

Nature and Climate Community of Practice Steering Committee Meeting Summary

In person – February 7, 2025

Participants

- Georgia Exell (International Institute for Sustainable Development [IISD])
- Veronica Lo (IISD)
- Kerry Max (Global Affairs Canada [GAC])
- Emilie Oulette (GAC)
- Stu Soloman (Plan International Canada)
- Jimena Eyzaguirre (ESSA Technologies)
- Yannick Beaudoin (Alinea International)
- Graeme Reed (Assembly of First Nations [AFN])
- Wanli Ou (AFN)
- Naomi Johnson (Canadian Foodgrains Bank)
- Zoe Jafflin (IUCN [International Union for the Conservation of Nature]) (Guest)
- Ali Raza Rizvi (IUCN) (Guest)
- Jenn Hoffman (Highwatermark)

Agenda

- Debrief on International Development Week (IDW) event
- Updates from IUCN on the Global Standard and the Nature-based Solutions for Climate Adaptation (NAbSA) initiative
- Roundtable of nature and climate updates from Steering Committee members

- Next steps for Community of Practice and workplan for 2025
 - SWOT Analysis
 - Making the most impact – Format of offerings (e.g., events, infographic, newsletter), partnerships (Aga Khan Foundation Canada), next IDW
- AOB

Key Themes	Action items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests from IUCN discussed the process to update the Nature-based Solutions Global Standard, and engaged in a discussion with Steering Committee members on how it is applied at different levels and the challenges with working with the standards. • Next steps for the Community of Practice were discussed, including best formats for knowledge sharing, use of facilitators, which events to use, who is involved/invited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address other topics at next meeting (week of March 10): member requests for a webinar on agriculture, timeline of activities, synergies with the NAbSA program and the Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D).