

Building on Synergies of the Rio Conventions to Implement Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change

Saturday 8 December, 2018

14:00 – 15:45

Rio Conventions Pavilion

*(In the **GEF Partnership Pavilion**, Pavilion Area H)*

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At the Rio Conventions Pavilion at CBD COP14 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, participants at the “Nature-based Solutions for Climate Change” thematic day concluded that: “Without investing in biodiversity, climate goals cannot be achieved. We have to move from “building in nature” to “building with nature.” This session further explores the theme of ecosystem-based adaptation with a focus on how synergies can be achieved for the climate, biodiversity, and sustainable development agendas by implementing ecosystem-based approaches.

Speakers: Ali Raza Rizvi, IUCN; Harisoa Hasina Rakotondrazafy, WWF Africa; Veronica Lo, CBD; GIZ (tbc); Ashton Berry, BirdLife International; Valerie Kapos, UN-Environment-WCMC

Moderator: Christian Hofer, GEF

Setting the Stage	
14:00	The EbA Journey – Where We Are & Where We Want To Be Ali Raza Rizvi, IUCN
	Africa Adaptation Initiative: A Madagascar Case Study Harisoa Hasina Rakotondrazafy, WWF Africa
	Implementing EbA: CBD Voluntary Guidelines on Ecosystem-based Approaches to Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Veronica Lo, CBD
14:45	Discussion/Q&A
Potential for Synergies and Next Steps	
15:00	Synergies Between Nature, Natural Resources and Livelihoods Ashton Berry, BirdLife International
	Opportunities and Challenges in Scaling up Nature-based Solutions Valerie Kapos, UN Environment-WCMC
15:30	Discussion/Q&A