

Nature and Climate Community of Practice Steering Committee Meeting Summary

Virtual – September 5, 2024

Participants

- Georgia Exell (International Institute for Sustainable Development [IISD])
- Veronica Lo (IISD)
- Celine Heinbecker (Global Affairs Canada [GAC])
- Kerry Max (GAC)
- Florence Gagnon-Bergeron (GAC)
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Agenda

- Updates from GAC restructuring and forecast + greeting message from new Director General, Cam Do
- Fall updates
 - IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) Regional Conservation Forum 2024, Ottawa
 - Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) 16th Conference of the Parties (COP16): Community of Practice @ CBD COP

- Proposed workshop on Indigenous science: “Working with knowledge holders to advance inclusive and equitable nature and climate initiatives: Workshop and dialogue at CBD COP16.” The objective is to support development organizations in working with knowledge holders to advance climate/nature initiatives with Indigenous science in collaborative and equitable ways.
- Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation project (NAbSA) IUCN Pavilion event (P4C initiatives, NAbSA operational framework, ENACT)
 - Events at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP
- Value-add of Community of Practice: Open discussion on overlaps and complementarities between our Community of Practice, NAbSA, and similar spaces – how do we keep the momentum going?
- Communications
 - Community of Practice page updated: <https://ncai.iisd.org/nature-climate-community-practice-steering-committee/>
 - Linking to Steering Committee social networks in advance of fall events
- AOB

Key Themes

- Updates on GAC restructure
- Steering Committee members and wider Community of Practice are engaged across the three Rio Convention COPs and other events this fall; these engagements will be advertised through P4C network and Community of Practice webpage
- Need to keep up the momentum of knowledge-sharing value of Community of Practice

Action items

- Provide GAC with event details when finalized to send to P4C network
- Provide a summary (paragraph) and photos of the different COPs events to IISD to distribute through P4C network and website
- Provide feedback on Community of Practice webpage
- Next meeting: end of November/beginning of December
- Think through workplan