



BRIDGING SCIENCE AND POLICY

European action for biodiversity and climate goals

 IUCN Europe, North and Central Asia (ENCA) Pavilion



 11 October 2025,
14:00-15:30

AGENDA

SESSION SUMMARY

Science-policy interfaces (SPIs) play a critical role in improving policy uptake and addressing the global biodiversity loss and climate crisis. However, the effective translation of knowledge into action and the fostering of sustained science-policy dialogue remains a challenge. This session will focus on strengthening SPIs to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement. It will explore the levers and barriers for engaging diverse knowledge holders – including scientists, traditional knowledge holders, and other experts – in advancing biodiversity and climate action.

The session will begin with presentations of European initiatives showcasing their contribution to the integration of knowledge into policy frameworks. This will be followed by a discussion on aligning knowledge contributions with political needs, overcoming barriers to science-policy dialogue, and enhancing capacities for long-term engagement, drawing on the experience from global lessons learned and best practice. The session will conclude with a Q&A session to foster exchange among participants.

OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness on European initiatives and global examples that strengthen the biodiversity and climate science-policy interface, highlighting opportunities for scaling up
- Facilitate inclusive dialogue among scientists, policymakers, traditional knowledge holders, and other stakeholders on advancing the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the Paris Agreement

Organisers: Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA), French Foundation for Biodiversity Research (FRB), Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN), IUCN European Regional Office

Collaborators: IUCN Climate Crisis Commission, Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute, Finnish Environment Institute (Syke), Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)



Funded by
the European Union

The projects BioAgora (ID No. 101059438), CO-OP4CBD (ID No. 101081778) and RESPIN (ID No. 101135490) receive funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme. Views and opinions expressed are those of project contributors only and do not necessarily reflect those of the European Union or the European Research Executive Agency (REA). Neither the EU nor REA can be held responsible for them.

Time	Session title and speaker
14:00–14:05	<p>Opening and Introduction</p> <p>Maja Vasiljević, <i>Senior Advisor</i>, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)</p>
14:05–14:15	<p>European initiatives on strengthening biodiversity and climate science-policy interface: CO-OP4CBD, RESPIN and BioAgora Horizon Europe projects</p> <p>Maja Vasiljević, <i>Senior Advisor</i>, Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)</p> <p>Nathalie Morata, <i>Head of European and International Coordination Department</i>, French Foundation for Biodiversity Research (FRB)</p>
14:15–14:25	<p>European Subregional Technical and Scientific Cooperation Support Centre</p> <p>Giacomo Montereale Gavazzi, <i>Project Officer-Science for Policy Researcher</i>, Knowledge Centre for Biodiversity (KCBD), European Commission</p>
14:25–15:10	<p>PANEL Strengthening the integration of knowledge into biodiversity and climate policy frameworks: levers, barriers, best practices</p> <p>FACILITATOR</p> <p>Nirmala Séon-Massin, <i>Director of Expertise</i>, Muséum National d’Histoire Naturelle (MNHN)</p> <p>SPEAKERS</p> <p>Cathy Yitong Li, <i>Deputy Chair</i>, IUCN Climate Crisis Commission/World Commission on Protected Areas Young Professionals Network</p> <p>Julie Hammer-Monart, <i>Policy Advisor</i>, IPBES and CBD co-National Focal Point, French Ministry of Ecological Transition</p> <p>Elise Huffer, <i>Adjunct Associate Professor</i>, University of the South Pacific/ <i>Vice Chair Oceania</i>, IUCN Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy</p> <p>Mariano Castro Jimenez, <i>Consultant</i>, CBD Secretariat</p> <p>Oliver Avramoski, <i>Regional Director</i>, IUCN Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (IUCN ECARO)</p> <p>Gary Tabor, <i>CEO</i>, Centre for Large Landscape Conservation/<i>Chair</i>, IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas’ Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group</p> <p>Olivier Chassot, <i>Senior Programme Officer</i>, IUCN Asia Regional Office</p>
15:10–15:25	<p>Q&A</p>
15:25–15:30	<p>Closing</p>