



# 2024 GLOBAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAND CONSERVATION NETWORK

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Agenda



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## 2024 ILCN GLOBAL CONGRESS: RELATIONSHIPS FOR A RESILIENT WORLD

Welcome to the fourth Global Congress of the International Land Conservation Network (ILCN), a program of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. With our Congress co-hosts the Nature Conservancy of Canada and presenting sponsor, the Royal Bank of Canada, we are honored to convene this remarkable group of land conservation practitioners and partners advancing a “whole of society” effort toward realizing ambitious land protection goals from Johannesburg to James Bay, and from Tierra del Fuego to Tokyo.

The 2024 Global Congress marks the 10th anniversary of the ILCN’s founding at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy as the only global network bringing together non-profit and non-governmental conservation organizations and initiatives to build capacity by sharing knowledge, catalyzing innovation and technology transfer, and nurturing and strengthening cross-sector, cross-border relationships for large-scale, long-term land conservation initiatives.

Over the past decade, we have seen the private and civic land conservation community grow and mature across six continents through the international exchanges that ILCN has fostered, including our previous three Global Congresses. As the urgency for action in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises grows, we recognize the importance of bringing together colleagues from around the world to work together, across boundaries, to connect our efforts and achieve lasting conservation outcomes.

We hope that these two-and-a-half days serve as an opportunity for inspiration, reflection, and learning through plenaries and panels on key themes and issues in conservation finance; land stewardship and management; conservation law and policy; organization and governance; and large landscape conservation. And we look forward to engaging with you in ethical space and in a spirit of reconciliation to consider how our global community of practice can complement and support Indigenous-led and government-led land conservation efforts to achieve the target of protecting 30% of the planet’s lands and waters by 2030.



**James N. Levitt**  
Director, International Land Conservation Network  
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy



**Chandni Navalkha**  
Associate Director, Land Conservation  
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Dear ILCN participants,

Just under two years ago, the world gathered in Montreal, Quebec, at the United Nations Biodiversity Conference COP 15, to agree upon a global target to protect 30 percent of Earth's lands and waters by 2030. The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) was also there to provide advice about how to achieve ambitious commitments for a nature-positive future.

Since then, we have accomplished so much. We have embraced the increasing complexity of the conservation space in Canada, brought in more partners and deepened relationships with Indigenous Nations and communities. We have also continued to invest in and develop tools to leverage the power of AI, to maximize the impact of our work. But there is still more to do, and we need ambitious partners from all sectors of society at the table.

Because of our success in bringing partners to the table and our impact across the country, NCC was approached to co-host the 2024 International Land Conservation Network Global Congress, presented by the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). The ILCN will bring together leading civic and private land conservation organizations and experts from six continents to strengthen the capacity of a growing community of practice. I am proud that NCC can collaborate on the Congress and bring attention to the progress we and other conservation organizations are making. I am also proud of my NCC colleagues who will be contributing to these important discussions.

From our work with RBC on the conservation technology project, to our collaborations with ranchers and producers under the Prairie Grasslands Action Plan, or our support of the Cree Nation Government in the development of the Cree Regional Conservation Strategy, none of these projects would be possible without our relationships with partners and individuals from all sectors of society who believe in the power of nature to address two of the world's most pressing challenges: biodiversity loss and climate change.

While there is much to do, I am confident that NCC's values of bold thinking, collaboration and empowerment will drive our success. The Congress is an opportunity for us to build relationships, share knowledge and learn from the experiences of our global partners. Continued investment from governments, increased private investment, and more collaboration on the ground are needed to support tangible actions to drive conservation action.

Because nature makes it possible.



**Catherine Grenier**  
President and CEO  
Nature Conservancy of Canada

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Kanata, also known as Canada, is the traditional and contemporary homelands of many Indigenous Peoples. Today, the Huron-Wendat Nation welcomes us on their territory called Nionwentsïo. Since time immemorial, Indigenous communities have been leaders on the land, building and nurturing relationships with the land and all it sustains. Despite the devastating impacts western conservation has, and can continue to have, on their communities, Indigenous Peoples are the resilient caretakers of this land and beyond, past, present and future.

With gratitude and respect, we acknowledge the significant rights and responsibilities of Indigenous Peoples to conserve and steward their traditional territories. Through collaboration and engagement, we can support and live in reciprocity with a network of healthy landscapes that will benefit us and future generations—places that provide an opportunity to connect with the world that is and hope for the world that can be.

Many of us are visitors on this land. We hope that you take some time now, during, and after the Congress to reflect on your own relation to place—the place you're from, where you call home now—and learn about the Indigenous caretakers past, present and future of the land you're on.

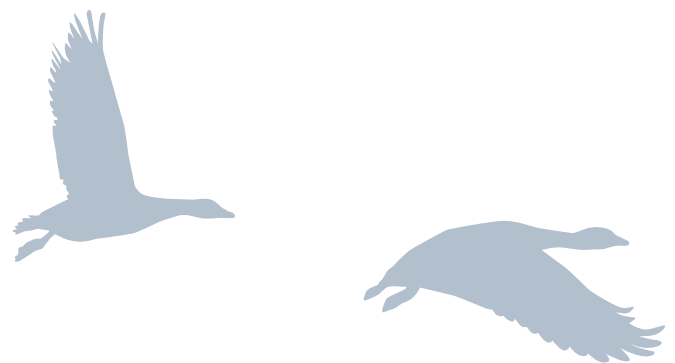
## CONGRESS THEME:

### **Relationships for a Resilient World**

Now more than ever, it is critical that we work together, across sectoral, jurisdictional, geographic and cultural boundaries to meet the urgent need for action in the face of the intertwined biodiversity and climate crises. The 2024 Global Congress will focus on how areas of primary importance to the land conservation community of practice—from securing sustainable financing to achieving ecological connectivity in large landscapes—depend upon acting collaboratively, relating ethically, and investing in partnership to achieve effective, equitable and enduring conservation outcomes at scale.

## CONGRESS GOALS

- To **increase public recognition of the relevance and contribution** of private and civic land conservation in achieving national and international goals for land protection, climate resilience, and sustainable development.
- To **share and celebrate Canada's achievements** in land protection and stewardship, including its commitment to conservation through reconciliation; the contribution of conservation on private lands; and the leadership of organizations and networks in working collaboratively across sectors to achieve conservation outcomes.
- To **facilitate knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning on good practice and innovation** in conservation finance; law and policy; land stewardship; and organization and governance among existing and emerging leaders in voluntary private and civic land conservation from around the world.
- To **build collaborative capacity** among organizations and practitioners to partner ethically and effectively with the Indigenous-led conservation movement.
- To **establish meaningful and actionable relationships** among practitioners from around the world that enable them to draw upon global expertise to secure effective and durable land conservation outcomes.



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## WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER

19:00–21:00 Welcome Reception

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## THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER

7:00–8:00 Breakfast

8:00–8:30 Opening Ceremony

8:30–9:00 Opening Remarks

9:00–9:30 Coffee Break

9:30–11:00 Tracks Session 1

**CF 1:** Catalytic Finance for Conservation at Scale

**OG 1:** Emerging Networks for Private Land Conservation

**LP 1:** Indigenous Land Trusts: Legal Challenges and Opportunities

**LS 1:** Connectivity for Resilience

**LL 1:** Urban and Inter-urban Landscapes

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–13:00 Tracks Session 2

**CF 2:** Generating Nature Positive Returns by Investing in Sustainable Real Assets

**OG 2:** Do You Trust Me? Building Partnerships Across Difference

**LP 2:** Private Land Conservation Agreements in Civil Law Countries

**LS 2:** A Perfect Match? Partnering Foodscapes to Conservation

**LL 2:** Indigenous-Led Conservation in North America

13:00–14:00 Lunch

**14:00–15:30** Tracks Session 3

CF 3: Financing Indigenous-Led Conservation

OG 3: Building the Capacity for Change Through Peer Learning

LP 3: OECMs: Will this Approach Help Halt and Reverse Biodiversity Loss?

LS 3: Workshop on Conservation Technology: New Tools for Monitoring and Reporting

LL 3: Regional Conservation Partnerships

**15:30–16:00** Coffee Break

**16:00–17:30** Tracks Session 4

CF 4: Roundtable on Biodiversity Credits

OG 4: Intersections Between Private, Government and Indigenous Governance

LP 4: The Role of Permanence in Conservation Agreements

LS 4: Stewarding Lands in a Changing Climate

LL 4: Rewilding and Restoration

**18:00–18:45** Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres

**18:45–19:30** Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony

**19:30–21:30** Dinner

**21:30–22:30** Networking / Socializing

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## FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER

**8:00–9:00** Breakfast

**9:00–10:00** Keynote Panel: Financing Large-scale Conservation Initiatives

**10:00–10:30** Coffee Break

**10:30–12:00** Tracks Session 5

CF 5: Innovative Financial Solutions

OG 5: Nature Needs Us to Scale-up: Are you ready?

LP 5: Pocket, Head, Heart: Three Tools for Living Landscapes

LS 5: Honoring and Elevating Indigenous Roles in Conservation and Stewardship

LL5: Network Perspectives

**12:00–13:00** Lunch

**12:45–13:30** Keynote Panel: Powering Conservation by Investing in Partnerships

**13:30–14:00** Closing Remarks

# Conservation Finance

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## CF1 Catalytic Finance for Conservation at Scale

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

Effective, enduring private and civic land conservation requires diverse, sound and sustained financing sources. This panel will address the growth and evolution of blended approaches to conservation finance, highlighting the role of philanthropic and private capital in underpinning the blended "capital stack" and attracting other funding sources. Panelists will walk through the building blocks of a blended finance transaction, discuss the increasing emphasis on outcomes and attribution to verifiable impacts, and reflect on the role of blended finance in catalyzing innovation, forging partnerships, and testing models that unlock philanthropic, private, public and investment capital for large-scale land conservation.

### MODERATOR:

**Rob Wilson**, Director of Conservation Finance, Nature Conservancy of Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**Joël Bonin**, Associate Vice President for the Quebec Region, Nature Conservancy of Canada  
**Rich Fitton**, Director, Finance Earth, United Kingdom  
**Kathleen Fitzgerald**, Project Director, Enduring Earth, The Pew Charitable Trusts, United States  
**Heath Nero**, Senior Program Officer for Conservation, Wyss Foundation, United States  
**Peter Stein**, Managing Director, Lyme Timber, United States

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## CF2 Generating Nature Positive Returns by Investing in Sustainable Real Assets

Investments in sustainable real assets represent a growing source of financing for land conservation. This session explores approaches to investing in real assets in the forestry, agriculture and ranching sectors that are designed to generate positive financial returns while achieving conservation-based biodiversity outcomes and climate solutions. Speakers will share examples of investment for protecting natural capital and addressing climate change, offer perspective on the investing landscape, speak to measurable impact outcomes and discuss the opportunities that investments in sustainable real assets presents for private and civic land conservation.

### MODERATOR:

**Peter Stein**, Managing Director, Lyme Timber Company, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**David Brand**, Chairman, New Forests, Australia  
**Kelly Gauthier**, President, Rally Assets, Canada  
**Brad Keith**, Principal, Sustainable Land Management Partners, United States

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## CF3 Financing Indigenous-Led Conservation

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

This panel will explore emerging efforts to decolonize funding models and accelerate financing for Indigenous-led conservation. Through case studies and examples on Impact Benefit Agreements, outcomes-based conservation bonds, biodiversity credits, carbon project development, insurance risk transfer products and permanent conservation financing models, speakers will discuss innovation in Indigenous-led conservation finance, emerging trends in philanthropy and non-Indigenous NGOs to support and finance Indigenous-led conservation for small to mid-size scale initiatives, and the critical role of embedding Indigenous process, governance, engagement and Free, Prior and Informed Consent into financing approaches.

### MODERATOR:

**AnnLisa Jensen**, Indigenous Conservation Program Manager, Nature Conservancy of Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**Kim Neale**, Vice President for Resilient Habitats, World Wildlife Fund Canada  
**Raine Playfair**, Director of Stewardship Funding, Coast Funds, Canada  
**Chief Anne Richardson**, Rappahannock Tribe, United States  
**Bryan van Stippen**, Program Director, National Indian Carbon Coalition, United States

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## CF4 Roundtable on Biodiversity Credits

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

There is increasing interest in biodiversity credits as an emerging approach to financing the protection of habitats, ecosystems and landscapes around the globe. This moderated conversation will unpack the concept of biodiversity credits, define terms, and share examples and cases of practical implementation in South Africa, Europe and New Zealand. Discussants will address the evolution of biodiversity credits, current debates and potential future application. Participants will leave with an understanding of the current state of play for biodiversity credits and their relevance to land and biodiversity conservation efforts.

### MODERATOR:

**Candice Stevens**, Founder and CEO, Sustainable Finance Coalition, South Africa

### SPEAKERS:

**Luciana Aquino**, Chairperson, Qarlbo Biodiversity, Sweden

**Tim Coles**, Director and CEO, RePlanet, United Kingdom

**Ash Knop**, Co-Founder and CEO, Wilderlands, Australia

**Tim Male**, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center, United States

**Ellané Van Wyk**, Head of Impact, Sustainable Finance Coalition, South Africa

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## CF5 Innovative Financial Solutions

New conservation finance models such as outcomes-based financing are using private capital to strengthen conservation efforts. Speakers in this session will discuss financial innovations that their organizations are spearheading to unlock finance and create new revenue streams for land and biodiversity conservation, forest restoration, ecological connectivity and protecting water resources. Participants will take away detailed examples of innovative financial solutions and their key role in closing the funding gap for conservation.

### MODERATOR:

**Peter Howell**, Executive Director, Conservation Finance Network, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**Peter Culp**, Managing Partner, Culp & Kelly LLP, United States

**Candice Stevens**, Founder and CEO, Sustainable Finance Coalition, South Africa

**Morrison Mast**, Senior Manager for International Programs, Blue Forest Conservation, United States

**Anastasia Mourogova Millin**, Partner, Ombrello Solutions, Canada

**Tee Thomas**, CEO, Quantified Ventures, United States



# Organization and Governance

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## OG1 Emerging Networks for Private Land Conservation

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

Networks play a critical role in advancing private and civic land conservation efforts around the globe. Sharing information, learning from peers, leveraging resources, and advocating for shared goals position networks to be a powerful force for achieving long-term, large-scale conservation outcomes. This session will share the status of emerging networks in key continents around the world, their achievements and impacts, and the strategic role they are playing in strengthening land conservation efforts in African, Latin American, and East Asian contexts.

### MODERATOR:

**Victoria Marles**, Chair, Australian Land Conservation Alliance, Australia

### SPEAKERS:

**Dickson Kaelo**, CEO, Kenya Wildlife Conservancies Association, Kenya

**Shenmin Liu**, Director of Siwu Nature Park and Member, Chinese Civic Land Conservation Alliance, China

**Kiragu Mwangi**, Director, Earth Positive Consulting, United Kingdom

**Rosa Karina Pinasco Vela**, Network Manager, Amazonia Que Late, Peru

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## OG2 Do You Trust Me? Building Partnerships Across Difference

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

Hear from organizations who are actively building partnerships with people who have historically been disconnected from land conservation; learn about enabling conditions; approaches to inviting people to join the conversation and participate in developing mutually beneficial solutions and strategies. There might be some mistakes you can avoid!

### MODERATOR:

**Renee Kivikko**, Vice President of Education, Land Trust Alliance, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**John Farner**, Executive Director of Land and Water, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

**Doug Humann**, Chair, Landcare Australia

**Maxi Pia Louis**, Director, Namibian Association of Community-Based Natural Resource Management Support Organizations (NACSO), Namibia

**Vikki Parsley**, Aboriginal Partnerships Manager New South Wales, Bush Heritage Australia

**Harm Schoten**, Director, Eurosites – the European Land Conservation Network, the Netherlands

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## OG3 Building the Capacity for Change Through Peer Learning

Peer learning—a dynamic way to share knowledge, experience, and insight between individuals within a shared field of work—is a powerful way for organizations and practitioners to accelerate the pace, increase the scale and improve the quality of conservation and stewardship efforts. This session will draw upon differing models for creating dynamic and experiential peer-to-peer learning and exploration. Participants will come away with perspectives on supporting effective and inclusive peer learning exchanges and initiatives from a variety of scales ranging from international to regional, followed by an interactive small group discussion.

### MODERATOR:

**Travis Anklam**, Projects and Education Coordinator, University of Montana Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**Alina Enggist**, Senior Program Officer, Trust for Mutual Understanding, United States

**Terry Supahan**, Executive Director, True North Organizing Network, United States

**Cecilia Riebl**, Senior Policy Advisor, Trust for Nature, Australia

**Jonathan Peterson**, Director, Network for Landscape Conservation, United States

**Catie Boehmer**, Assistant Director, Salazar Center for North American Conservation, United States

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## OG4 Intersections Between Private, Government and Indigenous Governance

The complex landscapes we work in often requires effective collaboration amongst private entities, Indigenous Peoples and other governments to meet our collective conservation goals. This panel will explore where these intersections exist and discuss how recognizing and respecting diverse interests, rights, and knowledge systems can lead to shared responsibility and equitable conservation outcomes.

### MODERATOR:

**TBD.**

Nature Conservancy of Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**Carolina Butrich**, Manager, Conservamos por Naturaleza, Peru

**Lanna Campbell**, Prince Edward Island Program Director, Nature Conservancy of Canada

**Karen Cooper**, Counsel, Centre for Land Conservation, Canada

**Daniel Oades**, Manager of Land and Sea Management Unit, Kimberley Land Council, Australia

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## OG5 Nature Needs Us to Scale-up; Are you ready?

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

The Global Biodiversity Framework is calling for countries to do more, faster, to safeguard nature. Many organizations are willing to do more but may not see the path to get to the next level. In this session you'll hear from leaders who have guided their organizations through big steps to accelerate conservation outcomes. Learn about what scaling means in practical terms; how did they know it was the right time to take their organization to the next level? What scared them the most about taking big steps? And finally, what are lessons learned from the process of scaling and advice for organizations at the cusp of growth?

### MODERATOR:

**Lisa McLaughlin**, Vice President of Conservation, Nature Conservancy of Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**Catherine Grenier**, President and CEO, Nature Conservancy of Canada

**Greg Moore**, Consultant, Greg Moore Consulting, United States

**Fred Nelson**, CEO, Maliasili, United States

**Angelo Salsi**, Former Head of Department, European Union LIFE Programme, European Commission, Italy

# Conservation Law and Policy

## LP1 Indigenous Land Trusts: Legal Challenges and Opportunities

This panel will focus on the intersection of private land conservation instruments and Indigenous rights. Increasingly, Indigenous communities are identifying the land trust model as a useful way to move towards land restitution and to revitalize Indigenous governance, culture, use, and care for lands and waters. Speakers in this session will share their insights on the opportunities and challenges that this approach, grounded in the colonial land tenure system, presents both to Indigenous communities and the growing number of non-Indigenous land conservation practitioners and organizations who wish to act as allies to support truth, healing, reconciliation, restitution and self-determination efforts. Participants in this session will leave with a better understanding of land trusts and associated land donation mechanisms for land restitution as interim measures on the way towards developing a more pluralistic legal system that upholds Indigenous law and worldviews.

### MODERATOR:

**Ian Attridge**, Indigenous Engagement Facilitator, Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts, Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**Becky Big Canoe**, Chair of the Board, Mno Aki Land Trust, Canada

**Patricia Nash**, Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area Program Manager, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources, Canada

**Erin Dann**, Conservation Coordinator, Otipemisiwak Métis Government of the Métis Nation, Alberta, Canada

## LP2 Private Land Conservation Agreements in Civil Law Countries

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

One of the most exciting developments in private land conservation around the world in the past decade has been the creation of conservation agreements in countries with civil law systems. This panel will feature a moderated discussion by conservation leaders and experts representing four countries or jurisdictions that have established and are now protecting private land using these agreements. The panelists will provide a current "state of the practice" assessment of how these agreements are working. They will talk about the agreements' effectiveness, their strengths and weaknesses, opportunities for protecting more and bigger landscapes, and key factors that facilitate or impede the use of the agreements, including but not limited to financial incentives, interest from landowners, the role of the public sector, the sustainability and long-term security of these agreements, and existing or future alternatives to this private land conservation strategy.

### MODERATOR:

**Henry Tepper**, Senior Advisor, Fundación Tierra Austral

### SPEAKERS:

**Julie Babin**, Director, Fondation Espaces Naturels de France, France

**Mathias Brummer**, Project Technician, Xarxa per a la Conservació de la Natura, Spain

**Brice Caillie**, Executive Director, Réseau de Milieux Naturels Protégés, Canada

**Roberto de la Maza Hernández**, Environmental Policy Director, Vo.Bo. Asesores Integrales, S.C., Mexico

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## LP3 OECMs: Will this Approach Help Halt and Reverse Biodiversity Loss?

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

There is significant interest in Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) from countries around the world as they look to meet national and global commitments to protect 30% of the planet's lands and waters by 2030. Private and Indigenous lands are likely to provide important opportunities for OECM identification. Policymakers and practitioners are interested in learning from each other in how to make informed decisions on whether an area qualifies as an OECM or not as well as how to include these tenures ethically and equitably. Speakers in this session will share the principles proposed by their countries or jurisdictions to identify, assess and designate OECMs and their relation to global guidance; discuss land use categories or conservation mechanisms that are likely to meet the OECM definition; and explore the challenges in classifying an area as an OECM.

### MODERATOR:

**Stephen Woodley**, Vice Chair for Science and Biodiversity, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, Canada

### SPEAKERS:

**James Fitzsimons**, Senior Advisor on Global Protection Strategies, The Nature Conservancy Australia

**Courtney Robertson**, Manager for Protected and Conserved Areas Recognition Unit, Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Clara Matallana Tobon**, Member, OECMs Specialist Group, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, Colombia

**Ruchi Pant**, Head of Climate Adaptation, Natural Resource Management and Biodiversity, United Nations Development Programme, India

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## LP4 The Role of Permanence in Conservation Agreements

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

This moderated discussion will explore the importance of permanence in conservation agreements, including the role of perpetuity in valuation, financial incentives, and enforcement. Speakers will share their perspectives on current debates about permanence, such as the responsiveness of these agreements in the context of climate change and the development and role of term-limited agreements. What's important about permanence, what might the future hold, and what is the role of land trusts and conservancies in these debates?

### MODERATOR:

**Laura Johnson**, former Director, International Land Conservation Network, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**Ailla Wasstrom-Evans**, Conservation Defense Fund and Education Manager, Land Trust Alliance, United States

**Jurgen Tack**, Secretary General, European Landowners' Association, Belgium

**Guy Greenaway**, Executive Director, Corvus Centre for Conservation Policy, Canada

**Sarah Brugler**, Lawyer and PhD Candidate, University of Tasmania Faculty of Law, Australia

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## LP5 Pocket, Head, Heart: Three Tools for Living Landscapes

Panelists in this session will share the policy, legal and financial tools they are using to achieve conservation outcomes by partnering with the people living in landscapes. They will highlight how their organizations and initiatives are building trusting relationships with land users, who voluntarily contract to deliver results, with freedom to work out how. This approach ensures that communities are included: retaining ownership, rights and decision-making power, choosing land stewardship aligned with conservation targets. The audience will hear how stakeholders gain economically from such stewardship and how they are supported and celebrated in delivering conservation outcomes.

### MODERATOR:

**Mireia Llorente**, Ecologist, Fundación Entretantos, Spain

### SPEAKERS:

**Brendan Dunford**, Founder and Manager, Burren Programme, Ireland

**Natasha Wilson**, Park Expansion Manager, South African National Parks, South Africa

**Anele Kumalo**, Biodiversity Stewardship Manager, South African National Parks, South Africa

**Jingyi Liu**, Research Analyst, Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, China

## TRACK LS

# Land Stewardship and Management

## LS1 Connectivity for Resilience

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

Among the many factors that guide conservation prioritization and planning, ecological connectivity is one of the most complex and crucial for the long-term resilience of landscapes in a changing climate. This series of presentations will focus on landscape-scale partnerships that are working with private landowners, public entities and municipalities, and Indigenous communities on cross-boundary land conservation initiatives. Through case studies, speakers will share their views on success factors for connectivity conservation, key challenges and obstacles that these cross-jurisdictional efforts face, and good practices around governance and stakeholder engagement that foster the commitment of multiple actors. Participants looking to advance landscape-scale conservation and stewardship efforts will come away with key insights and lessons learned to implement in their own contexts.

### MODERATOR:

**Deb Davidson**, Chief Strategy Officer, Center for Large Landscape Conservation

### SPEAKERS:

**Phil Huffman**, Senior Vice President for Regional and Global Programs, Quebec Labrador Foundation, United States

**Kateri Monticone**, Instigator and Strategic Advisor, Quebec Ecological Corridors Initiative, Canada

**Lucy Waruingi**, Executive Director, African Conservation Centre, Kenya

## LS2 A Perfect Match? Partnering Foodscapes to Conservation

Conservation practitioners tend to rely on legal protection, public payments and land acquisition to achieve conservation outcomes. Markets that reward landowners sustainably managing land and water resources are a powerful additional tool. This session looks at agricultural working lands, the largest private land use by area and an essential economic sector. Farmers are land stewards by nature but also have a business to run. By highlighting successful initiatives where market-based means (labels, accreditation, direct sales) are rewarding equitable, effective stewardship, the session shows how farmers can benefit from voluntarily conserving biodiversity, soil, water. Participants interested in bringing together conservation and agriculture will come away inspired by the speakers' perspectives on building partnerships, farmer motivation, certification and monitoring, consumer enthusiasm and spreading the message to other farmers.

### MODERATOR:

**Anton Gazenbeek**, Chair of Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate Working Group, Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network, Belgium

### SPEAKERS:

**Clare Cannon**, Farmer-Landowner, Woomargama Station, Australia

**Sarah Harris**, General Manager, New Zealand Farm Environment Trust, Aotearoa New Zealand

**Marcelo Frias**, Manager, Fundación Dos Hermanas, Argentina

**Anna Jamieson**, Business Manager, Swedish Pasture Beef and Lamb Association, Sweden

**Alex Maisey**, Research Fellow, La Trobe University

**Florencia Morales Pauli**, PPA Specialist, Red Argentina de Reservas Naturales Privadas

**Maiko Nishi**, Research Fellow, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability, Japan

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## LS3 Workshop on Conservation Technology: New Tools for Efficient Monitoring and Reporting

Increasing the pace, scale and quality of land conservation globally requires that this community of practice access and implement new solutions and technologies that support the stewardship of protected lands. Similarly, it is crucial that land conservation and stewardship is accurately recognized and reported to 'count' towards national and global targets such as 30x30. This workshop will provide an introduction to tools that can support the efficiency and effectiveness of conservation organizations by leveraging affordable remote monitoring, data management and reporting solutions. Participants will learn use cases for these tools and better understand the role they play in supporting long-term land stewardship.

**MODERATOR:**

**Chandni Navalkha**, Associate Director of Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

**SPEAKERS:**

**Jake Faber**, Growth and Partnership Lead for Lens, Upstream Tech, United States

**Alanah Lewis**, Associate Program Officer, United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre, United Kingdom

**Justin Madron**, Associate Director, Center for Geospatial Solutions, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

**Marie-Michèle Rousseau-Clair**, Chief Conservation Officer, Nature Conservancy of Canada

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## LS4 Stewarding Lands in a Changing Climate

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

As climate change increases the risks of droughts, fires, floods and extreme weather events, land conservation organizations have an important role to play in stewarding conserved lands to be resilient to its impacts and in the recovery process. This session will use case studies from around the world to explore the impacts of climate change on privately protected lands and the preparedness activities being implemented by private land conservation organizations and landholder networks. Participants will come away with an understanding of what it takes to steward lands in a changing climate and approaches that may be adapted to their geographies and jurisdictions.

**MODERATOR:**

**Shawn Johnson**, Director, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy, University of Montana, United States

**SPEAKERS:**

**Javier Beltran**, Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy, Argentina

**Gareth Catt**, Desert Project Manager, Indigenous Desert Alliance, Australia

**Jody Gunn**, CEO, Australian Land Conservation Alliance, Australia

**Miquel Rafa Fornieles**, Director for Sustainability and Nature, Fundació Catalunya La Pedrera and Chair, IUCN Specialist Group on Privately Protected Areas, Spain

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## LS5 Honoring and Elevating Indigenous Roles in Conservation and Stewardship

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

This panel will explore approaches to land management, stewardship, and interpretation that reflect true partnership with Tribal and Indigenous Nations. What does it mean to honor and elevate Tribal and Indigenous roles in land conservation and stewardship? How might conservation practitioners and organizations question assumptions, re-orient practice and advance new ways of working to recognize, respect and support Indigenous history, knowledge, rights and practice? Speakers will address these questions and share examples of successful land stewardship and management models that focus on the conservation of both natural and cultural resources with Tribal and Indigenous Nations.

**MODERATOR:**

**Alicia Leuba**, Vice President for Resource Management, National Parks Foundation

**SPEAKERS:**

**Dr. Ken Lucero**, Tribal and Indigenous Lands Director, Trust for Public Land, United States

**Patricia Saulis**, Executive Director, Maliseet Nation Conservation Council, Canada

**Kylie Willison**, Te Mahi a-Nuku, Ngai Tamarawaho, Aotearoa New Zealand

**Sylvia Hemoata Willison**, Chief Executive Officer of Huria Trust and Chairperson of the Huria Marae, Aotearoa New Zealand

## TRACK LL

# Large Landscape Conservation

### LL1 Urban and Inter-urban Landscapes

This series of presentations will focus on land conservation initiatives in urban areas, and on corridors that connect urban settlements to improve the quality of life for residents and create essential ecosystem services that sustain life in and around cities in the face of climate change. Panelists will address how disparate organizations across the public, private, non-profit, academic sectors, and in local and Indigenous communities can join forces to achieve initiative success in complex cultural and ecological settings. Participants will come away with concepts that will help them design and achieve such outcomes in their own communities.

#### MODERATOR:

**Jim Levitt**, ILCN Director, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

#### SPEAKERS:

**Amanda Alfonso**, Land Conservation Specialist, Tierra Austral Foundation, Chile

**Jennifer Gooden**, President and CEO, Biophilia Foundation, United States

**David Marquis**, Author and Activist, The River Always Wins, United States

**Tomasz Wiercioch**, Program Manager, Cootes to Escarpment Corridor, Canada

### LL2 Indigenous-led Conservation in North America

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

This panel offers insight into Indigenous-led conservation initiatives in Canada and the United States, including the two recipients of the 2024 ILCN Conservation Visionary Awards. Speakers will offer in-depth narratives of landscape-scale, collaborative conservation projects ranging in size from hundreds to millions of hectares. Participants will develop an understanding of how such efforts were organized at the community and national levels, how they were able to endure and advance over sometimes very long periods of time, and how they will be stewarded by successive generations capable of "two-eyed seeing" that encompasses both traditional Indigenous knowledge and the latest scientific tools and techniques.

#### MODERATOR:

**Jim Levitt**, ILCN Director, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

#### SPEAKERS:

**Erin Dunn**, Metis National Council, Ottawa, Canada

**Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty**, Eeyou Istchee, Quebec, Canada

**Chief Anne Richardson**, Rappahannock Tribe, Virginia, United States

**Jimmy Ullikatalik**, Project Manager, Aviqtuuq Inuit Protected & Conserved Area, Nunavut, Canada

### LL3 Regional Conservation Partnerships

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

Regional partnerships encompass a diversity of civic, public, private, academic and Indigenous organizations that collaborate over time, space and sectoral boundaries to build corridors of protected lands that provide a multiplicity of benefits, including wildlife habitat protection, recreational resources, abundant clean water supplies and carbon sequestration. Panelists in this session will discuss several key tools essential to the establishment of such partnerships, including flexible organizational design and creative funding strategies. Congress participants will gain insight into the individuals, organizations, and methodologies used to pioneer such collaborations on both "shoulders of the continent," of North America from the Rocky Mountains to Appalachian highlands.

#### MODERATOR:

**Jim Levitt**, ILCN Director, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

#### SPEAKERS:

**Jeremy Guth**, Trustee, Woodcock Foundation, Canada and ARC Founding Sponsor, Canada

**Jody Hilty**, President and Chief Scientist, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative, United States

**Phil Huffman**, Vice President, Quebec-Labrador Foundation, United States

**Melanie Lelievre**, President and CEO, Corridor Appalachen, Canada

**John Lounds**, Co-founder, Centre for Land Conservation, Canada

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## LL4 Rewilding and Restoration

The restoration and rewilding of natural areas managed by civic, public, private and Indigenous organizations is a rapidly growing conservation practice. Speakers on this panel will discuss new research regarding the relevance of rewilding; biocultural indicators and the impact of wildlife and large mammals on landscapes; and new organizational structures formed to produce measurable and enduring outcomes yielded by restored and rewilded areas. Congress participants will come away with a variety of perspectives on understanding the considerable growth, significance and current debates around this approach to land stewardship.

### MODERATOR:

**Jon Leibowitz**, President and CEO, Northeast Wilderness Trust, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**Justin Bruised Head**, Coordinator, Blackfoot Guardians of the East Slopes of the Rockies Project, Blackfoot Confederacy, Canada

**Ana Ibarra**, Regional Director for Mexico and Latin America, Bat Conservation International, Mexico

**Nigel Sharp**, Chairman and Founder, Odonata Foundation, Australia

**Oswald Schmitz**, Professor, Yale School of the Environment, United States

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## LL5 Network Perspectives

*This panel will be broadcast and will be available in English and French*

This moderated conversation invites the leaders of civic land conservation organizations from around the world to offer their reflections on the growth of the private and civic land conservation movement over the past quarter century, and to offer their reflections on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Congress participants will take away insights from seasoned leaders in the land trust and private land conservation movement and will have a chance to share their own perspectives on the evolution of the field—a field that will be critical to our collective ability to sustain natural systems around the globe in the 21st century.

### MODERATOR:

**Jim Levitt**, ILCN Director, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, United States

### SPEAKERS:

**Tilman Disselhoff**, President, Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network, Germany

**Jody Gunn**, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Land Conservation Alliance, Australia

**Jennifer Miller Herzog**, Interim CEO and President, Land Trust Alliance, United States

**Renata Woodward**, Executive Director, Alliance of Canadian Land Trusts, Canada

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