



## November 30<sup>th</sup>

### Climate Leaders Assembly • Invite Only

*Time:* 14:30 - 21:00

*Venue:* Anantara World Islands Resort

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* Singapore, Carbonless, Temasek, World Economic Forum

*Description:* The event will convene global leaders from finance, business, philanthropy, NGOs, and diverse communities for frank and robust discussions on climate action. The event aims to unlock the immense potential of partnerships and collaboration, across domains and borders, to catalyze solutions for a Net Zero world.

### Panel Discussion and Highlights from the film *Blue Carbon: Unleashing Nature's Superpower* • Invite Only ([Inquire here](#))

*Time:* 20:30-22:30

*Venue:* Goals House, Concrete at Alserkal Avenue

*CI Speaker:* Emily Pidgeon, VP, Ocean Science, and Innovation

*Partners:* Make Waves, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, CNN Films, NDR - Germany, Canal Plus - France, Ocean Born Foundation, Conservation International, Distributor: Off the Fence

*Description:* Conservation International, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios and Make Waves will host a panel discussion featuring highlights from their latest film 'Blue Carbon - Unleashing Nature's Superpower'. This is an environmental documentary that brings together music and science to uncover what could be one of our greatest weapons in the fight against climate change.

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## December 1<sup>st</sup>

### Sustainable Financing Marine Protection and Production

*Time:* 12:00-14:00

*Venue:* Ocean X Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Meizani Irmadhiany, Senior Vice President & Executive Chair of Konservasi Indonesia

*Partners:* Global Fund for Coral Reefs, Indonesia's Ministry of Ministry for Maritime and Investment Affairs, GCF, and TNC

*Description:* This session's objectives are to showcase the integrated Protection-Production approach/" PnP approach" for sustainable marine resource management which includes Blue Halo S and Coral Reef Positive Investment initiatives piloted in Indonesia, discuss opportunities for implementing and fostering marine-coastal protection and sustainable production integration and showcase Indonesia's approach to mitigating and adapting to climate change through a sustainable blue economy.

### **Implementation of public policies and subnational governments: the experience of the ASL Brazil project**

*Time:* 12:15-13:30

*Venue:* Amazonia Hub, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI-Brazil

*Partners:* Brazilian Department of Forests of the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Sema Amazonas, Environment and Indigenous Policies of Acre, Environmental Development of Rondônia, Geotechnologies SEMAS of Pará

*Description:* In this panel discussion we will hear from federal and subnational governments on how multilateral resources can help to strengthen the institutional framework of ASL Brazil and ensure enabling conditions needed for advancing policy implementation.

### **High-level Announcement of GCF Support to the Blue Co Caribbean Umbrella Coordination Program**

*Time:* 13:00-14:30

*Venue:* Bahamas Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* The Government of the Bahamas, Caribbean Development Bank, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, Commonwealth of Dominica, GCF

*Description:* The objective of this event is to announce the approval of the application for GCF project preparation funds to finance the development of the Blue Co Caribbean Umbrella Coordination Programme. It will place the Caribbean at the forefront of innovation on climate finance.

### **Building a Nature Positive Economy • Invite Only**

*Time:* 16:15-18:00

*Venue:* McKinsey Pavilion, Green Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* McKinsey, Salesforce, P&G

*Description:* Humanity and economic activity fundamentally depends on natural capital, which is declining at an unprecedented rate. This has put nature on the agenda, changing the playing field for business and creating new risks and opportunities. This interactive event, co-hosted by Conservation International and McKinsey, will bring together senior business leaders to discuss what actions can be taken now to enable the transition to a nature-positive economy.

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**December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## Scaling IP&LC Access to Climate and Biodiversity Finance

Time: 9:30-10:30

Venue: IUCN Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Kristen Walker Painemilla, SVP, Center for Communities and Conservation

Partners: GEF, GCF, International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Biodiversity, Fundación para la Promoción de Conocimiento Indígena

Description: This event will highlight the progress and lessons learned from IP&LC-led initiatives around access to Climate and Biodiversity finance. Speakers will share perspectives on what is needed to scale up support for these initiatives and their importance for achieving the Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework goals. The discussions will emphasize practical examples of direct finance mechanisms and sustainable outcomes for Indigenous peoples and local communities.

## “Somos Páramos, Somos Solución”

Time: 10:00-11:00

Venue: Latin American and Caribbean Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Fabio Arjona, Executive Director, CI-Colombia; Natalia Acero, Director, Water and Cities, CI-Colombia

Partners: Fundación Jocotoco and CAF (Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean)

Description: This pavilion kick-off event will highlight the Latin American and Caribbean ecosystems as one of the best solutions offered by our region in the face of the climate crisis and highlight the importance of conservation, restoration, and sustainable management.

## Exploring Nature Credits and the Vital Role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Time: 11:10-12:10

Venue: IIPFCC Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Elijah Toirai, Lead, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions

Partners: Yurok Tribe, Carbon Tanzania, Verra

Description: This panel explores nature credits, an innovative tool shaping conservation finance. Nature credits, also called biodiversity credits or biodiversity certificates, present an opportunity to better enable the participation and recognition of Indigenous Peoples and local communities (IPs and LCs) as stewards of nature. Representatives from IPs and LCs, NGOs, standard setters, and the private sector will explore the opportunities and challenges of this new approach.

## More than Carbon: Taking a More Comprehensive View of Forest Conservation

[Live Stream Here](#)

Time: 11:45-12:45

Venue: Singapore Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Lina Barrera, SVP, Global Policy and Government Affairs

Partners: National University of Singapore, C-Quest Capital, Asian Development Bank

Description: The rise of carbon markets, and recognition of the role of forests in regulating the global climate, have brought in new players to the realm of forest conservation, including financial institutions and government bodies unrelated to conservation. This panel aims to generate discussion on ways to connect the global benefits of forest conservation with co-benefits which tend to be more localized.

## Blue Carbon Partnerships and Climate Leadership Panel

Time: 12:00-13:00

Venue: Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Mere Takoko, VP, CI-Aotearoa

Partners: Hinemoana Halo Ocean Fund

Description: Join this event to hear first-hand from the H2O projects leaders about the comprehensive valuation of blue carbon habitats across the Pacific that ultimately will see the establishment of a unique Indigenous owned and operated nature market to facilitate rapid carbon deceleration, finance vital blue economy infrastructure and create thousands of jobs.

### **Adding Value to Forest Products: Technological Solutions and Pre-Competitive Arrangements for Amazonian Bioeconomy's**

Time: 12:00-13:15

Venue: Brazil Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI-Brazil

Partners: A Concertation for the Amazon, Indigenous Environmental and Territorial Management of the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples, Special Projects and Bioeconomy of the Secretariat of Environment and Sustainability of Pará, Environment of Amazonas, GIZ

Description: The panel aims to discuss how public authorities can act in the formation of public policies aimed at adding value to forest products, based on some successful examples already developed by the private sector.

### **Global Ocean Governance Panel: Embodiment of Blue Economy through A Sustainable Use of Coastal and Marine Resources to Save the Ocean Environment**

Time: 12:00-13:20

Venue: Indonesia Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Meizani Irmadhiany, Senior Vice President & Executive Chair of Konservasi Indonesia

Partners: Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment

Description: In this session, KI will present about Blue Halo S Initiative: Sustainable Financing Model for Good Ocean Governance. The objectives of the sessions are to discuss challenges and opportunities for implementing a blue economy on a national and global scale, showcase the sustainable use of coastal and marine ecosystem of Indonesia as part of its ocean governance, and provide opportunities for knowledge exchanges and explore potential collaboration on accelerating and improving the implementation of Indonesia's blue economy.

### **Making Nature Based Solution Approaches Viable for Multilateral and Private Sector Financing of Infrastructure Projects**

Time: 16:30-17:30

Venue: Resilience Hub, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Emily Pidgeon, VP, Ocean Science and Innovation

Partners: International Finance Corporation, Deloitte, WTW, International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure, IUCN, Miami-Dade Resilience Office, Autocase, Moffat & Nichols

Description: This panel will discuss and debate how to accelerate the implementation of NbS, including green-gray infrastructure at scale - designing and building the next generation of resilient infrastructure to reduce flood risk for up to 680 million people in the coastal zone providing biodiversity and adaptation benefits as well as a pathway to a low carbon future.

## Partnerships for Direct Access Finance for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: Reception

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 17:00-19:00

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO; Kristen Walker Painemilla, SVP, Center for Communities and Conservation

*Partners:* TBC

*Description:* This event will showcase the achievements and valuable lessons from initiatives led by Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IP&LC) in Climate and Biodiversity finance. Speakers will highlight the essential components required to amplify support for these initiatives, highlighting their pivotal role in realizing the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Global Biodiversity Framework. The discussions will emphasize concrete examples of direct finance mechanisms and the sustainable benefits they bring to IP&LC as well as introducing an emerging Community-Led Solutions Partnership, an inclusive finance facility. The focus on the event will be a call to action to harmonize funding.

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## December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### PLANAVEG 2.0: Resumption of the National Policy for the Recovery of Native Vegetation as a Strategic Axis for Meeting the Climate Target

*Time:* 9:00-10:15

*Venue:* Brazil Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI-Brazil

*Partners:* Chico Mendes Institute for Biodiversity Conservation, SFB, Council of Extractive Populations, Alliance for the Restoration of the Amazon at CONAVEG, State of Pará, Department of the Environment of Acre

*Description:* This event aims to present and debate with key actors from the government and civil society the strategy for resuming PROVEG, aimed at catalyzing international actions, efforts and resources in favor of a shared program, based on PLANAVEG's priority institutional axes. Furthermore, this panel supported by the Sustainable Landscapes Project -ASL, is also proposed as a moment of dialogue and exchange of experiences, on the importance of state plans for advancing restoration in the region and the potential of the Consortium as a strategic political tool to promote the agenda.

### Locally Led Solutions to Stop the Amazon Tipping Point

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 13:00-14:00

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Luis Espinel, VP, CI-Peru; Mauricio Bianco, VP, CI-Brazil

*Partners:* GEF – Inclusive Conservation Initiative, COICA, others TBC

*Description:* In the Belem Declaration eight countries of the Amazon Basin agreed to a unified vision to protect the rainforest. To deliver on that vision will require innovative finance, biodiversity conservation and supporting Indigenous People. This event will explore locally led solutions, including the joint launch of CI's Amazonia Vital Reserves program with France; Indigenous-led initiatives in the Southwest Amazon supported by the GEF Inclusive

Conservation Initiative; and other pathways to a climate-safe future that balance production and protection.

### **How Can Carbon Finance Work for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities?**

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 14:15-15:15

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Mere Takoko, VP, CI-Aotearoa

*Partners:* ICVCM and Nature4Climate

*Description:* This event will highlight IP and LC leaders in the VCM space through examples of how carbon finance has supported nature-based solutions and IPs & LCs sustainable development within their territories, focusing on success stories plus how strategies and actions were integrated.

### **Cispatá, Colombia: Practical Guide for Blue Carbon Projects**

*Time:* 15:00-15:45

*Venue:* Colombia Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Fabio Arjona, VP, CI-Colombia

*Partners:* Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Colombia, INVEMAR, Fundación Omacha, CVS and CARSUCRE

*Description:* This side event will feature several scientists and community members from Colombia, Senegal and other locations featured in the Blue Carbon film, who will highlight actions countries can take to protect coastal blue carbon ecosystems around the world. Exclusive shorts from the film will also be screened.

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## **December 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Mangrove Breakthrough – Mobilizing Capital at Scale for Crucial Coastal Ecosystems**

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 8:30-9:30

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* Global Mangroves Alliance, UN High Level Climate Champions, Systemiq

*Description:* At this event, we will launch the Mangrove Breakthrough Financial Roadmap, offering actionable recommendations for scaling mangrove-positive business models and innovative financial instruments. A diverse panel composed of leaders from different sectors will discuss these mechanisms' vital role in creating a climate, nature, and people-positive economy.

### **“Just Add Water”: Centering Water in the Global Goal on Adaptation**

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 10:00-11:00

*Venue:* Water Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Kiryssa Kasprzyk, Director, Climate Policy

*Partners:* TNC

*Description:* Join this event to hear from several panelists representing different dimensions of water security (i.e. WASH, Ecosystems, Water-Related Hazards, and Economic

Activities/Development). We will learn about how water related activities have been and can continue to be centered in the GGA.

### **Lessons Learned on Participatory Monitoring of the Resources and Project Implementation**

Time: 11:00-12:00

Venue: Paris Capacity Building Hub, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Kristen Walker Painemilla, SVP, Center for Communities and Conservation

Partners: Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM)

Description: This event will offer opportunity to exchange and disseminate knowledge, lessons learned, success stories, good practices, tools and results from the Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (DGM) and other community-led initiatives contributing to climate goals. The event will demonstrate the software/tools used for the monitoring and the capacity building needs during the implementation.

### **Changes in Natural Patterns of Marine Organisms due to Climate Change**

Time: 13:00-14:30

Venue: Panama Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Patricia Zurita, Chief Strategy Officer

Partners: Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor Initiative

Description: The event is organized by the Marine Corridor of the Eastern Tropical Pacific, CMAR. CMAR is CI's main partner in a regional \$16M IW-GEF project which is currently in its PPG phase. The objective of the event is to show the effect of climate change on the distribution patterns of marine organisms and the impacts that this can cause to the development of activities that take advantage of these resources. CI is also about to start execution of a regional IKI project in this region, and our presence will raise our technical expertise and our history in the region.

### **Towards Building Climate Change Resilience for Small Scale Fisheries and Coastal Communities**

Time: 13:00-14:00

Venue: Ocean X Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Meizani Irmadhiany, Senior Vice President & Executive Chair of Konservasi Indonesia

Partners: Walton Family Foundation

Description: As one part of the blue economy, marine capture fisheries contribute over USD 27 billion to the Indonesian GDP and in 2018, the production had a USD 4.12 billion trade surplus. However, climate change can negatively affect the fish stocks and their habitats and hence risks the sector's sustainability. Suitable fisheries management can alleviate the risks of climate change to fisheries resources that affect livelihoods, employment, food security, and Indonesian GDP. In this session, KI will present and showcase the small-scale fisheries in Raja Ampat and their MPA management in alleviating the risks of climate change.

### **A New Economic Approach for the Amazon: Market-driven Nature-based Solutions**

Time: 15:00-16:00

Venue: Zayed Sustainability Prize Pavilion, Green Zone

CI Speaker: M. Sanjayan, CEO

Partners: Concordia and Zayed Sustainability Prize

*Description:* Following the inaugural Concordia Amazonas Summit in Ecuador, where our community set out to raise awareness of the unique environmental implications of the Amazon whilst exploring market-driven nature-based solutions to protect its ecosystem, this session will highlight the roadmap for forging public-private partnerships and advancing projects to protect the Amazon.

### **GCF Blended Finance Initiatives for Public and Private Sector Investments to Meet Caribbean SIDS Climate Ambitions**

*Time:* TBC

*Venue:* TBC, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Kelvin Alie, SVP, Strategy, Delivery, and Field Partnerships

*Partners:* GCF, Bridgetown Initiative, Government of Barbados

*Description:* Through stories and lessons learned on blended finance in Caribbean SIDS this event will highlight how GCF accelerates transformative climate action through blended financing that offers governments and investors effective options to channel environmentally and economically impactful investments.

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## **December 5<sup>th</sup>**

### **How Smart Finance Can Empower Indigenous Peoples for Climate and Nature**

*Time:* 10:00-11:00

*Venue:* Zambia Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* Government of Zambia, World Bank, IMPACT, others TBC

*Description:* This session will bring together leaders from across the world to discuss innovative ways to mobilize new sources of financing for nature; the role that an initiative like CIF's NPC program can play in scaling up successful climate action; and the importance of continuing to empower local leaders.

### **The Marine Protected Area as Nature-Based Solution to Address Climate Change**

*Time:* 10:00-11:30

*Venue:* Ocean X Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Meizani Irmadhiany, Senior Vice President & Executive Chair of Konservasi Indonesia

*Partners:* Ministry of National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)

*Description:* In this session, KI will present about indigenous knowledge and experience in MPA boundaries as part of a Nature-Based Solution to address climate change.

### **How to Develop and Publish a Credible Nature Strategy**

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 14:15-15:15

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Green Zone

*CI Speaker:* Mere Takoko, VP, CI-Aotearoa

*Partners:* Business for Nature, PwC, IKEA, Natura &Co



*Description:* 'It's Now for Nature' is a global campaign to rally all businesses to act on nature. Through a new Nature Strategy Handbook, the campaign encourages businesses and financial institutions to develop and publish a nature strategy - a roadmap of how a company will contribute to a nature-positive world. At this event we will hear from business leaders about the nature in their business strategy that will contribute to halting and reversing nature loss by 2030.

### **Systems Thinking for Holistic Climate Action: Nature-Driven Engineering, Policy, and Finance Solutions**

*Time:* 15:00-16:30

*Venue:* SE Room 3, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Emily Pidgeon, VP, Ocean Science, and Innovation

*Partners:* Energy Industry Council, World Federation of Engineering Organizations, Resilience First

*Description:* Fostering trans disciplinary and systems thinking for inclusive, effective, nature-positive infrastructure and climate solutions in the context of the global stock take (e.g., through nature-based and hybrid approaches, accelerating the energy transition) by mobilizing youth, finance, and policy.

### **Announcement of GCF Support to Project Formulation: "Scaling the Communal Reserve Co-management Model to Reduce Emissions and Build Resilience of Indigenous People in the Peruvian Amazon"**

*Time:* 17:30-18:45

*Venue:* Peru Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Patricia Zurita, CSO

*Partners:* GCF, Climate Investment Funds, COICA, Peru Ministry of Environment, National Association of Contract Executors for the Administration of Communal Reserves of Peru

*Description:* Event to announce GCF's funding to prepare the proposal to scale up the co-management model of 10 communal reserves and reduce emissions and build resilience for indigenous peoples of the Peruvian amazon.

### **Lessons from the African IPLCs Alliance in Conservation in Africa**

*Time:* TBC

*Venue:* IIPFCCC Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Elijah Toirai, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions Lead

*Partners:* AICA and IPACC

*Description:* TBC

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## **December 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Centre for the Planet Morning Agenda: Action for Nature**

*Time:* 8:30-9:00 breakfast; 9:00-10:00 panel

*Venue:* Centre for the Planet, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* M. Sanjayan, CEO

*Partners:* Mars, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, Eden Project, IUCN, Indigenous Women & Peoples Association of Chad

*Description:* Please join us at this special invitation-only session in which we will address the urgent priority and opportunity represented by science born of the natural world. Together we will emphasize how we must respect, protect, and learn to better understand that gift, so that nature science might continue to play a pivotal role in the future of people and planet.

### **Panel Discussion and Highlights from the film *Blue Carbon: Unleashing Nature's Superpower***

*Time:* 13:00-14:30

*Venue:* Centre for the Planet, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Patricia Zurita, Chief Strategy Officer; Carlos Correa, Senior Fellow

*Partners:* Salesforce, HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, Erol Foundation, Make Waves, NASA, and others TBC

*Description:* This event will host a conversation bringing together the community leaders featured the new film with leaders from science, government, and the private sector to understand how global action must meet local action to realize the promise of blue carbon for the climate, for communities and for biodiversity.

### **Implementing the Agricultural Elements of the NDC and Enhancing Ambition for Greater Adaptation and Mitigation Action in the Caribbean Agriculture Sector**

*Time:* 15:00-16:30

*Venue:* Sustainable Agriculture of the Americas Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Kelvin Alie, SVP, Strategy, Delivery, and Field Partnerships

*Partners:* Ministry of Suriname Agriculture, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Partnership Initiative on Sustainable Land Management, Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture

*Description:* This panel will share knowledge and experiences on agriculture and related sectors' targets, measures, policies, and finance related to NDCs in the Caribbean. As one of the most at-risk sectors to climate change, the agriculture sector presents immense opportunity for climate-resilient agriculture (CRA) to enhance food security and rural livelihoods while reducing GHG emissions, as part of the Agriculture Forestry and other Land Use (AFOLU) category, are increasing in importance.

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## **December 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Jurisdictional REDD+ Perspectives: Progress on Scaling Finance and Support for Forest Conservation**

[Live Stream Here](#)

*Time:* 8:30-9:30

*Venue:* Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

*CI Participant:* Jason Funk, REDD+ Strategy Director

*Partners:* Environmental Defense Fund, others TBC

*Description:* This panel session will bring together the NGO community and country representatives to highlight progress with several jurisdictional scale REDD+ initiatives, showcasing lessons learned and perspectives on the path forward to continue catalyzing urgent finance and support needed for forest conservation at scale.

## Research to Action: Insights for Conservation from Afro-Descendant Communities in the Americas

[Live Stream Here](#)

Time: 10:00-11:00

Venue: Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Kelvin Alie, SVP, Strategy, Delivery, and Field Partnerships; Martha Rosero, Social Inclusion Director

Partners: MIT Environmental Solution Initiative and The Afro-Interamerican Forum on Climate Change (AIFCC), others TBC

Description: The Afro-Interamerican Forum on Climate Change (AIFCC) will launch a research network for climate action and biodiversity conservation and discuss findings of a new study highlighting climate contributions of Afro-descendant lands.

## Dialogues Between Soils: Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Action

Time: 16:00-18:00

Venue: Dubai Multi Commodities Center

CI Speaker: Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI-Brazil

Partners: TNC, Syngenta, Brazil Climate Coalition, UNDP

Description: The event will be promoted in parallel with the COP28 agenda, bringing together renowned national and international experts international companies, in addition to companies committed to SDG 2 (Zero Hunger and Sustainable Agriculture), SDG 12 (Sustainable Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Action Against Global Climate Change), aware that current challenges are urgent, important and achievable.

## Celebrating a New Partnership to Accelerate Jurisdictional REDD+ Success: Reception

[Live Stream Here](#)

Time: 17:00-19:00

Venue: Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Participant: Jason Funk, REDD+ Strategy Director

Partners: Environmental Defense Fund, Wildlife Conservation Society, Winrock, and Climate Law & Policy

Description: Join us for a reception to celebrate the Jurisdictional REDD+ Technical Assistance Partnership, an emerging initiative aiming to align technical support for the critical efforts of these leaders with the rapid pace and scale needed to realize ambitious global climate targets.

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## December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Tajimat Pujut: Restoration and Conservation of the Awajun Forests of the Alto Mayo, Peru

Time: 10:00-11:15

Venue: Peru Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: TBC

Partners: Environmental Ministry of Peru, others TBC

Description: TBC

## Community Benefits from Nature-Based Projects: Efforts toward Inclusive Conservation

[Live Stream Here](#)

Time: 10:30-11:30

Venue: Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Elijah Toirai, Communities and Natural Climate Solutions Lead

Partners: The Nature Conservancy, WBCSD, FSC Indigenous Foundation, COICA, Bayer (TBC)

Description: At this event speakers from private sector, NGOs, and local communities will highlight key recommendations on how communities can meaningfully be involved in project decision-making processes (from feasibility to design to implementation). Conversations will also address how proposed frameworks and guidance can increase market integrity for investors and accelerate demand for high-quality, nature-based carbon crediting projects.

## Innovative Finance Approaches for Nature-based Solution

Time: 11:00-12:30

Venue: OPEC Fund Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Patricia Zurita, Chief Strategy Officer

Partners: OPEC Fund for International Development and Asian Development Bank

Description: This event aims to create an opportunity for brainstorming with knowledge and technical partners on innovative finance approaches to efficiently implement nature positive solutions. Inputs and suggestions from the roundtable will help provide strategic directions for the development of implementation approaches and guidelines for the Nature Solutions Finance Hub.

## A Breakthrough Moment for Mangroves: Delivering Global Action on Mangrove Restoration and Protection

Time: 12:00-13:00

Venue: Connect Conference C Theatre, Green Zone

CI Speaker: Carlos Correa, Distinguished Fellow

Partners: COP28 Presidency, United Nations Climate Change High-Level Champions, Mangrove Alliance for Climate, and the Global Mangrove Alliance

Description: This ministerial and non-state actor led event brings together the major partnerships and initiatives behind the Mangrove Breakthrough - the global target to restore and protect 15 million hectares of mangroves and halt mangrove destruction by 2030. Leveraging mangroves' unique role in accelerating the delivery of both the Paris Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, this event will feature new and impactful policies, technologies, and investments from a wide range of public and private leaders that will support mangroves towards adaptation, mitigation, health, and development outcomes.

## Measuring Nature Positive

[Live Stream Here](#)

Time: 12:00-13:15

Venue: Nature Positive Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Lina Barrera, SVP, Global Policy and Government Affairs

Partners: Nature Positive Initiative, Ørsted, Group on Earth Observations, IUCN, WWF, African National Capital Alliance, SBTN

Description: This event will address the critical issue of how to measure both the state of nature and the impacts and dependencies on nature to demonstrate genuine nature-positive

contributions and outcomes, a question it is crucial to address to achieve the Global Goal of Nature Positive by 2030. We will be hearing from private sector, government, research, and civil society voices who will provide insights, perspectives, and ways forward.

### **Strategic Pathways for Land Restoration & Conservation: Multi-stakeholder Deliverables & Actions towards the 2030 Breakthroughs**

Time: 13:00-14:30

Venue: Women's Pavilion Majlis, Green Zone

Partners: COP28th Presidency and High-Level Climate Champions Team, in partnership with UNEP (UN Decade of Restoration) and UNCCD

Description: Announced by CI partner Saurav Malhotra, Balipara Foundation, this event will celebrate the Great Peoples' Forest Eastern Himalayan initiative, which aims to plant over 1 billion trees and restore 1 million hectares of land by 2030.

### **Monitoring Land Restoration to Advance Ambitious Climate Action**

Time: 14:00-15:00

Venue: Implementation Lab 1 (Al Shaheen), Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Will Turner, SVP, Natural Climate Solutions

Partners: Restor, Food and Agriculture Organization, Mastercard, Mombak

Description: This Implementation Lab roundtable session will feature cutting-edge innovations for restoration monitoring and hear about partnerships that are helping track restoration outcomes on the ground.

### **NDC-NBSAP Ministerial • Invite Only**

Time: 14:00-15:30

Venue: Al Saih Presidency Roundtable, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Lina Barrera, SVP, Global Policy and Government Affairs

Partners: COP28 Presidency, CBD COP15 Presidency, NDC Partnership, NBSAP Accelerator Partnership, UN Climate Change High-level Champions, UN CBD Action Agenda Champion

Description: This event will convene ministers and leaders across society to participate in a closed-door roundtable to discuss how to advance integrated implementation of national climate, biodiversity, and land use frameworks to deliver on 2030 action for climate, nature, and sustainable development. This discussion is critical as governments work to submit revised NBSAPs next year in advance of CBD COP16, and new NDCs for UNFCCC COP30 in response to this year's Global Stocktake.

### **Forging a Sustainable Future for the Ocean**

Time: 14:30-16:00

Venue: Knowledge Hub Stage, Green Zone

CI Speaker: Patricia Zurita, Chief Sustainability Officer

Partners: UN Global Compact, Costa Rica, Seychelles, Barbados, DP World, CMA CGM, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Minderoo Foundation, Sustainalytics, DP World, UAE, UN-Environment Programme

Description: This conversation will be an opportunity to provide a platform for dialogue on the importance of nature-based solutions, discussing the status of progress on mangroves conservation and emerging solutions including the seaweed revolution with potential to address multiple crises (climate, biodiversity loss, plastic pollution amongst others) and, at the same time, inspiring action by other governments and global corporations.

## **Accelerating Forest Restoration Through Private Sector Engagement for Climate and Biodiversity Goals**

*Time:* 15:30-16:30

*Venue:* Centre for the Planet, Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI-Brazil

*Partners:* The Reforestation Strategy, Priceless Planet Coalition, Mombak, Re.green, BNDES Floresta Viva, Union for Restoration

*Description:* In this panel discussion we will explore innovative business models to understand the role of the private sector in driving the financial flows needed to accelerate climate action through nature-based solutions.

## **Accelerating Nature-based Solutions for Coastal Resilience: Financing and Policy Tools**

*Time:* 16:00-17:00

*Venue:* Implementation Lab 1 (Al Shaheen), Blue Zone

*CI Speaker:* Jill Hamilton, Director of Blue Climate Strategy

*Partners:* Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action and Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance

*Description:* This panel will discuss how to accelerate the implementation of nature-based solutions for coastal resilience at scale, including pathways for financing and increasing investment into these solutions. The discussion will highlight pathways and policy guidance for designing and building the next generation of resilient infrastructure to reduce flood risk for up to 680 million people in the coastal zone providing biodiversity and adaptation benefits.

## **Indigenous-led Blue Nature Market: Ocean Solutions from the Pacific**

*Time:* 17:00-17:45

*Venue:* Expo City Hall, Expo City Dubai Pavilion, Green Zone

*CI Speaker:* Mere Takoko, VP, CI Aotearoa

*Partners:* Hinemoana Halo Ocean Fund and Blue Green Future

*Description:* The session will highlight the role of Indigenous people, specifically, the Māori people, in safeguarding the health of nature, blue and green, flora and fauna. The discussion will focus on how the cultural values and philosophy of the indigenous people towards nature also helps to mitigate many of the concerns that afflict investors in the nature market. Those concerns are impeding the acceleration of a robust market that is needed to address climate change and biodiversity loss.

## **H2Ocean Revival Reception**

*Time:* 18:00-20:00

*Venue:* Expo City Terrace, Expo City Dubai Pavilion, Green Zone

*CI Speaker:* Mere Takoko, VP, CI Aotearoa

*Partners:* Hinemoana Halo Ocean Fund, Blue Green Future, and ProNatura

*Description:* This event will not only highlight the role of our oceans as our first defense against climate change, but platform some of our ocean guardians that are working worldwide to address sea level rise and biodiversity loss. Hosted by Hinemoana Halo Ocean Fund, Conservation International Aotearoa, Blue Green Future and ProNatura, food and refreshments will be served allowing participants to unwind from the week that was COP28.

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## December 10<sup>th</sup>

### Great Peoples' Forest

Time: 8:30-10:00

Venue: Centre for the Planet, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Patricia Zurita, Chief Strategy Officer

Partners: TBC

Description: TBC

### Strategies to Restore and Conserve the Amazon: Successful Initiatives, Communities and Authorities

Time: 13:30-14:45

Venue: Brazil Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: Miguel Moraes, Senior Director, CI Brazil

Partners: Mombak, Science Panel for the Amazon

Description: This panel will bring together actors from different segments who contribute to conservation and restoration strategies in the Amazon, collecting each other's perspectives, fostering collaboration between them and highlighting initiatives and projects that are already underway and point towards success.

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## December 12<sup>th</sup>

### Forest Landscape Restoration: Climate Resilience in Eastern Himalaya Region

Time: 17:30-18:30

Venue: IUCN Pavilion, Blue Zone

CI Speaker: TBC

Partners: Friendship, Bangladesh Forest Department, University of Cambridge, Balipara Foundation

Description: The event will explore multifaceted contributions of forests including mangroves, ranging from acting as natural barriers against cyclones and storm surges to providing a critical habitat for biodiversity and creating holistic climate resilience for communities from the mountains to the mangroves of the Eastern Himalaya region. Through compelling case studies, best practices, and expert insights, we will delve into the symbiotic relationship between mountains, mangroves, and the livelihoods of coastal and mountain communities, emphasizing the community engagement and socio-economic value of these ecosystems from Bangladesh's experiences.