

VON WEISSENBERG, Marina (Finland)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Counsellor at the Ministry of the Environment, Finland

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

IUCN Councillor for West-Europe 2008–2011 and willing to serve IUCN for the second term. The chair of IPBES Task Force in the IUCN Council and member of the Governance Committee, Programme and Policy Committee as well as the Constituency Committee.

Halting the biodiversity loss globally is my vision. IUCN plays a key role in this thanks to the broad scientific background. In the field of conservation, nature protection and sustainable use of natural resources, IUCN and its network of scientists and knowledge holders are paramount.

Political scientist by profession, I am working with international nature protection issues at the Ministry of the Environment, Finland

I have been serving as the secretary as well as Chair of the IUCN National Committee of Finland for many years which has given me the opportunity to learn to know the broad field of IUCN membership not only in Europe but also in Africa, Asia and South America.

I am the National Focal Point for the Convention on Biological Diversity in Finland. I'm interested in science-policy interfaces and in how to strengthen synergies between different biodiversity related agreements among other things. Gender and indigenous issues are near my heart as well as outdoor activities, jogging, sports, skiing, photography and protected areas on this Earth.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

- At the moment Regional Councillor and therefore the continuation is important to use her expertise to the fullest.
- Excellent networking skills, active and outspoken personality. Professionally focused, pragmatic and has language skills. Biodiversity strategies and action plans and mainstreaming of biodiversity into all levels of society are some of her favourite topics. Nature protection and species conservation are important to her. Furthermore, she has a good sense of humour.
- Knows IUCN and its Commissions after more than 15 years of involvement.