



NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS TO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST CRISES

The development, climate, and biodiversity crises are connected! How can nature provide solutions for addressing the multiple crises and for building back better and greener?

A symposium hosted in cooperation between the Danish Foreign Ministry and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Background

Nature and ecosystems and their contributions to human well-being are being degraded at an unprecedented rate. The rate of nature loss has accelerated to a level where scientists are now defining it as the 6th mass extinction of species in the history of our planet.

The World Economic Forum estimates that the top 5 most likely risks that the world will be facing in the coming years are all related to environmental challenges such as climate change, nature loss and degraded ecosystems. In parallel there are approximately one billion highly vulnerable people facing high risks to their safety and welfare from the adverse impacts of climate change and ecosystem failure. The people at greatest risk are low-income communities whose livelihoods depend on local natural resources and ecosystem services.

Nature and healthy ecosystems are key to solving some of our time's greatest challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss, inequality, conflict, migration and food security. Ruined and degraded ecosystems are the roots of many of our challenges and moreover, the recent COVID19 pandemic has shown us just how much we depend on maintaining the balances of nature and ecosystems. We need thriving and robust nature to secure long-term solutions in development cooperation and right now we have an opportunity to rebuild our society in the most sustainable way so that we may ensure real life changes for the people and nature most in need. If we act smart, we can *build back better and greener*.

Purpose

The symposium brings together knowledgeable experts in a thematic dialogue centered around the interconnectedness between nature, biodiversity, climate change and development. The symposium aims to build a shared understanding of how the crisis interplay and opportunities for development, climate and conservation stakeholders to create linkages and collaborate in *building back better and greener*, with Nature-based Solutions as the turning point.

Programme

Setting the scene

13:00 – 13:05	Welcome Introduction to the theme and programme	Jarl Krausing Facilitator
13:05 – 13:15	Welcome and setting the scene Why is this theme important?	Rasmus Prehn The Danish Minister of Development
13:15 – 13:30	Setting the scene Linkages between biodiversity, climate and development crises and why nature-based solutions are key in achieving the SDGs.	Tim Christophersen Head, Nature for Climate Branch, UNEP
13:30 – 13:35	Energizer with Mentimeter	All participants

The potential of Nature-based Solutions

13:35 – 13:55	Setting a global standard on Nature-based Solutions	Stewart Maginnis Global Director, Nature Based Solutions Group, IUCN
13:55 – 14:10	The NbS approach from an environmental NGO perspective	Melissa De Kock Environment and Development Specialist, WWF
14:10 – 14:25	Private sector integration and funding of Nature-based Solutions	Ingrid Reumer VP, Global Communications, Sustainability & Public Affairs, VELUX Group
14:25 – 14:45	Break & refreshment	All participants

Panel Discussion

14:45 – 15:25	Panel discussion Stephan Schönemann Under-secretary for Development Policy, Danish MFA Bo Øksnebjerg CEO WWF Denmark	Tim Christophersen Head, Nature for Climate Branch, UNEP Ingrid Reumer VP, Global Communications, Sustainability & Public Affairs, VELUX Group
15:25 – 15:35	Questions From the participants (also from virtual participants)	All
15:35 – 15:45	Conclusion from the day	Jarl Krausing Facilitator

