

Nature and Climate Community of Practice Steering Committee Meeting Summary

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Participants

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- Jenn Hoffman (Highwatermark)
- Naomi Johnson (Canadian FoodGrains Bank)
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Agenda

- Round table of updates
- Next steps for Community of Practice and workplan for 2025
- Role of Community of Practice in promoting exchange beyond Partnering for Climate
- Making the most impact—Format of offerings (e.g., events, infographic, newsletter), partnerships (Aga Khan Foundation Canada), next International Development Week (IDW)
- Timeline of relevant climate/biodiversity negotiations and opportunities
- Follow-up from discussion on IUCN's nature-based solutions (NbS) Global Standard

Key themes	Action items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value proposition of Community of Practice: representing a plurality of worldviews and alternative framing to NbS • Need for a learning space and formal and informal exchanges, structured and unstructured opportunities to speak • Important for members to distinguish a Community of Practice event from other activities • Being strategic about engagement and coalitions given lower capacity • Two separate discussions will be needed on value-add of Community of Practice and process • Big thanks to Naomi for all her contributions to setting up the Community of Practice and making linkages to the Canadian Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate possibilities for more interactive spaces for Community of Practice events at the next IDW • Send timeline of potential events for input • Next meeting to discuss both value proposition and what a “made-in-Canada” approach to NbS could look like