

Nature and Climate Community of Practice Steering Committee Meeting Summary

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Agenda

- Briefly return to our vision statement and discuss next steps (all)
- Update on climate finance consultations
- Update on the Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D) Nature and Climate Community of Practice (NCCP) subgroup
- Nature-based solutions (NbS) & political shift in Canada:
 - How the NCCP may wish to plan ahead with respect to a possible political shift in Canada
 - How might we explore ways to demonstrate NbS as an apolitical, non-partisan solution pathway

- NbS and Indigenous Ways of Knowing
 - How do we think the NCCP could best serve a deeper dive into the intersectionality of NbS and Indigenous Ways of Knowing?
 - How might we help further decolonize NbS from the roots up?
- Discuss the work plan and relevant events/processes to be aware of, including
 - Early June: Mangroves event hosted by Aga Khan Foundation Canada
 - Late June: Oxford NbS conference
 - October 1–2: IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature regional forum, Ottawa
 - Triple Conference of the Parties (COP) year:
 - Sixteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 16) in Cali, Colombia
 - 29th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 29) in Baku, Azerbaijan
 - Sixteenth session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD COP 16) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- AOB

Key Themes	Action Items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good feedback so far on NCCP’s vision statement. • GAC Climate Finance Consultations taking place, website to be released to gather written feedback. • Water, food, health, and security are potential themes within NbS to focus on that are resilient to political change. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering committee to provide feedback on the Vision Statement and name of NCCP in governance document; • Steering committee to socialize NCCP and bring diverse membership. • IISD to convene another steering committee meeting to cover missed agenda items.