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Valuing Natural Capital Conference 2022

New solutions for a sustainable future

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Geneva, Switzerland and online



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A solution-oriented event in Geneva and online with global audience reach

The VNC Conference 2022 is a call for action to respond collectively to the climate emergency by connecting finance and nature.

It will showcase current action and future solutions.

We are expecting to gather up to 300 leaders, innovators, and problem solvers from around the world (100 in Geneva and 200 online).

Organizing Team Leads:

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One conference, four focus areas

Discuss new, tech and data-based solutions to mobilize different natural carbon sinks in order to maximize their contribution to help address climate change.

Valuing Natural Capital and biodiversity

Innovative finance to drive multi-stakeholder climate impact projects

Governance solutions to promote nature-based solutions

New ideas for ecological and social sustainability by design

Boost your corporate visibility

and attract new partnerships as a supporter of nature-based solutions and the UN's mission to solve the SDGs



Speakers

Ralph Chami (IMF, BlueGreen Future)
Federico Bonaglia (OECD Development Centre Directorate)
Richard Freeman (Harvard University)
Adam Wood (Harvard University)
Marianne Haahr (Green Digital Finance Alliance)
Irina Likhachova (International Finance Corporation – World Bank Group)
Massamba Thioye (UNFCCC Global Innovation Hub)
Lee White (Minister of Water, Forest, the Seas and Environment Gabon)
Walid Al Saqqaf (Rebalance Earth)
Patricia Morales (Fundacion Méri)
Jessica Smith (UNEP FI, Peoplesized)
Nathalie Hilmi (Centre Scientifique de Monaco)
Aiaze Mitha (UNCDF)
Joao Braga (Development Bank of Brazil)
Thierry Watrin (MoF Rwanda)
Takhmina Nasimova (AgAu)
Nidhi Batra (World Bank, Sehreeti Developmental Practices, JustJobs Network)
Jonathan Shieber (Footprint Coalition)
Gaya Herrington (Schneider Electric)
and many more

The panels will focus on...

Economic and ecological significance of natural capital and biodiversity

The panel of the first break-out session provides an overview of different use cases for natural capital.

Governance issues for conservation of natural resources

The second break-out session provides an overview of current governance mechanisms to protect and restore ecological system, their effectiveness and shortcomings and possibilities to use technological solutions to improve them.

Financial mechanisms and issues

This break-out session covers a lot of ground, including DeFi solutions to value natural capital, International agreements/ solutions to link carbon trading markets with natural capital in different jurisdictions, International insurance/re-insurance systems as alternative financial incentive instruments (e.g. risk premia to cover whale ship strikes), Greener macro policies (Sovereign Climate Fund, green bonds)

Ecological and social sustainability - Livelihood and jobs

This panel is dedicated to discuss how to align ecological, economic and social objectives through valuing natural capital. In particular, it should discuss how indigenous populations and people in low-/middle-income countries can benefit from such an approach.

Conference Agenda



9:00 CET



Opening Remarks

9:20 CET



Keynote – The broader picture

10:00 CET



Parallel Break-out sessions:

- Panel on economic and ecological significance of natural capital and biodiversity
- Panel on governance issues for conservation of natural resources

12:30 CET



Lunch Break

14:00 CET



Keynote – Challenges and solutions

14:40 CET



Parallel Break-out sessions:

- Panel on financial mechanisms and issues
- Panel on ecological and social sustainability - Livelihood and jobs

16:50 CET



Summary

17:30 CET



Closing Remarks

Networking & two day training



10:00 – 11:30 CET

Networking Coffee (on-site for all conference participants & training participants)

14:00 – 17:00 CET

Governance Solutions that work: Natural capital and their governance mechanisms (hybrid)

14:00 – 17:00CET

Tokenization, all you need to know (online)



13:30 – 16:30 CET

DeFi Solutions & Climate Funds (online)

17:30 – 20:30 CET

The big picture: How to create triple wins with the valuation of natural capital (online)

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