



Building a Greener Tomorrow: A Roadmap to Infrastructure Events

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This list has been compiled by the Infrastructure and Nature Coalition for COP16 participants seeking knowledge on how to support nature-positive infrastructure. Thank you to the organizers of these side events for raising the profile of infrastructure as an impactful driver of biodiversity loss and degradation.

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Infrastructure in the Pan Amazon: Paths to Strengthen Governance and Biodiversity Conservation

14:00 – 14:45 | Amazonia Forever Pavilion, Plaza One

How do we ensure sustainability standards in infrastructure planning? Discussion will highlight strategies for comprehensive planning and emphasize the importance of strengthening governance processes and building upon existing initiatives.

Innovations in Mainstreaming Biodiversity for Nature-Positive Infrastructure

17:00 – 18:00 | Nature Positive Pavilion, Plaza Two

Countries need their infrastructure development to conserve and restore biodiversity to ensure a safe future for people and the planet. Mainstreaming biodiversity is the key — but is it feasible? Inspiring case studies say yes!

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TUES

Ecological Connectivity: A Key to Powering Delivery of the KMGBF

15:00 – 16:20 | Pacifico - Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities meeting room, Plaza One

A sound understanding and set of tools to address ecological connectivity is essential for conservation and sustainability of key economic sectors, including infrastructure. Participants will highlight the importance of ecological connectivity in addressing the interrelated challenges of biodiversity loss, climate change, and ecosystem degradation.

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Financing Biodiversity Conservation in Infrastructure Projects

13:15 – 14:30 | MDB Pavilion, Plaza One

There is an opportunity to scale up financing for biodiversity conservation through infrastructure projects and contribute to achieving the KMGBF targets. Speakers from national governments, financiers, and NGOs will discuss approaches for mobilizing finance for biodiversity conservation in infrastructure projects.

Circular Solutions: Reviving Biodiversity, Crafting Resilient Built Environments

16:30 – 17:50 | Sanquianga - GRULAC meeting room, Plaza One

Experts discuss the findings from the *Global Resources Outlook 2024* and how the circular economy can drive biodiversity restoration and strengthen resilience in the built environment.

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Enabling Nature-Positive Strategies in the Transport Sector

09:00 – 09:45 | Place Québec, Plaza One

How can the transport sector play a leading role in biodiversity restoration? Through practical frameworks and collaborative initiatives, this session will examine how companies and stakeholders can align their strategies to support a resilient, nature-positive future.

Building Resilience: Integrating Climate Change Adaptation and Conservation to Safeguard Vulnerable Species in Central Asian Mountain Environments

10:10 – 11:30 | Cano Cristales - CEE meeting room, Plaza One

How can biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management better anticipate climate change in management planning, and how can ecosystem-based adaptation support such conservation measures through community engagement in Central Asian Mountain environments?

Nature-Positive Infrastructure — Designing and Financing the Foundation for Our Future

12:00 – 13:15 | Place Québec, Plaza One

Leaders in conservation, economic development, finance, business, and government will share their insights and practical examples of how addressing a suite of KMGBF targets, in combination, is the best way to generate the sustainable infrastructure of our future.

Accelerating Nature-Based Solutions: Practical Challenges and Opportunities in Emerging Markets

13:15 – 14:30 | MDB Pavilion, Plaza One

Nature-based solutions (NbS) offer an opportunity to cost-effectively enhance the resilience and adaptation of communities and key ecosystems to climate risks and provide a host of co-benefits for people and nature. This event will showcase and discuss several ongoing initiatives aimed at addressing challenges and developing solutions to scale-up adoption of NbS.

Reconciling Nature Conservation and Development: How to Build an Enabling Environment and Meet Biodiversity Targets

15:00 – 16:30 | Chiribiquete - Asia and the Pacific meeting room, Plaza One

Diverse stakeholders (e.g., government, civil society, private sector) will demonstrate the catalytic role that regulation can play in addressing impacts on biodiversity and providing long-term funding to meet national conservation objectives and ultimately help achieve global biodiversity targets.

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Declaration of Belem do Para and Good Practices in Green Road Infrastructure Among Amazonian Countries

14:00 – 15:15 | UNICOC Auditorium, Green Zone

Fulfilling both the 2022 KMGBF and the 2023 Belem do Para Declaration, the Green Road Infrastructure Guidelines (GRI) provide a global example for mainstreaming biodiversity in sustainable infrastructure development. This session will provide an opportunity for exchange on the GRI for scale-up across the Amazon and beyond.

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Greening Infrastructure Development: Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Transportation Sector

09:00 – 10:00 | GEF Pavilion, Plaza Two

Transportation infrastructure plays a critical role in connecting people to the services they need, but at a steep cost to nature and climate. See how countries are meeting this challenge head on through the GEF's new Greening Transportation Infrastructure Development Integrated Program.

Whole-of-Society Approach to Achieve GBF Target 6 Regarding IPBES Assessment Reports, G7 Statement on IAS and NBSAPs

13:20 – 14:40 | Nuqui - Academia & Research meeting room, Plaza One

Invasive alien species (IAS) are a direct driver of global biodiversity loss, and effective management through international cooperation is essential to prevent and mitigate their impacts. To achieve Target 6, efforts have focused on awareness raising and education and engaging the private sector, especially business involved in the use of natural resources and transportation.

Protecting Biodiversity Through Environmental Safeguards: Insights From ADB and EBRD

18:00 – 19:15 | MDB Pavilion, Plaza One

The employment of safeguards policies for the lending of MDBs as well as Equator Principles banks directly responds to a large number of the targets of the KMGBF. Insights on the evolving Biodiversity Standards for development banks and how these frameworks can deliver against KMGBF targets will be shared.

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Nature Knows No Borders: CMS COP14 Outcomes Contributing to Achieving the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

16:30 – 17:50 | Nuqui - Academia & Research meeting room, Plaza One

This high-level side event will present major outcomes of the recent CMS COP14, including key findings of the *State of the World's Migratory Species Report* and priorities for action relevant to the KMGBF.

Flyways: Leveraging Finance for Nature-Based Solutions at Scale, for Climate, Birds and People

18:00 – 19:20 | Cocuy - Marie Khan Women's Caucus meeting room, Plaza One

Investment from governments, donors, and the private sector can help reduce habitat loss, combat climate change, and boost coastal resilience through mobilizing public-private finance and the development of a granting mechanism to capacitate civil society, including local communities, on the ground.