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- Towards an IUCN policy and action plan on environmental human rights defenders
- Annual reporting
- Dialogue with individual State Members
- Mobilize resources
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2. **Reinforce environmental rights**, enabling civic spaces and accountability

3. **Bridge initiatives** and enhance cooperation

4. **Break isolation and secure effective access** to protection
Roadmap progress?
Recognizing the challenges

1. Isolation of – and attacks against - defenders deepening under COVID
2. Civic spaces degrading in many countries
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