Programme Committee of the 2020 Congress

Draft Terms of Reference

The Programme Committee shall be appointed by the Congress on the proposal of the President, in accordance with Rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress.

Under the Rules of Procedure of the World Conservation Congress, the Programme Committee shall:

a. assist the Resolutions Committee of Congress with the implementation of Rule 51 of the Rules of Procedure, which states that:

“Members shall be invited to submit proposals to modify the draft IUCN Programme and proposals regarding the mandates of the IUCN Commissions, online, at the same time as they are invited to submit motions in accordance with Rule 49. Discussion of the draft Programme or proposed mandate of a Commission shall take into consideration any motion or part of a motion affecting these documents, and all such motions shall be dealt with as proposed amendments to the Programme or mandate. All such motions shall be remitted by the Motions Working Group or the Resolutions Committee to the session of the World Congress that considers the Programme and mandates of the Commissions. The sponsors of these motions shall be advised of this action.”

b. assist Congress by taking note of comments from the Membership on the Programme of the Union, as expressed from the floor;

c. consult with Members or groups of Members who wish to discuss programmatic matters which they have been unable to address in Plenary;

d. if necessary, propose specific adjustments to the draft Programme for 2021–2024 or the mandates of any Commission;

e. if necessary, prepare recommendations for adoption by the Congress;

f. in preparing its report, coordinate with the Congress Resolutions Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee; and

g. make recommendations to the next Council for improving the Committee’s role and functioning based on its own evaluation to be made before the end of the 2020 Congress taking into account Council’s guidance for self-evaluation.