

RELATIONSHIPS  
FOR A RESILIENT  
WORLD



# 2024 GLOBAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAND CONSERVATION NETWORK

October 16–18, 2024 | Québec, Canada



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, ILCN is honored to convene this remarkable group of land conservation practitioners and partners from across the non-profit, Indigenous, private, public and academic sectors who are advancing a “whole of society” effort toward realizing ambitious national and global land protection targets across six continents.

## 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 Nionwentsio. 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

**Jim Levitt**, Director of International Land Conservation Network, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

**Lisa McLaughlin**, Vice President of Conservation Policy and Planning, Nature Conservancy of Canada

**Janice Wattis**, Board Chair, Nature Conservancy of Canada

**Rob Prosper**, Vice Chair of the Board, Nature Conservancy of Canada

**Thea Silver**, Senior Director of Environmental Impact, Royal Bank of Canada

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## THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER

7:00–8:00 Breakfast

### 8:00–8:30 Opening Ceremony

### 8:30–9:00 Opening Remarks

**David Blair**, President of Québec Regional Board, Nature Conservancy of Canada

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

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

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: Conservation Technology: New Tools for Monitoring and Reporting

\*LL 3: Regional Conservation Partnerships

● CF: Conservation Finance

● LP: Law and Policy

● LL: Large Landscape Conservation

● OG: Organization and Governance

● LS: Land Stewardship and Management

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\*Sessions marked with an \* will be broadcast online and will be available in English with live translation to French

Find full program and track details at:  
[landconservationnetwork.org/2024-global-congress](https://landconservationnetwork.org/2024-global-congress)

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

**Benoit Charette**, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec

**Chief Anne Richardson**, Rappahannock Tribe

**Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty**, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Cree Nation Government

19:30–21:30 Dinner

21:30–22:30 Networking / Socializing

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## FRIDAY, 18 OCTOBER

7:45–8:45 Breakfast

## 8:45–9:00 Opening Remarks

**Vincent Bourret**, Director of the Nionwentsio Office, Huron-Wendat First Nation

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

**MODERATOR: Jim Levitt**, Director of International Land Conservation Network, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

**PANELISTS: Andrew Day**, CEO BC Parks Foundation; **Kathleen Fitzgerald**, Project Director, Enduring Earth;

**Eugenio Rengifo Grau**, Executive Director, Fondo Naturaleza Chile; **Lorenzo de Rosenzweig**, CEO, Terra Habitus A.C.

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

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

**PANELISTS: The Honorable Steven Guilbeault**, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada;

**Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty**, Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee), Cree Nation Government;

**Elliott Cappell**, Partner, National Climate Change Leader, PwC Canada; **Carla Smith**, Executive Vice President and Chief People, Strategy and Climate Officer, Intact Financial Corporation

## 13:30–14:00 Closing Remarks

**Jim Levitt**, Director of International Land Conservation Network, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

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

**Dawn Carr**, Director of Strategic Conservation, Nature Conservancy of Canada

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