Draft Agenda Overview of the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020

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7–15 January 2021, Marseille, France
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Preliminary Meetings

06 January 2021

All day  Commission Steering Committee meetings

14:00-17:30  Meeting of the IUCN Council

Day 1 – 07 January 2021

08:30-16:00  Meeting of IUCN National and Regional Committee representatives and Country Focal Points (open meeting)¹

Commission Steering Committee meeting (continued)

17:00-19:00  Opening Ceremony of the IUCN World Conservation Congress

19:00-21:00  Opening Reception of the IUCN World Conservation Congress

¹ A global meeting of the National and Regional Committees will be held on 7 January 2021 as requested by Resolution WCC-2012-Res-005. A report on the outcomes of the meeting of the National and Regional Committees will be presented during the Members’ Assembly during the 5th Sitting following the presentation of the reports of the IUCN Commissions. According to Article 20 of the IUCN Statutes, the Congress shall receive and consider, among others, the reports of recognized Regional Committees and Fora. As was the case for the 2016 Congress, this reporting obligation will be fulfilled by offering all National and Regional Committees space on the IUCN Congress website to publish their reports.
Forum and Exhibition\(^2\)

All forum events can be viewed on the [Congress website](#).

Day 2 – 08 January 2021

Day 3 – 09 January 2021

Day 4 – 10 January 2021

Day 5 – 11 January 2021

18:30-21:00 Regional Members meetings\(^3\) (incl. presentation of election candidates, only if invited by the meeting organisers)

Contact groups\(^4\)/Social events

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\(^2\) Exhibition will run in parallel with the Forum and partly with the Members’ Assembly up until 13 January 2021

\(^3\) Regional Members meetings will take place on the eve of the 1st sitting of the Members’ Assembly

\(^4\) Contact Groups will be established as required and scheduled with a possibility that they will be convened during the Forum (evenings from 20:00-21:30) or during the Members’ Assembly (mornings from 07:15-08:20, lunchtime from 12:30-14:00 or evenings in two sequences: 19:00-20:15 and 20:30-21:45).
Members’ Assembly

All documents of the Members’ Assembly listed per agenda item can be viewed on the Congress website

Day 6 – 12 January 2021

8:30-12:30 1st Sitting of the Members’ Assembly
1.1 Appointment and first report of the Congress Credentials Committee
1.2 Adoption of the Agenda
1.3 Adoption of amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the IUCN World Conservation Congress\(^5\)
1.4 Appointment of the Resolutions, Finance and Audit, Governance, and Programme Committees of the Congress
1.5 Report of the Director General
1.6 Report of the President and the Council
1.7 First Report of the Resolutions Committee and Recording en bloc the adoption of motions through the electronic ballot prior to Congress; including information about the discussion of contact groups of all motions including those of issues related to IUCN Governance.
1.8 Elections: Information by the Election Officer about the election procedures

14:00-18:45 2nd Sitting of the Members’ Assembly
2.1 Presentation of the Draft IUCN Programme and Financial Plan 2021–2024\(^6\)
2.2 Information about the purpose and process of the “Marseille Outcomes”
2.3 Discussion of issues of strategic importance for the Union\(^7\):
   2.3.1 Financial subsidies in a post COVID-19 world
   2.3.2 Building a culture of conservation – Values and Choices
2.4 Presentation of the laureate(s) of the John C. Phillips Memorial Medal and the Harold Jefferson Coolidge Memorial Medal, and approval of the laureate(s) for Honorary Membership of IUCN

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\(^5\) If any are submitted other than the ones presented by Council as part of the Councils motions to amend the Statutes which will be discussed in the 7th Sitting on 15 January 2021 (See Agenda Item 7.2).
\(^6\) The Draft IUCN Programme and Financial Plan will be presented in order to provide the Membership with an overview before the discussions on issues of strategic importance. The Programme Committee of the Congress will present its report with recommendations on the Draft IUCN Programme during the 4th Sitting enabling the Members’ Assembly to take into account issues that might have been raised during the discussion on the topics of strategic importance that may affect the IUCN Programme. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Congress will do likewise during the 7th Sitting with regard to the Draft Financial Plan.
\(^7\) Titles may change over time as the sessions are being organised.
Day 7 – 13 January 2021

8:30-12:30  3rd Sitting of the Members’ Assembly

3.1 Discussion of issues of strategic importance for the Union (continued):
   3.1.1 Biodiversity and health in the face of climate change

3.2 Reports of three IUCN Commissions including Awards established by these three Commissions8

3.3 Adoption of the mandates of the three IUCN Commissions 2021–2024 referred to in item 3.2

14:00-18:30  4th Sitting of the Members’ Assembly

4.1 Presentation of candidates from four regions for Regional Councillor positions, followed by electronic election of the candidates from only these four regions9

4.2 Second part – Reports of the remaining three IUCN Commissions including Awards established by the Commissions, followed by the Adoption of the Mandates of the remaining three IUCN Commissions 2021–2024

4.3 Brief report on the general Forum Outcomes including the indigenous peoples organisations (IPOs)

4.4 Discussion of the Draft IUCN Programme 2021–2024 including Report of the Congress Programme Committee, followed by the adoption of the IUCN Programme 2021–2024

4.5 Report on the meeting of all recognized National and Regional Committees held on 7 January 2021

4.6 Progress Report of the Resolutions Committee, followed by discussion and vote on motions

Contact groups10/Social events

Day 8 – 14 January 2021

08:30-12:30  5th Sitting of the Members’ Assembly

5.1 Second part of the presentation of candidates for Regional Councillor positions, followed by electronic election of the candidates from the remaining four regions

5.2 Progress Report of the Resolutions Committee, followed by discussion and vote on motions (continued)

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8 Reports and Award presentation for the remaining three IUCN Commissions will be continued during the 4th sitting (see Agenda Item 4.2).
9 Candidates from the remaining four regions will be presented during the 5th Sitting. All election results will be announced together with the results of the elections for President, Treasurer and Commission Chairs, before the end of the 6th Sitting on 14 January 2021 (See Agenda Item 6.8).
10 Contact Groups will be established as required and scheduled with a possibility that they will be convened during the Forum (evenings from 20:00-21:30) or during the Members’ Assembly (mornings from 07:15-08:20, lunchtime from 12:30-14:00 or evenings in two sequences: 19:00-20:15 and 20:30-21:45).
14:00-18:30  **6th Sitting of the Members’ Assembly**

6.1 Presentation of candidates for positions of six Commission Chairs and Treasurer

6.2 Presentation and debate among candidates for IUCN President

6.3 Electronic election of the IUCN President, Treasurer and six Commission Chairs

6.4 Report by the Director General and the Treasurer on the finances of IUCN in the intersessional period 2017–2020

6.5 Report of the Congress Finance and Audit Committee on and Congress approval of the Audited Financial Statements for the years 2016–2019

6.6 Appointment of the external auditors

6.7 Progress Report of the Resolutions Committee, followed by discussion and vote on motions (continued)

6.8 Report from the Election Officer on the results of all elections

**Contact groups/Social events**

**Day 9 – 15 January 2021**

8:30-12:30  **7th Sitting of the Members’ Assembly**

7.1 Report of the Congress Finance and Audit Committee and adoption of the IUCN Financial Plan 2021–2024

7.2 Report of the Congress Governance Committee and vote on motions on IUCN governance including amendments to the Statutes

7.3 Report of the Credentials Committee and approval of the membership dues 2021–2024 and the list of Members in arrears with payments of dues and whose rights are rescinded

7.4 Progress Report of the Resolutions Committee, followed by discussion and vote on motions (continued)

7.5 Youth Voice – the youth representatives give brief outcomes of the Youth Summit

7.6 Presentation of the Marseille Outcomes / Commitments
14:00-15:00  **8th Sitting of the Members’ Assembly**
  8.1 Recognition of outgoing members of the IUCN Council 2016–2020
  8.2 Message from the President Elect
  8.3 Closure of the IUCN World Conservation Congress by the outgoing President
     (including a closing speech from a representative of the Host Country)

15:00-15:45  **Closing reception**
16:00-18:00  **Meeting of the newly elected IUCN Council**

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11 To be adapted and confirmed following the timetable of the Members’ Assembly.