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Relationships for a resilient world

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Migrating Greater Snow Geese at Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Refuge, Quebec in October 2024 Photo Credit: Tooey Rogers

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INTRODUCTION

The 2024 ILCN Global Congress and several pre-Congress events spanned a total of six days, including a pre-Congress Study Tour from Montreal to Sherbrooke, Bromont, and Beauport, Quebec, from Sunday, October 13 to Tuesday, October 15; a pre-Congress field trip to Cap Tourmente on Wednesday, October 16; and the ILCN Global Congress itself, which was held from the evening of October 16 to the afternoon of Friday, October 18.

This fourth Global Congress of the ILCN marked the network's 10th anniversary. The gathering took place at the Delta Mont Sainte Anne Hotel and Conference Center in Beauport, Quebec (located about 50 kilometers east of Quebec City). It was the ILCN's first fully hybrid and largest in-person Congress, convening approximately 265 participants from 24 countries in-person in Quebec and an additional 232 registrants from 36 countries online. Together, these approximately 500 attendees represented 43 countries across 6 continents. The Congress was co-hosted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Canada's leading non-profit land conservation organization and a key network partner and supporter of the ILCN since its creation.

The ILCN was founded at a September 2014 charter meeting held over two days at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy's offices in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and at the Land Trust Alliance Rally in Providence, Rhode Island. In the decade since, the private and civic land conservation community has continued to [grow and mature](#) across six continents. That growth has been facilitated by the international exchanges that the ILCN has fostered, including its three previous Global Congresses held in Berlin, Germany, in 2015; Santiago, Chile, in 2018; and online (with, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a modest in-person gathering in Barcelona, Spain) in 2021.

The 2024 Global Congress built upon the relationships and themes coming out of these previous convenings to address the key challenge facing the global private and civic land conservation community of practice: the urgency for action in the face of the climate and biodiversity crisis. An important part of the context for the 2024 ILCN Global Congress is the agreement made in 2022 by more than 190 countries participating in the 15th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity to protect 30 percent of the earth's lands and waters by 2030 through the establishment of protected and conserved areas in order to halt biodiversity loss and protect functioning ecosystems.

Achieving this ambitious target will require realizing the potential of all sectors of society to contribute to land conservation efforts, working across geographic, sectoral, jurisdictional, cultural, and disciplinary boundaries to deliver equitable, effective, and enduring conservation outcomes.

Accordingly, the 2024 ILCN Global Congress theme, "Relationships for a Resilient World," reflected its focus on advancing a whole-of-society, partnership-based approach to conservation, with a particular emphasis on the importance of building capacity within the global private and civic land conservation community of practice to relate and partner ethically with Indigenous peoples and communities. The Congress [program](#) (available, along with other conference materials and videos, at www.landconservationnetwork.org/2024-global-congress) was guided by and integrated Indigenous voices, perspectives, and conservation practice throughout the conference proceedings. The gathering brought together practitioners, decision-makers, and supporters from across the Indigenous, non-profit, academic, industry, and government sectors who are investing in partnerships for conservation action.

Canada is at the forefront of private and civic land conservation globally, with non-profit and non-governmental organizations helping to lead a growing community that is protecting hundreds of millions of hectares of ecologically significant lands across the country. It is also at the forefront in grappling with the complex history and practice of traditional and colonial conservation models through transformational change.

The conservation-through-reconciliation approach that Canadian organizations are advancing recognizes the importance of the Indigenous-led conservation movement and is driven by the imperative for mutual cultural respect, systems change, and

strengthening collective efforts by rooting conservation in reciprocity and mutual care. The 2024 Global Congress provided an important opportunity for the global private and civic land conservation community to learn from Canada’s unique experience and leadership to some of the most challenging issues facing conservation today, and to bring knowledge and learning from around the world to inspire and inform Canadian conservation policy and practice.

Canadian experiences and perspectives were interwoven with international perspectives throughout the Congress, which included 128 speakers from 24 countries across 6 continents. Speakers shared expertise, inspiration, reflection, and learning through 27 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. See the Appendices for the number of participants and country information; the full Congress program, including speakers and session descriptions, with links to recordings; the list of participants and their organizations and country information; and participant bios.

PRE-CONGRESS STUDY TOUR

Prior to the Congress, ILCN staff led a two-and-a-half day study tour for 32 friends of the ILCN (including a delegation from the Australian Land Conservation Alliance) to three sites in Quebec that represent exemplary cases of large landscape conservation in the region: Mount Royal in Montreal, Quebec; Mount Foster in the municipality of Saint-Étienne-de-Bolton, Quebec; and Mount Gale in Bromont, Quebec. The study tour was supported by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Canada’s Centre for Land Conservation and the Power Corporation of Canada.

The study tour began on October 13 with a dinner in Montreal, Quebec, where Phil Huffman, Senior Vice President for Regional & Global Programs at the Quebec-Labrador Foundation, shared a presentation on the Staying Connected Initiative, a pioneering and enduring transboundary large landscape conservation effort working to maintain landscape connectivity across the Northern Appalachian – Acadian region of the United States and Canada.

On the following day, October 14, study tour participants visited Mount Royal in Montreal, Canada, one of the country’s oldest urban parks. Helene Panaioti, Executive Director of *Les Amis de la Montagne* (Friends of the Mountain) led the participants on a tour of the site. Later that day, participants travelled to the Sutton mountains for a site visit to a privately protected forest that forms part of a network of protected areas. The visit was led by Joël Bonin, Associate Vice President for the Nature Conservancy of Canada in Quebec, who has been leading landscape-scale conservation efforts in the region for more than three decades.



*Study tour participants at the Belvedere on Mount Royal, Quebec, Canada
Photo Credit: Robin Lawson*

At dinner that evening, the group was joined by Mélanie Lelievre, Executive Director of Corridor Appalachien (also known, in English, as Appalachian Corridor). Lelievre discussed the history, growth, and evolution of the organization and its strategy to foster collaborative, landscape-scale conservation efforts in the Eastern Townships region of Quebec.

On October 15, the study tour group traveled to Bromont, Quebec, to visit Mount Gale, an exemplary private land conservation project led by Corridor Appalachien. The land protection project brought together funding from the Government of Quebec, private donors, foundations, citizen volunteers and a record-breaking municipal financial contribution from the City of Bromont. Participants learned from several project champions, including the Mayor of Bromont, about the role of Corridor Appalachien in financing and implementing the project with cross-boundary, cross-sectoral support, including strong support from the local community. At the conclusion of the site visit, participants continued to the Delta Mont Sainte Anne Hotel in Beaupré, Quebec.



*The study tour group at Mount Gale in Quebec
Photo Credit: Tooley Rogers*

PRE-CONGRESS FIELD TRIP

On October 16, the study tour group joined fellow Congress guests for the Congress field trip, organized by the Nature Conservancy of Canada. The Congress field trip to the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Refuge included more than 50 Congress participants. It was led by Hubert Pelletier, Quebec Director of Partnerships for the Nature Conservancy of Canada, who introduced attendees to the region.



*Field trip attendees at Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Refuge
Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN*

Attendees learned about the cultural and ecological importance of the refuge from Richard Gravel, Coordinator of the Ya'nienhonhndeh protected area for the Nionwentsio Office of the Huron-Wendat First Nation, on whose territory the refuge was established and who, along with the Innu people, graciously hosted the Congress on their ancestral lands.

During the field trip, attendees observed a huge assemblage of tens of thousands of Greater Snow Geese that stop over, along their migration, at mud flats and marshes of the refuge along the St. Lawrence River. These mud flats and marshes are a critical stop during the annual southward fall migration of the snow geese.

CONGRESS PROCEEDINGS

The Congress kicked off with a welcome reception on the evening of October 16 at the Delta Mont Sainte Anne Hotel and Conference Center. The evening's presentations started with a series of Drum Songs offered by Diane Picard, a member of the Huron-Wendat First Nation. Picard, a vibrant 75-year-old who also has the spiritual name of Andicha Sondakwa, enthusiastically engaged the crowd with a call-and-response song segment in her native language.

After Picard's performance, Jim Levitt, Director of the ILCN at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy and Lisa McLaughlin, Vice President of Conservation Policy and Planning at the Nature Conservancy of Canada, offered short greetings from the two co-hosting organizations. Janice Wattis, Chair of the Board and Rob Prosper, Vice Chair of the Board of the Nature Conservancy of Canada shared welcoming remarks, highlighting the importance of the Congress theme and international knowledge exchange. To conclude, Thea Silver, Senior Director for Environmental Impact at the Royal Bank of Canada discussed RBC's leadership in supporting land conservation efforts across the nation through partnerships.

The formal proceedings of the conference commenced the next morning, October 17, with a smudging ceremony led by Picard. Smudging, which involves the burning of sweetgrass, sage, or cedar, is an important tradition for many First Nations people. A smudge is burned to purify a place and to help to create a positive mindset. Beginning the Congress with ceremony was a critical part of creating an inclusive and ethical space for participants, especially Indigenous participants joining from within and outside of Canada.

The smudging was followed by remarks by: David Blair, chair of the Quebec regional board for the Nature Conservancy of Canada; John Farner, Executive Director for Land and Water at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and Catherine Grenier, President and CEO of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Grenier [announced](#) the achievement of a major milestone for private land conservation in Canada. She reported that Environment and Climate Change Canada and its partners Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Wildlife Habitat Canada, and Canada’s local and regional land trusts reached a significant conservation milestone, [having] “surpassed a total investment of \$1.5 billion dollars in the protection of private lands across the country. These conservation organizations have delivered \$1 billion in funding and land donations to match \$500 million from the Government of Canada’s Natural Heritage Conservation Program (NHCP).”¹ These remarks set an inspirational tone for participants to engage in sessions throughout the day.

Following these introductory remarks, Congress participants had the opportunity to attend sessions organized around one of five Global Congress content tracks: Conservation Finance; Law and Policy; Organization and Governance; Stewardship and Management; and Large Landscape Conservation. Session panelists represented: a diversity of geographies and countries from six continents; a “whole of society” diversity of social sectors, including the public, private, civic (NGO), and academic sectors, as well as a wide range of local and indigenous communities; and a wealth of expertise, ranging from the biological science perspective of Oswald Schmitz, a professor at the Yale School of the Environment, to Shenmin Liu, who manages an environmental education and conservation center on a mountaintop in eastern China. The full Congress program describing in detail the sessions and panelists is found in Appendix 4 to this report.



Minister Benoit Charette addressing the 2024 ILCN Global Congress Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN

The formal proceedings during the first day of the Congress concluded with the Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony, which took place on the evening of October 17. The ceremony began with an address to Congress participants by Benoit Charette, Quebec Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks.

The 2024 Conservation Visionary Awards were [presented](#) to two chiefs of Indigenous Nations in North America for their leadership in Indigenous-led conservation: Anne Richardson, Chief of the Rappahannock Tribe in Virginia, United States, and Mandy Gull-Masty, Grand Chief of the Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee) and Chairperson of the Cree Nation Government. Levitt presented the award to Chief Richardson, and following local protocol, Chandni Navalkha introduced Vincent Bourret, a representative of the Innu people, to present the [award](#) to Grand Chief Gull-Masty. Both Chief Richardson and Grand Chief Gull-Masty spoke eloquently about their work and their deep appreciation for the role of the award in recognizing and celebrating their precedent-setting large landscape conservation achievements and ambitions.



Left: Chief Anne Richardson and ILCN Director Jim Levitt Right: Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty and Vincent Bourret at the 2024 ILCN Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN

¹ <https://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/who-we-are/news-room/major-canada-wide-nature.html>

The second day of the Congress coincided with a full moon. Following dinner, Indigenous participants at the Congress and elder Diane Picard (Andicha Sondakwa) spontaneously organized a full moon ceremony. Although the ceremony is generally intended for women, they welcomed everyone when nearly 70 Congress participants of all genders appeared to join the ceremony. Following the ceremony, we heard from several participants that it very much touched the Indigenous participants, especially those coming from outside of Canada from Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, to be welcomed in this way to the land by the hosting First Nation.

The final day of the Congress, October 18, featured high-level plenaries and sessions focused on mobilizing whole-of-society approaches for land conservation. The day began with opening remarks from Richard Gravel, Coordinator of the Ya'nienhohndeh protected area for the Nionwentsio Office of the Huron-Wendat First Nation. Following the opening remarks, Levitt moderated a keynote panel on “Financing Large-Scale Conservation Initiatives”. After the final round of high-level sessions, participants gathered for lunch followed by a final keynote panel. The panel, “Powering Conservation by Investing in Partnerships,” was moderated by Catherine Grenier, President and CEO of the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Panelists included the Honorable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment for Canada; Grand Chief Mandy Gull-Masty; Elliott Cappell, Partner and National Climate Change Leader at PwC Canada; and Carla Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief People, Strategy and Climate Officer at Intact Financial Corporation.



Left: Minister Steven Guilbeault speaking at the 2024 ILCN Global Congress; Middle and Right: Catherine Grenier, Grand-Chief Mandy Gull Masty, Minister Steven Guilbeault, Elliott Cappell, and Carla Smith speaking on 'Powering Conservation by Investing in Partnerships' Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN

The Congress concluded on the afternoon of October 18. Chandni Navalkha, Associate Director for Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, announced that the fifth Global Congress of the ILCN will be co-hosted by the Australian Land Conservation Alliance, Australia’s leading body for private land conservation. Jody Gunn, CEO and Vic Marles, Chair of the Australian Land Conservation Alliance introduced plans for the next Global Congress of the ILCN, which would take place from October 26-29, 2027, in Melbourne, Australia. Navalkha also announced, in honor of ILCN Director Jim Levitt’s retirement in June 2025, the creation of an annual ILCN Conservation Innovation award recognizing Levitt’s leadership and dedication to conservation innovation around the globe. To wrap up the Congress, Dawn Carr, Director of Strategic Conservation at the Nature Conservancy of Canada shared insights and learning from the Congress, emphasizing the role of human connection in motivating and advancing collective efforts to take urgent action to protect land and water resources.

CONGRESS SIDE MEETINGS

In addition to informal meetings and discussions, several formal side meetings took place over the course of the Congress. These include:

- An in-person **ILCN Steering Committee meeting** on the morning of October 16, focused on ILCN impact and strategic planning. Participants were: Jim Levitt (Director of the ILCN, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy), Chandni Navalkha (Associate Director, Sustainably Managed Land and Water Resources, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy), Laura Johnson (Consultant, Catbird Consulting), Peter Stein (Managing Director, Lyme Timber Company), Vic Marles (Chair,

Australian Land Conservation Alliance), Angelo Salsi, Candice Stevens (CEO, Sustainable Finance Coalition), Kiragu Mwangi (Consultant, Earth Positive Consulting), Anton Gazenbeek (ABC Working Group Chair, Eurosite-ELCN), Tilmann Disselhoff (President, Eurosite-ELCN), Renee Kivikko (Vice President of Education, Land Trust Alliance), Cecilia Riebl (ILCN Regional Representative for Australasia), Shenmin Liu (ILCN Regional Representative for Asia), and Hernan Mladinic (ILCN Regional Representative for Latin America).

- A **Global Exchange catch-up luncheon** hosted by Global Landscape Stewards and organized by Travis Anklam, Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy at the University of Montana, on October 16, bringing together participants from the United States, Chile, Australia, and other countries who have participated in global land conservation and stewardship peer learning exchanges facilitated by the ILCN to re-connect, expand their networks, and celebrate their work across their respective geographies.
- A breakfast and meeting of Latin American participants at the Congress focused on strengthening a **Latin American network** for voluntary land conservation, facilitated by Hernan Mladinic, ILCN Regional Representative for Latin



*Members of the Latin American group at the conclusion of the 2024 ILCN Global Congress
Photo Credit: Lorenzo de Rosenzweig*

America, on the morning of Thursday, October 17. Participants at that meeting were: Hernan Mladinic, Chandni Navalkha (Associate Director of Sustainably Managed Resources, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy), Michael Pressman (Global Lead for the One Conservancy Protection Initiative, The Nature Conservancy), Pilar Barrera Rey (Durable Protection Director for Latin America, The Nature Conservancy), Lorenzo de Rosenzweig (Founder, Terra Habitus A.C.), Roberto Peralta (Lawyer, Peralta Abogados), Henry Tepper (Senior Advisor, Fundacion Tierra Austral), Philip Tabas (Senior Advisor, The Nature Conservancy), Javier Beltran (Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy Argentina), Carolina Butrich

Schwartzmann (Manager of the Conservamos por Naturaleza (We Conserve for Nature) initiative at the Peruvian Society for Environmental Law), Roberto de la Maza (Vo.Bo.), Amanda Alfonso (Land Conservation Specialist, Fundacion Tierra Austral), Clara Matallana-Tobon (Member, IUCN OECM Specialist Group), Maria Cristina Weyland Vieira (President, Association of RPPNs of Minas Gerais), Marcelo Frias (General Manager, Estancia Dos Hermanas), Florencia Morales Pauli (PPA Specialist, Argentinian Network of Private Nature Reserves), Ana Ibarra (Strategic Advisor for Endangered Species, Bat Conservation International), Sofia Garcia (Director of the Maya Forest-Mesoamerican Reef Iconic Place, The Nature Conservancy), Diana Ardila Vargas (Protect Land and Water Specialist, The Nature Conservancy), Aurora Fernandez Duran (Executive Director, Reserva Natural Pinguino Rey), Santiago Ortiz de Zevallos (Cusco Network, Amazonia Que Late).



*Members of the Latin American group at the 2024 ILCN Global Congress
Photo Credit: Hernan Mladinic*

- A **Regional Climate and Conservation Partnership breakfast** social convened by the Canadian Centre for Land Conservation (CLC) and organized by Robin Lawson, Manager of Business Development for CLC, on the morning of Friday, October 18 to bring together Congress participants working in conservation partnerships from across Canada and around the world.

- A breakfast meeting hosted by Eurosite-ELCN's **Agriculture, Biodiversity and Climate (ABC) Working Group** on the morning of Friday, October 18. The meeting focused on the need and opportunity for an international network focused on farming for conservation, aimed to bring together conservation practitioners, researchers, and farmers to support nature-friendly farming. Participants at that meeting were: Javier Beltran (Conservation Programme Director, The Nature Conservancy TNC, Argentina), Clare Cannon (Farmer-Landowner, Woomargama Station, Australia), Peter Colohan (Nature-based Climate Solutions, Lincoln Institute for Land Policy, USA), Brendan Dunford ((Founder, Programme Consultant, Burrenbeo Trust, Ireland), Lara Ellis (Executive Director, Centre for Land Conservation, Canada), Marcelo Frias (General Administrator, Fundacion Dos Hermanas, Argentina), Sarah Harris (General Manager, New Zealand Farm Environment Trust), Phil Huffmann (Senior Vice-President, Quebec-Labrador Foundation, USA-Canada), Shawn Johnson (Director, Center for Natural Resources and Policy, University of Montana, USA), Jingyi Liu (Peking University-Lincoln Institute Center for Urban Development and Land Policy, China & USA), Mireia Llorente (Biologist, Fundacion Entretantos, Spain), Alex Maisey (Research Fellow, La Trobe University, Australia), Bob McLean (Director of Policy, Centre for Land Conservation, Canada), Florencia Morales Pauli (Environmental Scientist, Project Coordinator Specialist, Red Argentina de Reservas Naturales Privadas), Maiko Nishi (Research Fellow, United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability UNU-IAS, Japan), Miquel Rafa Fornieles (Director for Sustainability and Nature, Fundacio Catalunya La Pedrera, Spain), Cecilia Riebl (Senior Policy Advisor, Trust for Nature, Australia), Harm Schoten (Director, Eurosite-European Land Conservation Network ELCN, the Netherlands), Jurgen Tack (Secretary General-CEO, European Landowners Organisation ELO, Belgium), and Henry Tepper (Strategic Conservation Consultant, Fundacion Tierra Austral, Chile).

CONGRESS PARTNERS AND SPONSORS

The 2024 Global Congress of the ILCN was co-hosted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), Canada's leading private land conservation organization that has been actively engaged with the ILCN since its founding at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. NCC was an invaluable partner and contributor to the pre-Congress field trip, development of the Congress program, outreach, fundraising, logistics, and communications. NCC staff and leadership were critical to the success of the Congress, working closely with ILCN staff at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy over the course of two years to plan and execute the event to achieve impact.

The Congress was presented by the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), one of Canada's largest banks and a leader, through the RBC Foundation, in protecting the environment through a \$100 million Tech for Nature program that leverages technology and innovation for environmental solutions. In addition to sponsoring the pre-Congress study tour, the Power Corporation of Canada served as the Congress program sponsor. Supporting sponsors reflected the whole-of-society focus on the Congress, and included: Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Government of Quebec (from the public sector) the Metcalf Foundation, Echo Foundation, Donner Foundation, Animal Road Crossings (all from the philanthropic sector), and Rio Tinto (from the private sector).

As a network of networks, the ILCN also partnered with key additional partners in Canada, including two organizations that serve and connect the nation's growing private land conservation community of practice. The Centre for Land Conservation (CLC) is a not-for-profit, registered charity dedicated to building a stronger land conservation community in Canada, focusing on enhancing public trust and confidence in private land conservation in Canada through research, thought leadership, and the maintenance of the Canadian Land Trust Standards and Practices. CLC supported and participated in the pre-Congress study tour in Quebec and participated on a large landscape conservation panel on Regional Climate and Conservation Partnerships in Canada. The Alliance for Canadian Land Trusts (ACLT) is Canada's national network for private land conservation, supporting and empowering land trusts across Canada to be vibrant, unified and effective in advancing land



*Lisa McLaughlin, Vice President of Conservation Policy and Planning at NCC has served on the ILCN Steering Committee since 2014
Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN*

conservation. With support from Environment and Climate Change Canada, ACLT helped to ensure that land trusts across the 10 provinces of Canada as well as Indigenous conservation practitioners were invited and included in the Congress. ACLT participated in a large landscape conservation panel on the crucial role of networks in building capacity for private and civic land conservation.

CONGRESS PRESENTED ONLINE

The 2024 Global Congress was the ILCN's first fully hybrid gathering, ensuring that Congress content and speakers' expertise and experiences were available to larger audience than those who were able to travel to the Delta Mont Sainte Anne Hotel and Conference Centre in Quebec. The Congress was partially broadcast via Zoom Events from October 16-18, 2024. The full high-level Congress program, including the Conservation Visionary Award Ceremony and keynote panels, were broadcast and recorded. Three of the five track sessions in each session slot on October 17 and 18 were broadcast online to registrants joining from across time zones around the world and were available to watch asynchronously.

CONGRESS OUTCOMES AND FOLLOW-THROUGH

The fourth ILCN Global Congress aimed to build upon and inform the momentum for private and civic land conservation created in our previous Congresses and at the 2022 United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP15) by creating a unique, impactful, and inspirational opportunity for private and civic land conservation practitioners to exchange expertise, ideas, and examples that will advance our collective work around the globe to achieve the 30x30 target. The Congress sought:

- 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; and
- 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.

The 2024 Global Congress, as our largest ever gathering of the global private and civic land conservation community of practice, marked a milestone for the ILCN. As demonstrated by the letters from participants, the Congress was exceptionally well-received and impactful in relation to its intended outcomes. Consider, for example, the following comments received immediately following the event:

"[The] Congress held in [Quebec, Canada] offered an opportunity for many [government] members, NGO and Indigenous partners to learn and share on current conservation endeavours, get inspired and elevate their ambitions. I believe this could be a game changer in all the relationships we are building up here in the province, to foster greater collaborations in the conservation domain."

Hubert Pelletier, Director of Quebec Conservation, Nature Conservancy of Canada

"Amazing Congress! On my way home, I had the sense that this was one of the best professional experiences I've ever had. Everything was exceptional, and I've forged so many good new connections, and reinforced some old ones. Congratulations on a much-deserved success."

Peter Colohan, Director of Federal Strategies, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

“Global problems have global solutions that are locally applicable. I look forward to conversations with new colleagues and friends to enact these. Serendipity had me applying one such solution within hours after the event, after a call on an issue from an Australian colleague as I left the event. I know many more will follow.”

Doug Humann, Chair, Landcare Australia

“On the way back to Europe, I look back on an incredibly inspiring Global Congress 2024. I don't think I have had the opportunity to experience such an international congress before where there was so much inspiration, ceremony, organisational talent, group dynamics and depth. The most important thing I take back with me... is literally a suitcase full of ideas and contacts.”

Harm Schoten, Director, Eurosite-ELCN

“The breadth of private land conservation practice from across the globe that was on display at the Congress was very [impressive]. To have gained insights into PLC practice across all continents—all of which was presented in such an accessible way by—was just incredible.”

Sarah Brugler, Lawyer and PhD Student, University of Tasmania

"[This was] an incredibly inspiring, insightful, content-rich, and moving Congress! You and your Canadian partners have outdone yourselves in convening an amazing selection of land conservation practitioners from around the globe. The ILCN continues to be our role model and inspiration..."

Tilmann Disselhoff, President, Eurosite-ELCN

The ideas considered during the 2024 Global Congress of the ILCN are already generating a number of follow-up and new initiatives and will continue to do so in the future. Some examples of initiatives that are now in-progress that were facilitated by the event include:

- The formation of an international network for conservation and agriculture, led by Anton Gazenbeek and Zsofia Toth under the auspices of Eurosite-ELCN that will bring together farmers, conservation organizations, and government officials to support nature-friendly farming that advances farmers' livelihoods across the globe;
- Continued progress towards a Latin American network for voluntary land conservation, with a potential convening of the group in 2025 to exchange knowledge, ideas, and inspiration that draw on the vibrant land conservation community of practice in the region; and
- An agreement with the Australian Land Conservation Alliance to host the next Global Congress, which will take place from October 26-29, 2027, at the Melbourne Convention Center in Melbourne, Australia. Jody Gunn, CEO of ALCA and Vic Marles, Chair of ALCA, are particularly focused on ensuring that the 2027 Global Congress of the ILCN and Australian Private Land Conservation Congress can serve as a milestone towards 30x30.



In-person participants at the 2024 ILCN Global Congress co-hosted by the Nature Conservancy of Canada in Quebec, Canada October 16-18, 2024, Photo Credit: NCC/ILCN

APPENDIX 1

SPEAKERS' AND REGISTRANTS' COUNTRY INFORMATION

Total Number of In-Person Participants: 261 registered and approximately 265 present

Countries Represented by In-Person Participants: 24

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America

Total Number of Virtual Registrants: 232

Countries Represented by Virtual Registrants: 36

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Portugal, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

Total Number of Congress Participants: 493

Total Number of Countries Represented by All Congress Participants: 43

Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Republic of Ireland, Rwanda, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Zimbabwe

APPENDIX 2

CONGRESS AGENDA AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

The Congress agenda in full is below. Sessions marked with an asterisk in the Congress schedule were recorded and broadcast live to an online audience. Links to the recordings for recorded plenaries and sessions can be found at the following video links, organized by track:

Full Set of Recordings, Including High-Level Plenaries:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0UxuZYMpMba89nzLXDW8JnqVJ0>

Conservation Finance: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0UxuZnc3MYbvFlpKAEgmC6mneM>

Organization and Governance: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0Uxub6tEFWTby-iRrOk8gojozE>

Law and Policy: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0Uxualim48vyYtFDGwnTtGyl3k>

Land Stewardship and Management: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0Uxub1PpSAijKBnBpJ3lUhYOrD>

Large Landscape Conservation: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxff05R0Uxua_-rBxvW-FhKfgNy7bHZNH

APPENDIX 3

CONGRESS PARTICIPANT LIST

Please note that those listed below represent the subset of the 260 registrants who consented to sharing their name and organization in this report.

Name	Organization	Country
Jyl Alampay	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy	United States
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Richard Fitton	Finance Earth	United Kingdom
Kathleen Fitzgerald	The Pew Charitable Trusts	United States
James Fitzsimons	The Nature Conservancy	Australia
Philippe Forest	Royal Bank of Canada	Canada
Jesse Francis	Parks Canada	Canada
Marcelo Frias	Fundación Dos Hermanas	Argentina
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Mandy Gull-Masty	Grand Council of the Crees (Eeyou Istchee)/ Cree Nation Government	Canada
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Sylvia Willison	Huria Trust	New Zealand
Robert (Rob) Wilson	Nature Conservancy of Canada	Canada
Michael (Mike) Wilson	Smart Prosperity Institute	Canada
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Stephen Woodley	IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas	Canada
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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 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.



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

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

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

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

Conservation Finance

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

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

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, shift power, and accelerate financing for Indigenous-led conservation and nature-based climate solutions. Through narratives and examples, speakers will discuss innovations in Indigenous conservation finance that are being driven by self-determination, governance and natural laws.

MODERATOR:

AnnLisa Jensen, Director of Indigenous Conservation and Engagement Alberta Region, 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

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 Hagedorn, Chairperson, Qarlbo Biodiversity, Sweden

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

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 Mourougova Millin, Partner, Ombrello Solutions, Canada

Tee Thomas, CEO, Quantified Ventures, United States

Organization and Governance

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:

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

Hernán Mladinic, ILCN Regional Representative for Latin America, Chile

Kiragu Mwangi, Director, Earth Positive Consulting, United Kingdom

Santiago Ortiz de Zevallos, Cusco Network, Amazonia Que Late, Peru

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, Eurosite – the European Land Conservation Network, the Netherlands

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

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:

Rob Prosper, Vice Chair of the Board, 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

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, Director, Mno Aki Land Trust, Canada

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

Patricia Nash, Director, Apoqnamatmu'k Wksitqamu, Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources, 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 Caillié, Executive Director, Réseau de Milieux Naturels Protégés, Canada

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

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-Tobón, Member, OECMs Specialist Group, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, Colombia

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

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

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

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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.

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:

Deb Davidson, Chief Strategy Officer, Center for Large Landscape Conservation, United States

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

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, Australia

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

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

LS3 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

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.

MODERATOR:

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

SPEAKERS:

Javier Beltrán, Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy, Argentina

Gareth Catt, Desert Partnerships 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

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, United States

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ken Lucero, Tribal and Indigenous Lands Director, Trust for Public Land and Member of the Zia Pueblo, United States

Patricia Saulis, Senior Indigenous Cultural Advisor, Mahsos Consulting, Canada

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

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

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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, Fundación Tierra Austral, 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:

Richard Gravel, Coordinator of the Ya'nienhonhndeh protected area, Huron-Wendat First Nation, Quebec, Canada

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

Mélanie Lelièvre, President and CEO, Corridor Appalachien, Canada

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

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:

Jim Levitt, ILCN Director, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, 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

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, Chief Program Officer and Interim CEO and President, Land Trust Alliance, United States

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

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