

UNEP-WCMC Nature Action Dialogues 2024

Agenda v1.1

Introduction

On 1 - 2 July 2024, UNEP-WCMC are convening the Nature Action Dialogues in Cambridge UK. This two-day event will bring together leaders from the private sector and conservation community in the lead up to the United Nations Biodiversity Conference (COP16). The theme of the event is **The Road to CBD COP16: Scaling private sector action in support of global goals**.

UNEP-WCMC is a global centre of excellence on biodiversity and nature's contribution to society and the economy. We support and empower leaders across all sectors of the economy to take action on nature. The UNEP-WCMC Proteus Partnership has worked with multinational businesses for over 20 years, supporting them to contribute to a clean, healthy, and resilient environment for all.

The Dialogues will feature speakers and organisations from across the business and nature landscape. Structured around interactive workshops and discussions, attendees will have opportunities to share collective knowledge and experience on a range of key topics. A broad attendee base is anticipated to the event, including businesses representing different sectors, financial institutions and various conservation organisations.

This document provides an overview of the objectives, benefits, and outline agenda for the 2024 meeting. Please note that the agenda is still in development and is therefore subject to further changes in the lead up to July.

Meeting objectives and benefits

- Accelerating ambition towards delivery of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework ahead of COP16 and exploring the role of business in contributing towards global biodiversity and nature goals.
- Convening a broad cross-sector and conservation group to share knowledge and expertise on key topics to inspire action and innovative solutions.
- Building engagement on biodiversity with a cross-sector group of businesses and strengthening the role of UNEP-WCMC and other conservation organisations in enabling them to assess, commit, transform, and disclose their relationship with nature.
- Collaboration with industry experts and conservation leaders to develop actionable strategies for advancing biodiversity conservation and supporting global goals.
- Connecting with like-minded professionals through a series of dynamic and interactive workshops that explore opportunities for collective impact.

Logistics and format

Date: 1st – 2nd July 2024

Location: [Magdalene College](#), Cambridge, United Kingdom

Format: In-person only

The Nature Action Dialogues will be an in-person event to maximise the potential for in-depth discussions and interactive workshops.

Sessions will run in parallel and attendees will be invited to select their preferences prior to the event. UNEP-WCMC will pre-assign participants to the various sessions as room capacity is a variable and limited.

Monday 1st July 2024

Nature Action Dialogues - Day 1

Day 1 – Nature Action Dialogues		
Morning		
<p>IBAT's Biodiversity Data Brunch: Understanding how biodiversity data can help your business manage nature risk.</p>	<p>Megan Sim Parthav Mistry Peter Sibley IBAT</p>	<p>Across the morning of day 1, IBAT will run a series of sessions looking at the importance of biodiversity data and how it can be used in decision making. Sessions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A networking brunch to meet the IBAT team - An introduction to IBAT - Industry feedback session - An exclusive insight into IBAT's new disclosure report (TNFD/GRI)
Afternoon		
Registration and networking lunch		
<p>Opening plenary The Road to COP16: Scaling private sector action in support of global goals</p>	<p><u>Speakers</u> Neville Ash Director, UNEP-WCMC</p> <p>Bhaskar Vira (tbc) Professor of Political Economy and Fellow of Fitzwilliam College</p> <p><u>Panellists</u> Anouska Perram Senior Counsel Forest Peoples Programme Toby Croucher Group Sustainability CSO Stora Enso Helle-Herk Hansen Vice President Environment Vattenfall Katie Leach Head of Nature Lloyds Banking group</p>	<p>The opening plenary of the Nature Action Dialogues will feature keynote presentations and a multi-stakeholder panel exploring how the private sector can meaningfully contribute towards the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</p>
Action stream options		
<p>Option 1: Understanding accountability frameworks and standards for nature</p>	<p>Dean Cambridge Global Commons Alliance Elodie Chene GRI Emily McKenzie TNFD Alizée Masson SBTN</p>	<p>Join us for a dynamic session designed to equip you with an understanding of current accountability frameworks and standards for nature. This workshop is tailored to provide actionable insights and foster practical discussions on integrating these frameworks into your organisations sustainability strategy.</p>
<p>Option 2: It's Now for Nature: Masterclass on developing a credible nature strategy</p>	<p>Anna Brearley Business for Nature</p>	<p>A masterclass on how to develop a credible nature strategy. This session will equip companies and financial institutions with the resources needed to develop and publish credible nature strategies building on the Nature Strategy Handbook.</p>
<p>Option 3: Elevating nature from the sustainability team to the boardroom</p>	<p>Hahn Nguyen World Economic Forum Harry Greenfield CISL</p>	<p>The session aims at exchanging experiences and providing a toolkit to support the implementers of nature and biodiversity actions within businesses to elevate nature topics to</p>

	Martin Lok Capitals Coalition	their C-suite and board and leverage change in business models and practices.
Option 4: Knowledge hub: From global to local: businesses contributions towards global and national biodiversity goals	Shena Garcia Rangel UNEP-WCMC	This session is an opportunity for participants to increase their understanding of the Global Biodiversity Framework and to engage in meaningful discussion about the contributions businesses could be expected to make towards national-level commitments.
Drinks reception		

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Nature Action Dialogues - Day 2

Day 2 – Nature Action Dialogues		
Morning		
Keynote address	Matthew Agarwala (tbc) Bennett Institute for Public Policy University of Cambridge	
Action stream options (am session 1)		
Option 1: Interactive discussion on corporate commitments and target setting	Nadine McCormick WBSCD	An interactive discussion promoting sharing across participants of their current progress on setting targets for nature.
Option 2: From net positive to nature positive: navigating the application of the mitigation hierarchy	Sven von Vittorelli and Larissa Leitch IUCN IMEC	This workshop session will introduce the work of the IMEC nature positive working group, share knowledge on key principles in applying the mitigation hierarchy and explore with the audience how the mitigation hierarchy fits in the delivery of nature positive.
Option 3: Advancing high-integrity Nature-based Solutions	Najma Mohamed UNEP-WCMC	Nature-based Solutions are central to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. This session will explore strategies to improve the application of high-integrity Nature-Based Solutions linked to standards and safeguards that integrate social and environmental objectives.
Option 4: Knowledge hub: Including ecosystems in assessment processes - pragmatic solutions	Emily Nicholson IUCN Jacob Bedford UNEP-WCMC	This session will highlight datasets and guidance that can support emerging requirements to consider ecosystems within assessment and disclosure frameworks, including identifying ecosystem types, relative conservation significance and potential impacts on condition.
Action stream options (am session 2)		
Option 1: Defining nature targets at the corporate level	Nadine McCormick WBSCD	This workshop session will reflect on why we need targets as a key element of a functioning corporate performance and accountability system. The session will build on outputs from Align, WBCSD's SBTN Preparer Group and other relevant initiatives, including a proposed framework for a corporate performance accountability system.
Option 2: Adopting an integrated approach to social and environmental sustainability	Thiago Uehara UNEP-WCMC	The aim of the session is to increase understanding of the risks and opportunities that businesses face at the intersection of human rights, social needs, and environmental stewardship.
Option 3: Developing nature transition plans: lessons learned from climate	Marie Henniges GFANZ Tom Hegarty TNFD	Companies are increasingly being asked to articulate their plans for nature transition. This session will explore lessons learned from climate transition plans and how these can accelerate nature transition plans.
Option 4: Knowledge hub 1) Nature, Climate and People Positive 2) Business use of the STAR metric	<u>Nature Climate and People Positive</u> Shelley Lizzio and Tom Stevens	<u>Nature Climate and People Positive</u> Addressing the questions of: How do the targets of NNL and Net Gain relate to Nature Positive? When can a company claim to be contributing

	<p>Fauna and Flora</p> <p><u>STAR</u> Frank Hawkins IUCN Alex Ross UNEP-WCMC Warwick Mostert Anglo-American</p>	<p>towards Nature Positive, if at all? How does the climate and people agenda relate to nature positive?</p> <p><u>STAR</u> This session will explore how the Species Threat Abatement and Restoration (STAR) metric can be used by businesses to identify and measure progress towards targets and actions for nature.</p>
Afternoon		
Action stream options (pm session 1)		
Option 1: Supporting nature strategies through credible measurement approaches	<p>Johan Lammerant Arcadis Annelisa Grigg Global Balance</p>	<p>Introducing the Align recommendations and how to navigate measurement approaches for decision making across sites and supply chains.</p>
Option 2: Harmonising Renewables and Nature: Toward a Nature Positive Just Transition	<p>Rhiannon Niven Birdlife International Rachel Asante IUCN Sebastian Dunnett UNEP-WCMC</p>	<p>This session invites participants to explore practical solutions, delve into actionable strategies, and exchange knowledge to pave the way for a renewable sector that thrives in harmony with the planet.</p>
Option 3: Scaling up private finance into ecosystem restoration: opportunities, challenges, and a roadmap for the future	<p>Anushree Bhattacharjee UNEP-WCMC</p>	<p>This session will share best practices and lessons learned from private financing into restoration projects. It aims to start co-creating a roadmap for replicating successful models at scale.</p>
Option 4: Knowledge hub 1) Launch of the IBAT TNFD and GRI disclosure report 2) Launch of the TNFD sector guidance for mining and metals	<p><u>IBAT</u> IBAT speaker tbc</p> <p><u>Sector guidance</u> Emma Marsden ICMM</p>	<p>This knowledge hub series will introduce two key developments that support businesses to respond to disclosure of their nature-related impacts and dependencies: the IBAT disclosure report and the TNFD sector guidance for mining and metals recently developed by ICMM.</p>
Action stream options (pm session 2)		
Option 1: Unravelling the chain: Rapid value chain assessment clinic	<p>Sebastian Bekker UNEP-WCMC</p>	<p>This session will draw on the latest available guidance, principles and knowledge to conduct rapid value chain assessments for key sectors.</p>
Option 2: Taking the long view: accounting for climate change in biodiversity action	<p>Valerie Kapos UNEP-WCMC</p>	<p>Climate change and its impacts on biodiversity have the potential to exacerbate businesses' biodiversity risks and impacts. Participants in this session will explore the mechanisms by which this can happen, share current practice in accounting for it, and discuss ways of bringing relevant knowledge and information into risk management processes.</p>
Option 3: Catalysing nature action in metals value chains	<p>Isabel Ashman WEF Emma Marsden ICMM</p>	<p>This session will convene discussions between different sectors to explore and pitch opportunities for cross-industry collaboration and solutions to enable data transfer across the value chain.</p>
Option 4: Knowledge hub 1) Biodiversity credits 2) Carbon credits	<p><u>Biodiversity Credits</u> Malcolm Starkey The Biodiversity Consultancy Rodrigo Cassola UNEP-WCMC</p> <p><u>Carbon Credits</u> Bryna Griffin BirdLife International</p>	<p><u>Biodiversity Credits</u> Biodiversity credits are getting increasing attention as an opportunity for the private sector to enable positive outcomes for nature. This session will explore key developments and lessons learned to date.</p> <p><u>Carbon Credits</u> The aim of this session is to discuss how companies can work with NGOs to feel confident in developing or investing in high-integrity credits.</p>

