

Transformative Change for Nature Positive Pathways

December 15, 09.00- 13.00, Rio Pavilion, COP15,
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Neither business as usual nor incremental changes to the ways nature is governed can possibly reverse the trend of biodiversity loss. Only by transformative change, a process that changes the underlying societal factors (indirect drivers, root causes of biodiversity loss) that drive development, society can achieve nature positive development (see recent IPBES and IPCC reports). This includes changing institutions, governance structures, power relationships, paradigms, goals and values (e.g. globalization, the paradigm of economic growth, values on the relationships between humans and non-humans). Tinkering around the edges and envisioning minor changes will simply not achieve stopping further loss, let alone nature positive development. In this context, the question this session addresses is what it will take to make the implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework transformative. It will do so in four rounds:

1. Towards Transformative change? Mobilising the Global Biodiversity Framework
2. Ministerial Panel: Aligning Nature and Climate Change for Transformative Change
3. Building productive linkages between whole of society and whole of government
4. Recognizing and rewarding transformative change: the role of monitoring, reporting and review

Session 1: 09.00 – 10.00: Towards Transformative Change? Mobilising the Global Biodiversity Framework

Opening remarks: Marcel Kok, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency and Professor Harriet Bulkeley, Durham University (5 mins)

This session reflects on the ‘theory of change’ of the GBF, how likely it is to be able to generate the transformative change we need and what opportunities it provides to advance transformative biodiversity policies.

Facilitator: Harriet Bulkeley

Presentations:

Prof. Esther Turnhout, University of Twente, The Netherlands, *The Why, What, and How of Transformative Change*
Prof. Paul Leadley, Paris-Saclay University, France, *Scenarios of Bending the Curve for Biodiversity and People*

Panellists:

- Dr. Sylvia Karlsson-Vinkhuyzen – IPBES Scenarios Taskforce and Wageningen University
- Dr. Fabrice DeClerck, EATForum and Principal Scientist, Alliance of Bioversity and CIAT of the CGIAR
- Ms. Jeannette Sánchez, Director of Natural Resources Division at ECLAC

Audience Q&A (15 minutes)

Session 2 10.10 – 11.00: Ministerial Panel: Aligning Nature and Climate Change for Transformative Change

In this high-level panel Ministers will present their vision on the transformative change for nature and climate change. They will share their visions for how the outcomes from COP15 can support COP27 and feed into COP28.

Facilitator: Prof. David Obura, Founding Director of CORDIO East Africa

Ministerial Panel: Each Minister will provide some opening remarks (5 minutes)

The Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey, Secretary of State Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK

Her Excellency Mariam Almheiri, Minister of Climate Change and Environment, United Arab Emirates

Her Excellency Christianne van der Wal-Zeggelink, Minister for Nature and Nitrogen Policy, The Netherlands

Audience Q&A (10 minutes)

Coffee break 11.00 – 11.15

Session 3 11.15 – 12.15: Building productive linkages between whole of society and whole of government

The GBF seeks to take a whole of society and whole of government approach. Across all levels, we are witnessing a growing range of societal initiatives from cities, civil society, indigenous peoples and local communities, business, and finance. These initiatives provide seeds for the necessary transitions towards a nature positive society. This session discusses how to build linkages between whole of government and whole of society.

Facilitator: Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, CBD Nature Action Agenda Champion (5 mins opening remarks)

Panellists: Each panellist will provide opening remarks (5 minutes)

- Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change of Wales
- Rachael Barza, Associate Director, Climate Adaptation & Nature Finance, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Diane Holdorf, Senior Vice-President World Business Council for Sustainable Development

Audience Q&A (20 minutes)

Session 4: 12.20 – 13.00 Recognizing & rewarding transformative change

Knowing how multiple actions ‘add up’ will be crucial for ensuring its legitimacy and securing societal, political and financial investment. Recognition is crucial for building political will and momentum for change. Yet these requirements may prove too much of a burden for societal actors with limited access to expertise and resources. This session will consider new initiatives are emerging that can support this process.

Facilitator: Marcel Kok

Panellists (each panel member will provide opening remarks of up to 5 mins each):

- Juliette Landry, IDDRI
- Saskia de Vries Dutch Central Bank, Network Greening the Financial System
- Sue Armstrong-Brown, Global Director of CDP, Environmental Impact & Thought Leadership
- Jane Welsh, Strategic Initiatives, Policy and Analysis, City Planning, City of Toronto

Audience Q&A (15 minutes)

12.55 Closing comments – Harriet Bulkeley and Marcel Kok