

Nature + climate

Background

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) puts nature at the centre of climate change solutions. Healthy forests, wetlands and coastal areas can store substantial amounts of carbon and help people adapt to the impacts of climate change that are being felt across the world. When developed in an equitable and sustainable manner, mechanisms such as Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (REDD) can reduce emissions, conserve biodiversity and enhance human well-being.

At the 2012 World Conservation Congress in Jeju Island, Republic of Korea, IUCN will be urging decision-makers to invest in nature - in the way we protect it, manage it and govern it –and thus increase resilience and reduce the vulnerability of people to the impacts of climate change. The Congress will bring together the world's leading environmental and development experts working to improve the way we manage our natural environment for human, social and economic development.

Key events at Congress

- Nature+ climate: Can Nature save us? World Leaders Dialogue , 7 Sep, 17:00-18:30, Tamna Hall
- Law and governance for REDD-plus: collaborative workshop on developing legal and institutional arrangements. Conservation Campus, 8 Sep 2012, 09:00-18:00, Pearl Room, IUCN Environmental Law Centre
- From Good Intentions to Action: National Implementation on Gender and Climate Change. Workshop, 7 Sep, 14:30-16:30, Halla B, IUCN Global Gender Office
- Climate Change, REDD+ and Adaptation: Meeting Training Needs for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Conservation Campus, 8 Sep, 09:00-18:00, Crystal Ballroom 3, Conservation International

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Related Publications

- Ecosystem-based adaptation in Mountain Ecosystems, Ecosystem-based Approaches to Adaptation in National Policy, Guidelines and Principles on integrating EbA: http://iucn.org/what/tpas/climate/resources/durban_adaptation_hub_resources/
- [Mitigating climate change through restoration and management of coastal wetlands and near-shore marine ecosystems : challenges and opportunities](#)
- Give REDD+ Life: [http://environment.yale.edu/tfd/uploads/TFDReview_GivingREDD-plusLife_en\(1\).pdf](http://environment.yale.edu/tfd/uploads/TFDReview_GivingREDD-plusLife_en(1).pdf)
- Adapting to climate change in Eastern and Southern Africa: <http://youtu.be/tlp2RkDQBMq> (Video)

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