



YEREVAN CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM 2026

Beyond State Protected Areas

Conservation Governance
Beyond State Protected Areas:
Delivering Kunming-Montreal
Global Biodiversity Framework
Target 3 Through Diversified Governance

17-18 October 2026
Armenia Marriott Hotel, Yerevan



PROGRAMME

DAY 1

From Global Ambition to National Implementation

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Time	Session
08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
09:00 – 10:00	Welcome and Opening Ceremony Welcome by Ruben Khachatryan, Director, FPWC Q'ero earth offering with ceremonial cacao, led by Willkamaru Quispe Huallpa Aram Meymaryan, Deputy Minister of Environment of the Republic of Armenia H.E Razan Khalifa Al Mubarak, President, IUCN CBD Secretariat Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"
10:00 – 10:45	Opening Keynote Target 3 Ahead of the First KMGBF Global Review: Where Are We Now and What Must Change by 2030? Madhu Rao, Chair, World Commission on Protected Areas, IUCN Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15- 12:15	High-Level Panel The Road to Effective and Equitable Target 3 Implementation <u>Moderator:</u> Tim Badman, Director, IUCN Protected, Conserved and Heritage Areas Team, IUCN Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"
12:15 - 13.30	Information Session Legal, Policy and Institutional Frameworks as Enablers of Diverse Conservation Governance <u>Moderator:</u> Carolina Hazin, Senior Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy/WCPA Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"

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- Theme A: Legal and Institutional Frameworks
- Theme B: Indigenous Rights and Community Governance
- Theme C: Outcome-Based Eligibility and Monitoring
- Theme D: Conservation Finance and Incentive Design

- Break
- Plenary
- Information Session
- Parallel Session

Time	Session	
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Session 1 Implementing Protected and Conserved Areas Systems with Diverse Governance <u>Moderator:</u> Megan Lafferty, Director, Nature Conservancy of Canada Room: Trdat the 2nd	A
14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Session 2 Assessing and Improving PCA Effectiveness at the Site and System Level <u>Moderator:</u> Tobias Garstecki, Director, ReWild/WCPA Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	C
14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Session 3 The 2027-2030 Target 3 Implementation Pathway <u>Moderator:</u> Oliver Avramoski, Director, IUCN ECARO Room: Ashot Yerkat	A
14:30 - 16:00	Parallel Session 4 Rights-Compatible Recognition of Indigenous & Community-Governed Areas <u>Moderator:</u> Hanieh Moghani, Regional Coordinator, ICCA Consortium Room: Levon of Cilicia	
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 - 17:00	Summary of Breakout Sessions Feeding into the Yerevan Call to Action <u>Moderator:</u> Trevor Sandwith, Director, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	
19:00 - 21:00	Welcome Reception Open to all symposium participants National Gallery of Armenia, Fresco and Mural Collection Hall 1 Aram Street, Yerevan 0010	

DAY 2

Building an Enabling Environment

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Time	Session	
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and Coffee	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and Reflections from Day 1 Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	
09:15 – 10:30	Information Session From Recognition to Support: Territories of Life and Self-Determined Governance in Target 3 Implementation <u>Moderator:</u> Hanieh Moghani, Regional Coordinator, ICCA Consortium Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	B
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	B
11:00 – 12:15	Information Session From Evidence to Reporting: Verification, Monitoring and Target 3 <u>Moderator:</u> Heather Bingham, Senior Programme Officer, Protected Planet, UNEP-WCMC Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	C
12:15 – 13:15	Information Session Financing Conservation Beyond State Protected Areas <u>Moderator:</u> Onno van den Heuvel, Global Lead, UNDP Planet Hub Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	D
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch	
14:15 – 15:30	Parallel Session 1 Designing Finance for Effective and Equitable Conservation <u>Moderator:</u> Martin Cadena Salgado, Global Programme Manager, UNDP BIOFIN Room: Trdat the 2nd	D

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14:15 – 15:30	Parallel Session 2 Diverse Ecosystems, Mobile Livelihoods and Community Stewardship <u>Moderator:</u> Elena Osipova, Programme Specialist, UNESCO Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	B
14:15 – 15:30	Parallel Session 3 Connecting Target 3 Across the KMGBF <u>Moderator:</u> Carolina Hazin, Senior Policy Advisor, The Nature Conservancy/WCPA Room: Ashot Yerkat	A
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30	Summary of Breakout Sessions Feeding into the Yerevan Call to Action <u>Moderator:</u> Trevor Sandwith, Director, IUCN Centre for Conservation Action Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Session Closing remarks by FPWC, IUCN and the CBD Secretariat Room: Grand Ballroom "Tigran the Great"	

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