



GEF events at IUCN World Conservation Congress

Friday September 2nd
11:00 –13:00
Room 312

Managing Protected Areas and Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the 21st Century: Case Studies from the GEF Portfolio

The objective of the workshop is to generate technical and policy discussions on the challenges and potential solutions to conserve and sustainably use biodiversity within protected areas and in the productive landscapes and seascapes that surround them amidst ever growing pressures on biodiversity globally. Presentations will be focused and short to allow greater time for discussion and interaction with the audience.

Friday September 2nd
14:30 –16:30
Room 314 – UNDP Kauhale

Financing Indigenous Peoples' Conservation Projects: Experiences from the GEF and Partners

This workshop will share opportunities for indigenous peoples to partner in GEF projects and showcase best practices in implementation of GEF projects by Indigenous Peoples and partners. The event will also work to identify ways and opportunities to expand project collaborations among Indigenous Peoples and other partners. The event is targeted to indigenous peoples interested in designing and implementing medium to large-scale environmental projects.

Saturday September 3rd
12:00 –12:30
Oceans and Islands Pavilion

Ridge to Reef to Sea to Ocean: Coastal and Marine Conservation in Small Islands States

This workshop will provide an opportunity to share and learn from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and partners' investments in coastal and marine planning and conservation. The event will focus on the GEF's Ridge 2 Reef Program in the Pacific Islands, which has a goal to maintain and enhance Island countries' ecosystem goods and services through integrated approaches to natural resources management that contribute to poverty reduction, sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience.

Saturday September 3rd

17:00 -19:00

Room 313A

Global Commons – Solutions for a Crowded Planet

We are at a defining moment for the future of our planet and its peoples. This session will discuss the scientific evidence for a need for transformational shifts necessary to avoid transgressing tipping points on planetary level and puts forward a call for a paradigm shift for global planetary stewardship - reframing the concept of the Global Commons. The session will also discuss large social movements and successful levers to catalyze widespread collective action.

Sunday September 4th

12:30 -13:00

Business and Biodiversity Pavilion

Business engagement within the GEF

In this session, participants will hear from the Director of Programs at the GEF, Gustavo Fonseca, who along with GEF partners, will provide an overview to GEF's engagement with the private sector.

Sunday September 4th

17:00 -19:00

Room 313A

Gender-Responsive Financing for the Global Environment

This workshop will explore new and existing commitments on gender equality among financing mechanisms and Multilateral Environmental Agreements, including the Global Environment Facility (GEF). It will share progress, challenges and lessons learned with regards to efforts to mainstream gender and provide space to explore issues around access to financing and other mechanisms to catalyze greater results on gender equality and women's' empowerment across projects and programs.

Monday September 5th

08:30 -10:30

Room 316A

Integrated Solutions for a Sustainable and Resilient Planet

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has launched a series of programs to promote a new and innovative way of tackling major drivers of global environmental degradation. The programs address drivers related to food security, commodity supply chains, sustainable cities, illegal wildlife trade, coastal fisheries and the Amazon. This workshop will discuss how these programs can be harnessed to generate multiple environmental benefits at national, regional, and global levels.

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