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Tuesday, 8 November 2022

Blue Carbon in Blue Economy Development and Achievement of Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target | 10:00-11:30

Location: Indonesia Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Sebastian Troeng (Executive Vice President)

Partner Organizations: UNDP

Event Description: Indonesia is actively in efforts to achieve NDC targets with the establishment of Presidential Regulation number 98/2021 concerning the Implementation of Carbon Economic Values for Achieving Nationally Determined Contribution Targets and greenhouse gas emissions reduction in National Development. This event is organized for information exchange from various parties in preparation for Blue Carbon in the implementation of the Presidential Regulation on Carbon Economic Values specifically for the marine sector or Blue Carbon.

Global Leadership on Blue Carbon: Keys to Success | 11:00-12:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Jill Hamilton (Director, Blue Climate Strategy)

Partner Organizations: IUCN, IOC-UNESCO

Event Description: A joint event with the Blue Carbon Initiative (CI, IUCN and IOC-UNESCO) and the International Partnership for Blue Carbon highlighting exemplary blue carbon initiatives globally and best practices that countries interested in engaging in blue carbon projects can follow.

Launch of Liberia NDC Implementation Plan | 14:00-15:00

Location: NDC Partnership Pavilion

CI Participant: Peter Mulbah (Country Director, CI-Liberia)

Partner Organizations: Government of Liberia, UNDP

Event Description: The launch of Liberia's NDC implementation plan at COP 27 will outline the economy-wide targets featured in the nine NDC sectors as well as priority climate actions, including elaboration of gender-responsive plans and associated financial resource mobilization strategies and cost articulated in Liberia's revised NDC implementation. The launch of the NDC implementation plan at COP 27 will also help accelerate efforts by Liberia to achieve her climate ambition through multi-stakeholder engagement as well as promote effective sectoral coordination.

Turning the Tide on Forest Preservation and High Forest, Low Deforestation (HFLD) Credits | 16:30-17:30

Location: Business Pavilion

CI Participant: Emily Nyrop (Vice President, Climate Change); Jason Funk (REDD+ Strategy Director)

Partner Organizations: Climate Impact X

Event Description: Climate Impact X, a global marketplace and exchange for quality environmental credits, will convene leading environmental organizations and experts to discuss why a new approach to incentivize the preservation of HFLD territories is urgently needed. The session will unpack the market mechanisms that could help unlock a crucial tool which enables businesses to meet their climate, nature, water, and biodiversity goals.

Wednesday, 9 November 2022

The Importance of People in Forest Restoration | 11:30-12:30

Location: We Mean Business Coalition Pavilion

CI Participant: Sebastian Troeng (Executive Vice President)

Partner Organizations: Mastercard

Event Description: Nature-based solutions like restoring, protecting, and managing ecosystems must also help people adapt to the negative impacts of climate change. In this session, you'll hear from our panelists how Mastercard's Priceless Planet Coalition acknowledges that forest restoration is a key strategy for community adaptation and resilience, and how the needs of people and communities are put at the forefront.

Inclusive Partnerships to Address the Climate and Biodiversity Crisis and Support Direct Finance for Indigenous peoples and local communities | 13:30-14:30

Location: 4th Paris Capacity-Building Hub

CI Participants: Luis Barquin Valle (Vice President, Communities and Innovation); Kristen Walker (Senior Vice President, Center for Communities and Conservation); Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director)

Partner Organizations: Ujamaa Community Resource Team (UCRT) Tanzania, Fundación Ak'tenamit Guatemala, DGM Mexico/Red Indígena de Turismo de México (RITA) A.C., DGM Congo NSC/Repaleac, GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative

Event Description: This event will provide an opportunity to: exchange experiences, challenges, and opportunities that Indigenous peoples and local communities currently face to access climate and biodiversity finance; provide practical examples of Indigenous peoples and local communities access to direct finance mechanisms and sustainable results; amplify the voices and experiences of Indigenous peoples and local communities, and facilitate the knowledge exchange across sectors and institutions providing; identify emerging approaches, inclusive partnerships, and community-led initiatives addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis; strengthen and help diversify PCCB multi-stakeholder collaboration goals; promote common agendas and collaboration supporting IPLC access to climate and biodiversity finance; raise awareness of the contribution of Indigenous and local community-governed and implemented practices to NDCs, climate goals, gender, and sustainable development.

Reception: Translating Pledges to Concrete Action for Indigenous Peoples | 18:00-20:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Participants: Kristen Walker (Senior Vice President, Center for Communities and Conservation); Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director); Luis Barquin Valle (Vice President, Communities and Innovation); Elijah Toirai (Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: This event will explore the progress to date in 2021's pledge to Indigenous peoples and local communities. The session will look at the progress made by donors and NGOs on their commitments, and actions by IPLCs on exploring suitable funding mechanisms developed from an IPLC perspective. The session will count with an announcement and then follow with a reception.

Thursday, 10 November 2022

Fostering Women's Leadership and Gender-Transformative Change in Locally Led Climate Action | 09:00-10:30

Location: Local-Led Adaptation Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director)

Partner Organizations: Climate Investment Funds, WB/CIF, DGM, Republic of the Congo, World Bank TTL

Event Description: This event will illustrate how to ensure inclusive & gender-targeted community-led climate action drawing on a recent study that analyzed lessons learned from 12 Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities country projects. It will bring together stakeholders to discuss how locally-led climate action can ensure systematic inclusion & women's involvement in decision-making.

Accelerating Ocean-based Climate Action for a Sustainable Future | 10:00-11:30

Location: French Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Sebastian Troeng (Executive Vice President, Conservation Partnerships); Jill Hamilton (Director, Blue Climate Strategy)

Partner Organizations: Ocean & Climate Platform, French Agency for Development

Event Description: This event will feature a dynamic roundtable exploring the topic "from 'problem' to 'solution', showcasing actionable ocean-based initiatives for a resilient and net-zero future.

Global Mangrove Alliance Mangrove Breakthrough Announcement | 10:30-11:00

Location: Nature News Room

CI Speaker/Participant: Jill Hamilton (Director, Blue Climate Strategy)

Partner Organizations: Global Mangrove Alliance, Coral Vita

Event Description: The Mangrove Breakthrough is a science-based, achievable and measurable goal for non-state actors and governments to collectively restore and protect mangroves at the scale needed, catalyzing financial flows to scale proven solutions and mobilize action on the ground. The Mangrove Breakthrough is part of a set of Marrakech Partnership Adaptation and Resilience Breakthroughs which collectively define global milestones and high-impact solutions to reduce climate risks, particularly in vulnerable communities, through adaptation action.

Exponential Climate Action Summit | 16:00-17:00

Location: TBD

CI Speaker/Participant: Michael Wolosin (Managing Director, NCS Roadmap)

Partner Organizations: Exponential Roadmap Initiative, We Don't Have Time

Event Description: How can business and society contribute to increased resilience, adaptation and mitigation? The Nature-based solutions & carbon removal panel will explore the opportunity for exponential acceleration of nature-based climate solutions and mitigation from natural carbon removal. Session will be simulcast by We Don't Have Time to audiences around the world.

Translating Pledges to IPLCs into Action for Climate and Biodiversity: GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative Event & Reception | 18:00-20:00

Location: GEF/GCF Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Luis Barquin Valle (Vice President, Communities and Innovation); Kristen Walker (Senior Vice President, Center for Communities and Conservation)

Partner Organizations: GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative / GEF, Conservation International, IUCN, Sotz'il, FENAMAD, Observatorio Ciudadano, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, ANAPAC, Ujamaa Community Resource Team, IMPACT, Indigenous Peoples' Foundation for Education and Environment, Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities, House of Ariki-House of Lau-CI-Fiji

Event Description: The GEF invites you to the launch of the GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative, a new model for increased direct financing to Indigenous and local community organizations to deliver multiple global environmental benefits and support related cultural and economic development initiatives. Join us to learn more about IP and LC leadership in nine initiatives taking action to address the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Friday, 11 November 2022

Restor Event | 11:00-12:30

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Sebastian Troeng (Executive Vice President, Conservation Partnerships)

Partner Organizations: Restor

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

CI Official UNFCCC Side Event | Building Resilience in East African Community and Sub-Saharan Africa: Challenges and Opportunities | 16:45-18:15

Location: Side Event Room 9

CI Speaker/Participant: Giacomo Fedele (Adaptation Strategy Director); Elijah Toirai (Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions); Shalom Ndiku (Africa Policy Director)

Partner Organizations: East African Community, African Centre for Technology Studies; Frankfurt School of Economy

Event Description: To illustrate how East African Community region and Sub-Saharan Africa are implementing nature-based adaptation, and the opportunities and challenges in financing such options. It will also highlight options for leveraging local knowledge to build leadership for strengthening adaptation.

Moana Rising Film Premiere & Cocktail Dinner | 18:00-21:30

Location: The Queen Vic

CI Speaker/Participant: Mere Takoko (Vice President, CI Aotearoa)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: An ocean conservation and climate resilience concept developed by Conservation International. Our goal is to raise \$100mn in investment capital for blue carbon initiatives in Aotearoa, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands region. Our focus is to support blue carbon investment opportunities between Indigenous peoples with governments, bank institutions, philanthropic organizations and donors. **Event attendance by invitation only.**

Saturday, 12 November 2022

Delivering on Climate Pledges: What does High-Quality Corporate Action Look Like? | 10:00-11:00

Location: We Mean Business Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation); Elijah Toirai (Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions)

Partner Organizations: Meridian Institute, World Economic Forum (WEF), Friends of Ocean Action, Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA), Salesforce, CI, TNC

Event Description: Corporate pledges for climate and nature and the voluntary carbon market are both critical tools that, when made and used well, can play an important role in corporate climate action, positively supporting our world's collective journey to a net zero, nature positive future. To help private sector leaders on this journey, specifically in the fast-emerging space of blue carbon, this session will feature the launch of the High-Quality Blue Carbon Principles and Guidance. Areas for discussion will include trends and guidance in the pursuit of a high-quality carbon market and pragmatic best practices towards the achievement of high integrity corporate action at large.

Landscapes for life: Demonstrating inclusive, just and resilient transformation of the land use sector (Marrakech Partnership Land Use Day event) | 10:00-12:00

Location: Blue Zone, Ibis Room

CI Speaker: Michael Wolosin (Managing Director, NCS Roadmap)

Partner Organizations: Marrakech Partnership, High Level Climate Champions

Event Description: Glasgow's Climate Pact is an urgent call to exponentiate efforts to increase resilience and curtail emissions across all sectors in a just and equitable manner. The only way to do that is if all actors rethink their strategies to make them substantially more ambitious. The objective of the event is to unpack what this means for the land use sector. CI's Michael Wolosin will provide opening remarks on the current state of the world's ecosystems in the context of climate change, based on the Exponential Roadmap for NCS.

Hinemoana Halo Climate Investment Forum | 10:00-13:00

Location: Prince Albert R3, British House

CI Speaker: Mere Takoko (Vice President, CI Aotearoa)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

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Exponential Roadmap for Natural Climate Solutions | 13:00-14:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speakers: Johan Rockstrom (CI Chief Scientist), Michael Wolosin (Managing Director, NCS Roadmap)

Partner Organizations: TIME CO2, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Event Description: We simply will not avert runaway climate change without urgent action to protect and restore nature. Join us to hear about "The Exponential Roadmap for Natural Climate Solutions," new research that charts the course for how we can – and must – slash agriculture and land sector emissions to net zero by 2030, by maximizing land use pathways available now to keep global warming to 1.5 C and secure a 10 gigaton net sink in emissions by 2050.

NDCs and Indigenous Peoples | 14:15-15:15

Location: Indigenous Peoples Pavilion

CI Speaker: Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director)

Partner Organizations: WGIA, IIPFCC

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

How Climate Change Mobilization Promotes Adaptation & Resilience in Latin America & the Caribbean's Private Sector | 15:00-16:00

Location: MDB Joint Pavilion

CI Speaker: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation); Rod Braun (Director, Green-Gray Infrastructure Program)

Partner Organizations: IDB

Event Description: This panel will analyze how an early response and preventative adaptation solutions can be more effective and less costly than late reaction. Speakers will present examples where adaptation measures to climate change make it possible to curtail negative efforts, reduce vulnerabilities and increase the resilience of human and natural ecosystems to climate change. In this direction, IDB Invest will reinforce its works in promoting the incorporation of adaptation and resilience measures for its clients, prioritizing nature-based solutions.

Exponential Food and Nature Solutions | 15:15-16:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Michael Wolosin (Managing Director, NCS Roadmap)

Partner Organizations: Exponential Roadmap Initiative, We Don't Have Time, EAT (TBC), PIK (TBC)

Event Description: We need to move to the next generation of Food and Land value chains by 2030. The current food system is insecure and severely impacts climate and biodiversity. Now is the time to accelerate the shift towards regenerative agriculture and healthier, plant-based food and protect and restore nature. We need a laser focus on becoming nature positive by 2030 by exponentially scaling food and nature solutions through enabling policy, technology, and climate leadership. This event brings together world leaders from science, policymakers, and companies in the absolute frontline to drive the narrative, strategy, and concrete action.

Deploying Finance to 1000 Landscapes by 2030 | 16:00-17:30

Location: SDG Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Elijah Toirai (Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions)

Partner Organizations: 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People, Climate-KIC, EcoAgriculture Partners, UNDP, Rainforest Alliance, Landscape Finance Lab

Event Description: Through 'Integrated Landscape Finance', local partnerships design a multi-sector set of landscape investments, coordinated to achieve regeneration at scale, and secure the diverse financing needed for those investments. The 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People initiative is a 'radical collaboration' of organizations working to strengthen landscape partnerships. 1000L partners have identified key building blocks for an effective system of integrated landscape finance, aiming to meet climate and SDGs in 1000 landscapes. Speakers will describe the approach, and the collaborative roadmap under development to catalyze finance system innovation and scaling. Participants are invited to contribute to the strategy.

Supporting Indigenous peoples and local community Leadership through Direct Access Financing: DGM and Inclusive Conservation Initiative | 16:45-17:45

Location: Indigenous Peoples Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director); Kristen Walker (Senior Vice President, Center for Communities and Conservation)

Partner Organizations: Democratic Republic of the Congo, Indonesia, Mexico, Brazil, Guatemala

Event Description: This event discusses the importance of initiatives designed to support Indigenous and local community (IPLC) leadership in stewarding lands, waters, and natural resources through direct access financing. It will showcase two examples, the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) funded Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous peoples and Local Communities (12 countries) and GEF-7 Inclusive Conservation Initiative (9 initiatives in 12 countries). Indigenous and local community leaders will share their experiences and results obtained over the last 5 years of DGM implementation and IP priorities and experiences with GEF funding. Discussion topics include governance, strengthened participation of youth and women, and IPLC contribution to global climate and biodiversity action.

Global Landscapes Forum Climate: Adaptation Event | 16:00-17:00

Location:

CI Speaker/Participant: Giacomo Fedele (Adaptation Strategy Director)

Partner Organizations: FAO, CIFOR-ICRAF

Event Description: FAO is collaborating with partners to enhance the role of forests and trees in climate change adaptation policy and action. This session will highlight a new FAO policy paper that discusses the policy implications of a set of principles for leveraging forests and trees for transformational adaptation. This session will highlight key messages and case studies from the policy paper in the context of COP 27, including the potential of forests and trees for mitigation and adaptation synergies, and disaster risk management.

Monday, 14 November 2022

Women and Girls are Key to Effective Climate Change | 09:00-09:45

Location: World Bank Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Johnson Cerda (DGM Global Senior Director)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Hinemoana Halo Climate Investment Panel | 09:00-09:55

Location: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Mere Takoko (Vice President, CI Aotearoa)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Supporting Local Adaptation Knowledge to Scale Up Nature-based Solutions | 09:00-10:00

Location: Capacity-Building Hub

CI Speaker/Participant: Giacomo Fedele (Adaptation Strategy Director)

Partner Organizations: FAO, GATC/COICA, CIFOR-ICRAF

Event Description: This session aims to share knowledge and practical experiences (project results, new scientific publications, lessons learned from IPLC/civil societies) about strengthening local capacities to sustainably manage forests and lands to support adaptation to climate change. The long-term benefits to which this session contributes is reduction of climate-related vulnerabilities thanks to shared learning for scaling up nature-based solutions for adaptation.

Doing it Better: Unpacking Evidence from the Field and Lessons Learned from NbS for Adaptation | 14:00-15:00

Location: Capacity Building Hub

CI Speaker/Participant: Rod Braun (Director, Green-Gray Infrastructure Program)

Partner Organizations: IUCN

Event Description: The intent of this panel session is to demonstrate concrete evidence and results from completed and in-progress projects, including lessons learned, return on investment, and impact of projects on the ground – and how this can be taken forward into future projects as adaptation efforts are scaled up around the world.

Launch of the Singapore Blue Carbon Institute + Reception | 16:00

Location: Singapore Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: The International Blue Carbon Institute (IBCI) will accelerate and scale blue carbon implementation in Asia and beyond through science, training, and development of essential technical capacity, methodologies, and tools. Based in Singapore, the goals of the IBCI are to: Build multi-disciplinary capacity in Asia and beyond, to research, design, and implement blue carbon related programs, policy, and projects, provide a globally recognized hub facilitating the exchange of blue carbon expertise, knowledge, and learning, and provide regional and international leadership in the translation of cutting-edge science into tools and methodologies for broad application of blue carbon for climate mitigation and adaptation.

Hinemoana Halo | 16:45-17:45

Location: Indigenous Peoples Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Mere Takoko (Vice President, CI Aotearoa)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Event with Government of New Zealand and IWI Chairs | TIME TBD

Location: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Mere Takoko (Vice President, CI Aotearoa)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Tuesday, 15 November 2022

The Invisible Environmental Defenders: Afro-descendant Communities in the Americas | 09:30-10:30

Location: Colombia Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Kelvin Alie (Senior Vice President, Strategy, Delivery and Field Partnerships)

Partner Organizations: Government of Colombia, Afro-Interamerican Forum on Climate Change, House Foreign Affairs Committee, UN Permanent Forum for People of African Descent

Event Description: The objective of this event is to provide an overview of key global contributions of Afro-descendant territories for climate change mitigation and adaptation, and potential connections with elements that are being considered in the UN Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations and subsequent international Agreements. Participants will be able to hear from the founders of the AIFCC about the challenges and opportunities of the proposed framework for a new climate change agreement that acknowledges the role of Afro-descendant territories. Participants will also discuss local priorities for Afro-descendant communities across the Americas, present priority and representative projects, and share information about potential financial mechanisms.

Catalyzing Corporate Climate Action through the Tropical Forest Credit Integrity Guide | 15:00-16:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Jason Funk (REDD+ Strategy Director) *or* Will Turner (Senior Vice President, Natural Climate Solutions) (tbc)

Partner Organizations: IPAM, COICA, TNC, WCS, WRI, WWF-US

Event Description: The Tropical Forest Credit Integrity (TFCI) Guide provides companies with guidance, developed by consensus among a coalition of environmental NGOs and Indigenous Peoples organizations, on how to differentiate tropical forest carbon credits by impact, quality, and scale. At this event, panelists from collaborating organizations will preview additional implementation guidance on both environmental and social quality issues.

Partnership to Accelerate Action to Protect Blue Carbon Ecosystems for Mitigation and Adaptation | 13:15

Location: Thutmose Room

CI Speaker/Participant: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation)

Partner Organizations: Government of Australia

Event Description: This side event aims at demonstrating how partnerships across different sectors are key to driving credible action for the protection and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems (mangroves, seagrasses, tidal marshes), contributing to climate change mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity, ocean economies and livelihoods of coastal communities.

Wednesday, 16 November 2022

Ocean Action Day | 10:00-12:00

Location: Blue Zone, Room TBC

CI Speaker/Participant: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation); Jill Hamilton (Director, Blue Climate Strategy)

Partner Organizations: Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

Event Description: The Ocean Action Day at COP 27 will gather Heads of State, IPLC leaders, businesses, UN organizations, scientific institutions, experts, and practitioners alongside climate-ocean focused initiatives and NGO leaders. The event will call for unity, raised ambition, increased finance and ocean-based climate action to accelerate mitigation pathways and support ongoing resilience and adaptation needs.

Engineering the Vision for Climate Resilient Transportation | 10:30-12:00

Location: UNFCCC Action Zone

CI Speaker/Participant: Rod Braun (Director, Green-Gray Infrastructure Program)

Partner Organizations: International Coalition of Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI)

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Enhancing the Value of Sustainable Forest Ecosystem Management Projects by Local Communities | 11:00-11:30

Location: **To be confirmed**

CI Speaker/Participant: **To be confirmed**

Partner Organizations: Alliance for the Conservation of Rainforests

Event Description: The objectives of this sequence is to highlight the different projects implemented by the members of the Alliance in the 3 main tropical basins (Amazonia, Congo-Basin, Borneo-Mekong Basin). In that perspective, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) or donors will present successful programs. Amazonia Verde is an ambitious flagship program of Conservation International which aims to conserve more than 12% of Amazonian forests by supporting Indigenous peoples and local communities, and by launching new financial mechanisms to advance investment and incentives for conservation. TropiSCO aims to map deforested areas in near-real time and publish the information so that local actors can intervene, alert public opinion, and account for the area lost.

Tackling the Twin Crises of Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss through Nature-based Climate Solutions | 11:00-12:30

Location: Singapore Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Richard Jeo (Senior Vice President, Asia Pacific Field Division); Robert Baigrie (Vice President, Asia Pacific Field Division)

Partner Organizations: World Economic Forum, The Nature Conservancy

Event Description: A discussion on the co-benefits of forest carbon projects in Southeast Asia and the importance of biodiversity.

Coastal Infrastructure Implementation Lab | 13:00-14:00

Location: Blue Zone, Room TBC

CI Speaker/Participant: Rod Braun (Director, Green-Gray Infrastructure Program)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: **To be confirmed**

Forest-Climate Solutions: Leveraging Forests and Trees for Climate Stability and Food Security | 14:30-15:30

Location: Food and Agriculture Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Michael Wolosin (Managing Director, NCS Roadmap)

Partner Organizations: FAO, CIFOR-ICRAF, WRI, Global Alliance of Territorial Communities (GATC)

Event Description: This event will highlight the key role of forests and trees in simultaneously supporting climate stability and food security through the launch of three complementary publications by FAO and partners. Diverse stakeholders will discuss the implications of the findings for climate policy and action.

Blue Carbon Implementation Lab | 15:00-16:30

Location: Action Room

CI Speaker/Participant: Emily Pidgeon (Vice President, Ocean Science and Innovation); Jill Hamilton (Director, Blue Climate Strategy)

Partner Organizations: Ocean-Climate Platform, the Blue Marine Foundation, IUCN, IOC-UNESCO, Blue Carbon Initiative

Event Description: Over the last decade, Blue Carbon ecosystems have been recognized for their value for climate mitigation and adaptation, as well as their critical value for biodiversity and communities. Climate policy and finance is now beginning to support development and implementation of conservation and restoration of blue carbon ecosystems. This Lab will highlight these successes and identify the key emerging opportunities for scaling.

From Gray to Green: A Lifecycle Approach to Integrating Nature-based Solutions | 17:00-18:00

Location: Resilience Hub

CI Speaker/Participant: Rod Braun (Director, Green-Gray Infrastructure Program)

Partner Organizations: International Coalition of Sustainable Infrastructure (ICSI)

Event Description: Making a strong case for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) requires consideration of their whole lifecycle, from concept planning to design and implementation through to operations and maintenance. This includes defining the physical scope of the project, making the case for investment, identifying who owns and maintains the NbS and then measuring how the benefits, costs and impacts of NbS are generated and perceived across the project. This session will showcase real world examples of planning, delivery and management of NbS, with a focus on building the business case, implementing hybrid solutions and their long-term operation and maintenance.

Delivering on COP 26's Nature Legacy: A Vision for Integrated Action at a Watershed Moment for Climate and Nature | TIME TBD

Location: UK Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: **To be confirmed**

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: Building on the UK's COP 26 nature campaign, this event will outline a vision for how integrated action on climate and nature can accelerate global action to address the two crises threatening people and our planet. It will highlight solutions and showcase best practices that can deliver for climate, biodiversity, and livelihoods – both on land and in the ocean. It will build momentum and raise the profile of CBD where the world will come together to agree to a Global Biodiversity Framework.

Thursday, 17 November 2022

Unlocking Climate Finance to Support High Forest Low Deforestation Regions in Africa and America | 09:00-10:00

Location: Nature Zone Pavilion

CI Speaker/Participant: Gustavo Souza (Americas Policy and Climate Director); Jason Funk (REDD+ Strategy Director)

Partner Organizations: **To be confirmed**

Event Description: High Forest, Low Deforestation (HFLD) countries and jurisdictions are those with extensive, ecologically intact forests and low past rates of deforestation. These are high-carbon areas with biodiversity and human well-being co-benefits that do not have access to adequate sources of financing, in particular for existing carbon finance instruments. HFLD jurisdictions face significant additional barriers in accessing finance, since climate funding mechanisms have so far prioritized payments to areas that start with high past deforestation rates and then bring them under control. This event will focus on how to advance policy pathways for HFLD countries and jurisdictions with high irrecoverable carbon to access climate finance. Practical examples from national and subnational governments will be presented as case studies, especially in the local context in Peru, Suriname, Guyana, and Amapá State in the Brazilian Amazon.