

# Nature and Climate Community of Practice Steering Committee Meeting Summary

## In Person – February 4, 2026

### Participants

- Georgia Exell (International Institute for Sustainable Development [IISD]) (virtual)
- Veronica Lo (IISD)
- Kerry Max (Global Affairs Canada [GAC])
- Dina Mirza (GAC)
- Yannick Beaudoin (Alinea International)
- Graeme Reed (Assembly of First Nations)
- Jenn Hoffman (Highwatermark)
- Stu Solomon (Plan International)
- Brett Hill (Inuit Circumpolar Council)
- Jimena Eyzaguirre (ESSA Technologies)

### Agenda

- International Development Week (IDW)
- Current governance arrangements transition post-post-Partnering for Climate (P4C)
- Communications
- Identifying key themes for Community of Practice to address—knowledge gaps on nature-based solutions and adaptation
- AOB

Key themes	Action items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community of Practice’s value-add is clear (inclusive of all nature and climate initiatives, and others outside of GAC’s climate envelope). Learnings, especially at this stage, need to be shared.</li> <li>• Governance model—Steering Committee membership should be opened after future direction of Community of Practice clearer. Has a risk of failing if there isn’t leadership to steer the scope and objective.</li> <li>• Transition plan could be communicated through a webinar.</li> <li>• Joint media pitch could be explored.</li> <li>• IDW could continue as flagship event for Community of Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a Trello board template for events and add link to website</li> <li>• Provide approximate operating costs for ensuring the NCAI website is kept active</li> <li>• Feedback to team on relevant Coalition on Climate Change and Development (C4D) meetings</li> <li>• Update on NRCan climate adaptation work and scope for addressing trade</li> <li>• Discussion on Steering Committee representation with Inuit Circumpolar Council</li> <li>• Canadian FoodGrains Bank to be linked back into the steering committee</li> <li>• IISD to arrange a meeting to decide on Steering Committee membership</li> </ul>