foundations and networks supporting land conservation will discuss what it will take to mobilize private capital to reach the 30x30 target.

Moderator:

Peter Stein

Managing Director
Lyme Timber Company

Andrew Mitchell

Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Equilibrium Futures

David Meyers

Executive Director
Conservation Finance Alliance

Sacha Spector

Director, Environment Program
Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

Kiragu Mwangi

Senior Capacity Development Manager
Birdlife International

Melinda Macleod

Program Director, Environmental Resilience
BHP Foundation

13:00 to 14:30

CF2:

IUCN Guidelines Incentives for Privately Protected Areas

This session will explore the range of incentives that have been or could be employed to catalyze 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.

Facilitator:

Brent Mitchell

Senior Vice President
Quebec Labrador Foundation Atlantic Center for the Environment



15:00 to 16:30

CF3A:
**Impact Investing
and ESG Investments**

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 unpack complex transactions, discuss the challenges and opportunities of impact investing in their places or regions, and share their perspectives on the relevance of this rapidly growing industry to the global private land conservation community of practice.

Moderator:

Candice Stevens
Head of Innovative Finance & Policy
Wilderness Foundation Africa

Peter Stein
Managing Director
Lyme Timber Company

Margot Kane
Chief Investment Officer
Spring Point Partners

Cullen Gunn
Executive Director/CEO
Killer Rural

James Fitzsimons
Director of Conservation and Science for the Australia Program
The Nature Conservancy

Giles Davies
Founder and Chairman
Conservation Capital Africa

15:00 to 16:30

CF3B:
**International
and Cross Border Giving**

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 unpack complex transactions, discuss the challenges and opportunities of impact investing in their places or regions, and share their perspectives on the relevance of this rapidly growing industry to the global private land conservation community of practice.

Moderator:

Philip Tabas
Special Advisor
to the North American Conservation Region of The Nature Conservancy

Roberto Peralta
Attorney
Peralta Abogados

Ma Jian
Vice President
Paradise Foundation International

Sandra Tassel
Program Coordinator
American Friends of Canadian Conservation

Karen Cooper
Lawyer
Drache Aptowitz LLP



8:30 to 10:00

CF4:
Carbon Payments for Conservation: Authentic Additionality

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 address recent controversies by sharing insights into how these efforts achieve additionality.

Moderator:

Peter Stein
 Managing Director
Lyme Timber Company

Christian Dannecker
 Senior Director of Global Sourcing
South Pole

Rob Wilson
 Director of Conservation Finance and New Conservation Strategies
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Andrea Tuttle
 Consultant and Chair of the Board of Directors
Pacific Forest Trust

Eron Bloomgarden
 Executive Director and Founder
Emergent Forest Finance Accelerator

10:30 to 12:00

CF5A:
Blended Finance and the Role of Intermediaries

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

Moderator:

Candice Stevens
 Head of Innovative Finance & Policy
Wilderness Foundation Africa

Marnie Lassen
 Conservation Markets Manager
Trust for Nature

Stephen Hart
 Senior Loan Officer
European Investment Bank

Urs Dieterich
 Managing Director of the Landscape Resilience Fund
South Pole

Adhiti Gupta
 Associate Director, Market Acceleration and Design Funding
Convergence





10:30 to 12:00

CF5B:

Funding Private Land Conservation in Europe

Funding for conservation on private land still constitutes one of the main challenges for landowners and managers alike. Using examples from different European Union member states, this session will illustrate and compare public funding sources for private land conservation on the EU and national level and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of existing programmes. Looking forward, the session will explore what role approaches such as results-based payments and tax incentives to foster the use of conservation easements and other site-based conservation activities.

Moderator:

René de Bont

Regional Coordinator

Federatie Particulier Grondbezit, Netherlands

Louise Dupuis

Project Manager for Taxation and Biodiversity

French Foundation for Biodiversity Research

Daan de Keukeleire

Service Projects Officer

Natuurpunt and Terrestrial Ecology Unit

Ghent University

Johanna Huber

Results-Based Payments Network

Suske Consulting



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Track OG:

Organization and Governance

10:30 to 12:00

OG1: IUCN Guidelines Recording PPAs in Global Databases

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.

Facilitator:

Brent Mitchell
Senior Vice President
Quebec Labrador Foundation Atlantic Center for the Environment

13:00 to 14:30

OG2A: Organization Building for People, Places, and Nature

The COVID-19 pandemic has reminded us all of the value of our work looking after nature and the historic environment. They are essential to everyone, they enrich people's lives and are part of the fabric of society. As we move forward, many organizations are thinking about how to build on the lessons of the pandemic, and how to leverage the underlying factors that enabled us to overcome the challenges it brought. This workshop will share case studies from International National Trusts Organization (INTO) member organizations demonstrating the value of engaging people in our work to protect natural and cultural resources. Staff, members, volunteers and supporters - everyone can make a difference. Speakers will also discuss how their organizations have responded with innovation, developing new strategies and activities that address both once in a generation emergencies and emerging trends.

Moderator:

Alicia Leuba
Executive Vice President
Red Bridge Group

Miquel Rafa Fornieles
Director of Territory and Environment
Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera

Catherine Leonard
Secretary-General
International National Trusts Organization

Christine Morin
Chief of Places and Engagement
Trustees of Reservations

Chao-Jui Chou
Nature Valley Environmental Trust
Taiwan Environmental Information Association

Chia-Sheng (Alex) Chen
Department of Land Economics
National Chengchi University

13:00 to 14:30

OG2B: **Strengthening Collaboration Through Data: Sharing and Democratizing Data to Increase Efficiency and Impact**

Earth Observation (EO), remote sensing tools, biodiversity monitoring results and the development of new data processing platforms are key issues that aim to improve the use of citizen science in nature conservation and to increase public involvement and commitment to implement biodiversity conservation measures. We would like to discuss how to achieve ambitious global conservation targets by bridging the gaps between citizens, policymakers, practitioners, and the scientific community to leverage modern monitoring and remote sensing technologies in their joint efforts.

Moderator:

Wojciech Mroz
Project Officer
Eurosite-ELCN Remote Sensing Support Group

Clive Hurford
Chair
Eurosite Remote Sensing Support Group

Aditya Agarwal
Founder
D4D Insights

Richard Lucas
Professor
Aberystwyth University

15:00 to 16:30

OG3A: **Operating Ethically Through Standards and Practices: International Examples**

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, organizations and networks in many countries are 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, Europe, 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.

Moderator:

Renee Kivikko
Vice President of Education
Land Trust Alliance

Guillermo Sapaj
Executive Director
Asi Conserva Chile

Bob McLean
Executive Director
Centre for Land Conservation

Henk Zingstra
Chair
Eurosite-ELCN Management Working Group

Carolina Halevy
Project Officer
Eurosite-the European Land Conservation Network



10:30 to 12:00

OG3B:

Private Land Conservation and Indigenous Rights: Developing an Ethical Framework and Good Practices

This session will bring forth perspectives on the steps private land conservation organizations and practitioners can and should take to consult and engage with Indigenous peoples and communities when undertaking conservation and stewardship projects. Through a moderated discussion, speakers from land trusts and conservation organizations in Canada, the United States, and Australia will share the steps and processes they are following in building an ethical framework for their work, and insights on good practices.

Moderator:

Nathan Cardinal
Senior Advisor, Indigenous Relations

Jennifer McKillop
Regional Vice President, Saskatchewan Region
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Nancy Newhouse
Regional Vice-president British Columbia
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Peter Forbes
Founder
First Light Learning Journey

Cissy Gore-Birch
Executive Manager, Aboriginal Engagement
Bush Heritage Australia

8:30 to 10:00

OG4A:

Fostering Effective Collaboration Through Networks

Private land conservation efforts are growing around the world, but are often fragmented, inconsistent, and operating at different levels of capacity. Recognizing 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.

Moderator:

Victoria Marles
Chief Executive Officer
Trust for Nature

Jody Gunn
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Land Conservation Alliance

Tilmann Disselhoff
President
Eurosite-the European Land Conservation Network

Sharon Farrell
Executive Vice President of Projects, Stewardship & Science
Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy

Marco Barrero
Director General
El Eden Ecological Reserve



8:30 to 10:00

OG5:

Involving Volunteers in Private Land Conservation

Support from volunteers is indispensable for most nature conservation organizations, but involving volunteers is also an important opportunity for private landowners to enhance their capacity for a wide range of conservation activities, e.g. site-based conservation measures, monitoring, fundraising or public relations. This session will present three examples of how conservation organizations involve volunteers to achieve their mission and discuss how volunteering goes hand in hand with the interests of private landowners working to advance land and nature conservation in Europe.

Moderator:

Stefan Versweyveld

Head of Department

Natuurpunt

Jóni Vieira

Co-Chair Working Group on Volunteering and Citizen Science

LIFE ENPLC

David Wortmann

Volunteer

Conservation Divers

Pieter van der Gaag

Director

Ecosystem Restoration Camps

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Track LP:

**Law
and Policy**



10:30 to 12:00

LP1:
Developing and Adapting Conservation Agreements

Conservation agreements - easements, covenants, and other legal tools through which land owners and stewards protect private and communal lands - are being used in and across diverse legal contexts. As climate change alters social and environmental conditions, and as the conservation community looks to achieve the ambitious 30x30 target, organizations around the world are adapting agreements and developing new approaches to meet the persisting challenges of permanence, adaptability, the changing interests of landowners, and building capacity and excellence. Panelists will share the innovations through which they are approaching the challenges of the moment and insights on how to diversify the toolbox for private land conservation.

Moderator:

Laura Johnson
 Co-Founder
International Land Conservation Network

Philip Tabas
 Special Advisor
to the North American Conservation Region of The Nature Conservancy

Sabrina Wei
 Professor of Law
Beijing Forestry University

Lisa McLaughlin
 Vice President of Conservation Policy
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Cecilia Reibl
 Policy Advisor
Trust for Nature

Jofre Rodrigo
 Immediate Former Executive Co-Director
Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura

13:00 to 14:30

LP2:
Tools for Private Land Conservation in the European Union

This session will provide an overview of the state-of-play of voluntary, contractual tools available for private and civic land conservation practitioners in Europe. Examples from various EU member states will shed light on current opportunities and challenges for upscaling private land conservation in Europe. The session will conclude with a discussion on how these tools can be used to implement site-based EU biodiversity and climate policy targets.

Moderator:

Carolina Halevy
 Project Officer
Eurosite

Anne-Sophie Mulier
 Project Officer
European Landowners Association

Tilmann Disselhoff
 President
Eurosite-the European Land Conservation Network

Margarethe Schneider
 Researcher and Project Coordinator of Contracts 2.0,
Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research

Francois Salmon
 Network Coordination Director
Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels





15:00 to 16:30

LP3:

IUCN Guidelines Ensuring Privately Protected Area Permanence

The 'long-term conservation of nature' is at the core of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (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.

Facilitator:

Brent Mitchell

Senior Vice President

Quebec Labrador Foundation Atlantic Center for the Environment





8:30 to 10:00

LP4:
**The Role of OECMs
in an Integrated Conservation Landscape**

This session will highlight the role that Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Mechanisms (OECMs) can play in supporting private and communal land conservation within integrated landscapes. OECMs are a complex yet unique tool that has the ability to support a wide range of activities that effectively conserve biodiversity with a diverse range of stakeholders. This will be showcased through practical case studies from South Africa, Canada and Colombia.

Moderator:

Candice Stevens

Head of Innovative Finance and Policy
Wilderness Foundation Africa

Daniel Marnewick

IUCN Green List Regional Programme Officer
IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office

Marcela Santamaria Gómez

Technical Coordinator
Resnatur (Asociación Red Colombiana de Reservas Naturales de la Sociedad Civil)

Lisa McLaughlin

Vice President of Conservation Policy
Nature Conservancy of Canada

Harry Jonas

Co-chair
IUCN WCPA Task Force on Other Effective Area-based Conservation

10:30 to 12:00

LP5:
**Conservation Tools and Strategies
in Civil Law Jurisdictions**

Private land conservation in civil code countries is advancing rapidly. This panel will discuss, compare and contrast the land protection tools, strategies, and experiences of NGOs in France, Chile, Spain, and Mexico, as countries that have passed enabling legislation in their civil law jurisdictions that permit flexible and enforceable land protection agreements on private lands 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.

Moderator:

Graham Chisholm

Executive Director
Audubon California

Vanessa Kurukgy

Lawyer, ORE and Land Strategy
Fédération des conservatoires d'espaces naturels

Hernan Collado i Urieta

Senior Technician in Law
Department of Legal Services, Barcelona City Hall

Henry Tepper

Strategic Conservation Advisor
Fundación Tierra Austral

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Track LS:

Land Stewardship and Management

10:30 to 12:00

LS1:
**Stewarding Grasslands:
Good for Grasslands, Good for Climate,
Good for Farmers**

Farmers and landowners around the world are taking the lead in management and stewardship solutions to protect and restore grasslands. This session will showcase how farmers are part of the solution to joint conservation and climate challenges in grassland ecosystems, and how they are taking innovative and positive action to address these challenges in places as different as Australia, Colombia, and the United Kingdom.

Moderator:

James Ryan
General Manager
New Zealand Farm Environment Trust

Jimmy Woodrow
Manager
Pasture-Fed Livestock Association

Rafael Antelo Albertos
Wildlife Connect Leader
World Wildlife Fund

Clare Cannon
Owner
Woomargama Station

13:00 to 14:30

LS2A:
**Land, Food, and Livelihood:
Conservation and Stewardship
on Arable Land**

Organizations and initiatives around the globe are working with farmers to protect nature while meeting the challenge of building more climate-friendly food systems and securing sustainable livelihoods. Speakers will share in-depth presentations on the different ways in which their organizations are forging solutions together with farmers in Argentina, Japan, Spain, and the Central African Republic.

Moderator:

Natasha Wilson
Park Expansion Manager
South African National Parks (SANParks)

Javier Beltran
Conservation Strategy Manager Argentina
The Nature Conservancy

Maiko Nishi
Research Fellow for the International Satoyama Initiative
United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability

Henock Paul Marie Sonangba
Managing Director
Groupe Oubangui

Ander Achotegui Castells
Director
Fundació Emys

Marc Vilahur Chiaraviglio
Director General
Consorci de les Gavarres



13:00 to 14:30

LS2B: **Managing Forests and Carbon**

Forest stewardship and conservation faces a range of issues, whether related to financing or regulatory challenges or to pressures from industry or local communities. This session will illustrate how different civil society stakeholders are approaching this array of challenges in innovative ways, in the forests of Uganda, Estonia, the United States, and Peru.

Moderator:

Andreas Gartner
Nature Conservation Consultant
Austria

Peter Stein
Managing Director
Lyme Timber Company

Misti Schmidt
Partner
Conservation Partners LLP

Tumwijekye Ok Amerito
Operations Coordinator
Land Forum Uganda

Virginie Dezetter
Head of the Communication, Culture and Gender Program
Amazónicos por la Amazonía

Pille Ligi
Board Member
The Nature Fund - Loodushoiu Fond

15:00 to 16:30

LS3A: **Talking the Walk: Supporting and Mobilizing Community-Driven Stewardship**

Around the world, it is imperative to protect nature by respecting and meeting community rights, needs, and interests. This session will illustrate examples of how private and civic land conservation organizations are supporting community-based conservation in very different country contexts, from Egypt to Romania to Ecuador. Participants will leave with a better picture of how NGOs and civil society actors can better support different kinds of communities in their stewardship and land management work and motivations.

Moderator:

Edmond Staal
Stichting het Limburgs Landschap

Abdelwahab Afefe
Ecologist, Nature Conservation Sector
Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency

Nat Page
Director
Fundatia ADEPT Transilvania

Sandra Verónica Enríquez Ruiz
Executive Director
Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco



15:00 to 16:30

LS3B:

DIY Restoration and Conservation on Private Lands in Europe

How can private landowners contribute to nature conservation and restoration on their land with simple but effective do-it-yourself measures? What can they do to support wildlife and integrate biodiversity aspects into agricultural practices and other land uses? This session will present examples from Spain, Belgium, Germany and other European countries of how private landowners have successfully integrated nature conservation activities into their land management without forgetting about the bottom line.

Moderator:

Anita Prosser

Co-Founder

AKTA Partnership

Ander Achotegui Castells

Director

Fundació Emys

Jurgen Tack

Scientific Director

European Landowners Organization

Eva Vayhinger

Project Coordinator

LIFE ELCN, NABU (Nature and Biodiversity Conservation Union)



8:30 to 10:00

LS4A: **Working Outside the Box: Creative Strategies From Land Stewards**

The 21st century demands creative approaches to land stewardship and management. This session will highlight how different organizations and initiatives are developing and implementing novel, and sometimes counter-intuitive, approaches to land stewardship and management in diverse landscapes. Speakers will draw from their work and experience in Russia, Australia, Spain, and South Africa.

Moderator:

Anton Gazenbeck
Senior Advisor
Eurosite-ELCN

Carlos Sánchez García-Abad
Director Research
Fundación Artemisan

Cilla Hilcove
Conservation Outcomes

Gareth Catt
Regional Fire Management Coordinator
Indigenous Desert Alliance

Nikita Zimov
Director
Pleistocene Park

8:30 to 10:00

LS4B: **Nature-based Solutions and Restoration of Modified Ecosystems**

Nature based solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits. This session will present examples from France, the Netherlands, Ireland and UK about how to turn to nature for solutions in a multi-stakeholder environment. Which models can be developed for sustainable management and restoration of modified ecosystems, which need to adapt pre-emptively to climate change?

Moderator:

Harm Schoten
Director
Eurosite - the European Land Conservation Network

Nico Altena
Manager
Natuurmonumenten

Chris Uys
Former Development Officer
Irish Wetlands Community Forum

Shaun Robinson
European Network for Prosecutors of the Environment
UK Environment Agency





10:30 to 12:00

LS5:

IUCN Guidelines

Not Just Individuals: Exploring Other Privately Protected Area Subtypes

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.

Facilitator:

Nigel Dudley

Co-Founder

Equilibrium Research

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Track LL:

Landscape-Scale Conservation and Restoration



10:30 to 12:00

LL1A: **Peatland Restoration in the European Union**

The Global Peatlands Initiative is formed in an effort to save and restore peatlands. Peatlands cover less than 3% of the earth's land surface, but they are believed to contain twice as much carbon as the world's forests. The destruction of peatlands is responsible for 5 to 7 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions. How can peatlands be conserved; how can they be turned into carbon sinks instead of sources? This session will discuss the challenges, conflicts, best practices and possible solutions from European perspective.

Moderator:

Dianna Kopansky
Coordinator
Global Peatlands Initiative at UN Environment

Hans von Sonntag
Campaign Manager
Global Peatlands Initiative and Eurosite-ELCN

Katrien Wijns
Project Coordinator
Interreg Care-Peat, Natuurpunt

Niall Ó Brolcháin
Research Associate
National University of Ireland, Galway

Leticia Jurema
Project Coordinator for LIFE Multipeat
NABU (Nature And Biodiversity Conservation Union)

10:30 to 12:00

LL1B: **Forest Restoration and Conservation at Scale**

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 using exemplary strategies to restore natural forests large and small.

Moderator:

David Foster
Director
Harvard Forest at Harvard University

Adi Widyanto
Head of Conservation and Development
Burung Indonesia

Nathalie Woolworth
Conservation Finance Program Manager
U.S. Forest Service

Barbara Promberger
Executive Director
Foundation Conservation Carpathia



13:00 to 14:30

LL2: **Finding Intersections Between Land Conservation and Industrial, Commercial, and Agricultural Land Uses**

A range of private sector stakeholders can be key players in shaping spatial planning, conservation, and development patterns across large territories, from the Great Plains of the United States to interior China. While conservation and industry do not always go hand in hand, companies and organizations are developing important and interesting partnerships reconciling nature conservation goals with industrial land uses. 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 connected landscapes that connect critical protected areas.

Moderator:

Jim Levitt

Director

International Land Conservation Network

Nathan Cummins

Great Plains Renewable Energy Strategy Director

The Nature Conservancy

Brendan Foran

Chief Executive Officer

Greening Australia

Shane Sparg

Conservation Partnership Manager

Birdlife International

15:00 to 16:30

LL3A: **The Role of Privately Protected Areas in Achieving Global Targets in Latin America**

Latin America has immense experience in the establishment of PPAs. This session will share learning and perspectives on the role of PPAs in achieving Aichi Target 11 in the region to date, and what it will take to achieve even more ambitious targets in the future. Speakers will share experiences from their decades of work in Argentina, Mexico, Chile and Peru.

Moderator:

Hernan Mladinic

Regional Representative, Latin America

International Land Conservation Network

Roberto de la Maza

Director

Vó.Bo. Asesores Integrales, S.C.

Pedro Solano

Former Executive Director

Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental

Ariel Genovese

Environmental Lawyer

Red Argentina de Reservas Naturales Privadas

Laercio Machado de Sousa

Project Coordinator

RPPN Pantanal



15:00 to 16:30

LL3B:

Sustaining Nature Under Climate: New Science to Inform Conservation

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 in the context of climate change, and to precisely monitor and evaluate the conditions of protected places over time. Mark Anderson, Director of Conservation Science for the Eastern U.S., will discuss new tools that The Nature Conservancy and its partners are developing 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.

Moderator:

Jim Levitt

Director

International Land Conservation Network

Mark Anderson

Director of Conservation Science for the Eastern U.S.

The Nature Conservancy



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8:30 to 10:00

LL4:
**IUCN Guidelines
Coordinating Privately Protected Areas
with National Protected Area Systems**

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 prioritization for protected area network expansion, better understanding of protected corridors and more coordinated management across the landscape. This session will explore experiences and challenges with PPA coordination with National Protected Area Systems.

Facilitator:

Sue Stolton
Co-Founder
Equilibrium Research

10:30 to 12:00

LL5:
**Geospatial Technology for Tracking
and Monitoring Conservation Effectiveness
and Outcomes**

One of the biggest challenges facing land trusts and conservancies today is conservation monitoring. Upstream Tech, a public benefit corporation based in the United States, is pioneering tools and technologies that enable land managers to efficiently monitor and analyze properties to ensure they are meeting their conservation and restoration objectives, on working and conservation lands alike. In this session, the Upstream Tech team will discuss and demonstrate their flagship product, Lens. Participants will learn about how they can use Lens, among other tools, to better protect their vital places and natural resources.

Facilitator:

Carolyn Mansfield duPont
Head of Growth and Partnerships
Upstream Tech