



Federal Ministry
for the Environment, Nature Conservation
and Nuclear Safety



SAVE THE DATE

Join us at the EU German Presidency Event on the European Green Deal and Nature-based Solutions (NbS) from **14.00 to 17.00 CET on 14 December 2020**, hosted together with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). The event's objectives are to create continued momentum towards NbS for people, biodiversity and climate and to demonstrate the potential of NbS to address our global challenges. The event will tackle both the internal and external dimensions of the Green Deal, focusing on action by the EU and its Member States, but also looking beyond, into the global agenda.

The virtual dialogue will feature high-level representatives from governments, international organizations, civil society and the finance sector and will be organized into two sessions. The first will be a high-level panel for discussing developments in NbS and their potential in relation to the EU Green Deal and the global context. The second session will feature expert panels with a focus on implementation challenges and opportunities that arise in these domestic and external dimensions.

Register [here](#) by 9 December 2020.

EVENT OUTLINE

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, the EU and its Member States have committed to build back better. Covid-19 has exposed the fragilities and vulnerabilities in many existing systems and has highlighted the symbiotic relationship between humanity and nature. There is now increasing attention and momentum for NbS as exemplified by the 2019 Climate Action Summit NbS Manifesto, the 2020 UN Biodiversity Summit (including the Leaders Pledge for Nature), the UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030) and the recently launched IUCN NbS standard. The building blocks are there, but NbS need to move into mainstream discussions and actions affecting the realities of the post-Covid world and sustainable future. NbS should be fully integrated into the European Green Deal's implementation and get incorporated in its nine policy areas, which range from sustainable agriculture to the circular economy and the biodiversity strategy.

In the months ahead, NbS will have to be further integrated into European policies and operationalized to deliver the EU Green Deal goals. To help unlock the investment needed, the EU must provide an enabling environment for NbS. The European Commission and EU Member States can lead by example when strongly integrating NbS into all relevant policy areas and linking climate and biodiversity action.

A current list of speakers is available below. Further information on additional speakers and topics to follow.

Speakers for the High-Level Panel (14.00 – 15.00 CET)

Moderated by Carolina Moeller

Svenja Schulze

Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Frans Timmermans (tbc)

Executive Vice-President of the EU Commission

Inger Andersen

UNEP Executive Director

Bruno Oberle

IUCN Director General

Jytte Guteland

Member of the European Parliament

Lord Zac Goldsmith (tbc)

UK Minister for Pacific and the Environment

Sergio Costa (video-statement)

Italian Minister of the Environment

João Pedro Fernandes (video-statement)

Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Climate Action

Speakers for the Expert Panels

NbS for implementing the EU Green Deal, Part 1 (15.00 – 16.00 CET)

Moderated by Chantal van Ham

Radhika Murti

Director IUCN Global Ecosystems Management Programme

Eduardo Carqueijeiro

Future Chair for Biodiversity, Working Party on International Environment Issues
and Head of Delegation, Convention on Biological Diversity

Philippe Tulkens

Deputy Head of Unit, Healthy Planet, DG Research & Innovation, European Commission

Gilles Lecuir

Regional Agency for Biodiversity Île-de-France

Laura Peters

Youth Representative, Europarc Council

Representative from private sector (tbc)

Building momentum for NbS on the global scale, Part 2 (16.00 – 17.00 CET)

Co-moderated by Veronika Hunt Šafránková and Chantal Marijnissen

Roselyn Fosuah Adjei

Director of the Climate Change Directorate and the Forestry Commission of Ghana

Bernadette Fischler Hooper

Head of International Advocacy, World Wildlife Fund UK

Mette Wilkie

Director for Forestry, Food and Agriculture Organization

Stephen O'Driscoll

Head of Environment, Climate and Social Office, European Investment Bank

Akanksha Khatri

Head Nature Action Agenda, World Economic Forum

Representative of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples (tbc)