



Briefing on the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille Thursday, 23 January 2020 from 3pm to 6pm Palais des Nations - Room XII

The IUCN World Conservation Congress, which is held every 4 years, will be hosted by France in Marseille from 11 to 19 June 2020.

This major event structures the world's largest global space dedicated to knowledge in the field of science, policy and practice for nature conservation and sustainable development. The theme of the Congress, "One Nature, one future", underlines the importance of a healthy natural world as a prerequisite for achieving the vision of a just and sustainable planet.

10,000 congress participants are expected in Marseille to exchange, debate and decide. 100,000 visitors are expected in the public exhibition areas.

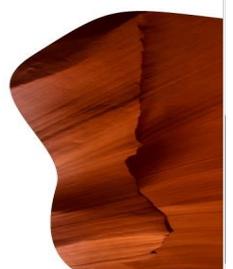
The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 in Marseille should enable a broad mobilization of all stakeholders, oriented towards action, through the consolidation and emergence of ambitious and profoundly transformational initiatives for nature conservation.

An essential step in a crucial 2020 year for biodiversity, the IUCN Congress in Marseille precedes by a few months the COP15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, which will be held in October in Kunming, China, and which will adopt a new global strategic framework for biodiversity for the period 2020-2030.

Beyond the path towards an ambitious agreement at COP 15 in Kunming, the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille is also a milestone for global climate and environmental diplomacy and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

The Permanent Mission of France in Geneva and IUCN jointly organized this information meeting, with the support of the Geneva Environment Network, to

- * Provide an update on the preparation for the IUCN World Conservation Congress, presenting its structure and highlights,
- * Discuss the objectives of the Congress and its expected impacts on the major deadlines of the year 2020 in terms of biodiversity and beyond environmental diplomacy.





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3pm-3.30pm **Opening and Welcome by H.E. Mr. François Rivasseau, French Ambassador to the UN in Switzerland.**

*Presentation of IUCN and the IUCN World Conservation Congress
What is the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
The impacts of the IUCN World Conservation Congress
The 7 themes of 2020's Congress*

Dre Grethel Aguilar, Acting Director General of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

3.30pm-4.15pm **Structure and highlights of the IUCN 2020 Congress**

Information about :

The place - « Parc Chanot » and Marseille (map, places etc...)

The different sequences/events and spaces

Opening ceremonies on 11th of June and closing ceremonies on the 19th

The Forum from June the 12th to the 15th

The Members' Assembly from June the 16th to the 19th

The nature generation areas

The Exhibition

Thematic summits and other high-level events

Panelists: Representatives from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) , from the Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition (MTES) , from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and from the delegation of the EU to the UN... (TBC)

4.15pm-5pm **IUCN Congress 2020, an essential step in the 2020 year of biodiversity and sustainable development**

Objectives and stakes of the IUCN Congress

H.E. Mr. Yann Wehring, France's Ambassador for the Environment, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

Towards COP 15 of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in Kunming

H.E. Mr. Jianhua Yu, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China to the UN (TBC)

Biodiversity and climate for COP 26, in Glasgow

H.E. Madam Miriam SHEARMAN, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of the UK to the UN (TBC)

Q&A sessions

5pm-6pm

Closing speech by H.E. Mr. François Rivasseau

Reception

Presentation and information materials will be made available to participants at the reception

