

**Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
29th Meeting of the Donor Council
Washington, D.C.
Friday, 10 June 2016
8 a.m.e 11 a.m. EST**

CEPF Participation in the IUCN World Conservation Congress

Background

Held once every four years, the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) brings together several thousand leaders and decision-makers from government, civil society, indigenous peoples, business, and academia, with the goal of conserving the environment and harnessing the solutions nature offers to global challenges. The IUCN's more than 1,300 member organizations gather to guide the IUCN work plan for the following four years.

The event has two basic components:

- The **Forum**, which includes everything from high level dialogues to training workshops.
- The **Members' Assembly**, IUCN's highest decision-making body. It includes governments and NGOs – large and small, national and international.

The 2016 event will take place from Sept. 1-10 at the Convention Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. The theme is "Planet at the crossroads," and includes an emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals.

CEPF Participation, 15th Anniversary and KBA Partnership Launch

CEPF was pleased to be asked to participate in several events at the Congress, as it provides a good opportunity to raise awareness of the CEPF partnership and its results among key stakeholders, including government representatives and international NGOs. The Secretariat took this opportunity to leverage the gathering of these stakeholders to also celebrate its 15th anniversary with a reception set for Sunday, Sept. 4, at the Bishop Museum in Honolulu. This event will be unique in CEPF's history, as we honor 15 grantees from across CEPF's history and portfolios, our Hotspot Heroes.

These 15 Hotspot Heroes will not only be recognized at the reception, but they will also get the opportunity to network among themselves and their peers in the international conservation community through participation in the Congress. We're very excited to bring them together, to share their stories

and successes, and give them the opportunity to learn from one another and their conservation colleagues from around the world.

CEPF also will be part of the launch of the Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) Partnership, which will take place the evening of Saturday, 3 September. During the past year CEPF has participated in the design of the partnership together with NGO partners including BirdLife International, IUCN, Wildlife Conservation Society and WWF, among others. The vision of the KBA Partnership is to promote a comprehensive network of sites that contribute significantly to the global persistence of biodiversity, and are effectively managed, sufficiently resourced, and adequately safeguarded. The goal of the partnership is to develop and maintain an up-to-date, fully documented list of sites identified against the KBA standard and to communicate, promote and position this information to enable achievement of the KBA vision. More information on the partnership is included in the Executive Director's Report.

Schedule: CEPF Participation in IUCN World Conservation Congress

Friday, September 2

- KBA Consultative Forum: Exchanging Experience on Application of the KBA Standard at the National Level. 5-7 p.m., Room 301. Lead from CEPF: Managing Director Jack Tordoff

Saturday, September 3

- Program on the effectiveness of small grants to conserve biodiversity, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Species Conservation Pavilion. Lead from CEPF: Executive Director Olivier Langrand
- Key Biodiversity Area Partnership Launch, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Species Conservation Pavilion. Lead from CEPF: Executive Director Olivier Langrand

Sunday, September 4

- Panel discussion on funding opportunities for indigenous peoples and local communities, organized by the UNDP, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lead from CEPF: Grant Director Michele Zador
- CEPF's 15th anniversary reception, featuring CEPF's Hotspot Heroes. Tentative time: 7-9 p.m., at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu.

Monday, September 5

- A workshop from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Investing in Conservation: How Long is Enough? Room 317A. Leads from CEPF: Executive Director Olivier Langrand (speaking); Senior Director of Monitoring, Evaluation and Outreach Nina Marshall

Tuesday, September 6

- CEPF field excursion with the Hotspot Heroes – time and location to be determined.

Our Hotspot Heroes

Hotspot Hero	Hotspot	Country	Grantee (org name)
Mr. David Boseto	East Melanesian Islands	Solomon Islands	Ecological Solutions, Solomon Islands
Mr. S. Bharathidasan	Western Ghats and Sri Lanka	India	Arulagam
Ms. Dao Thi Nga	Indo-Burma	Vietnam	Center for Water Resources Conservation and Development
Ms. Lu Zhi	Mountains of Southwest China	China	Shan Shui Conservation Center
Ms. Milagre Nuvuna	Eastern Afromontane	Mozambique	MICAIA
Ms. Sissie Matela	Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany	Eastern Cape, South Africa	Environmental & Rural Solutions
Ms. Rebecca Pradhan	Himalaya	Bhutan	Royal Society for Protection of Nature
Mr. Andry Petignat	Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands	Madagascar	Arboretum d'Antsokay
Ms. Damaris Sanchez	Mesoamerica	Panama	Fundación para el Desarrollo Integral del Corregimiento de Cerro Punta (FUNDICCEP)
Mr. Cesar Franco Laverde	Tumbes-Chocó-Magdalena	Colombia	Corporación Serraniagua
Mr. Victor Zambrano	Tropical Andes	Peru	Pronaturaleza - Management Committee, Tambopata National Reserve
Mr. Ahmed Ghdira President	Mediterranean Basin	Tunisia	Notre Grand Bleu
Mr. Sesar Rodriguez	Caribbean Islands	Dominican Republic	Consortium Ambiental Dominicana
Mr. Selete Nyomi	Guinean Forests of West Africa	Ghana	AGORO Center for Intercultural Learning and Talent Development
Mr. George Mateariki	Polynesia-Micronesia	Cook Islands	Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust