Welcome to the IUCN Leaders Forum

The second edition of the IUCN Leaders Forum will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, and virtually from 11 to 13 October 2023 with the theme, *Global goals for nature: Tracking progress, financing success.*

Global goals to protect and restore nature, agreed to at the 2022 UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in Montreal, Canada, will set the scene for this year’s IUCN Leaders Forum. The Forum will bring together leaders and changemakers from around the world to discuss shared pathways to achieving these goals and help mobilise relevant groups into action.

In addition, the IUCN Leaders Forum 2023 will offer a timely platform to agree on global measuring, monitoring and reporting mechanisms. It will also provide the opportunity to tackle critical questions around financing the global goals, with a view to helping governments and the private sector fulfil their obligations.
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Pre-departure checklist

Before leaving for Geneva, please ensure that you have:

- A valid passport (valid for at least six months beyond your return date) and travel documents
- Valid visa(s) for Switzerland and any transit countries (if applicable)
- Photocopies of your passport and visa(s) as backup
- Confirmation of your accommodation booking
- A suitable adapter for Swiss plugs

Recommended:

- Travel and health insurance for unexpected events or emergencies

Note: IUCN bears no responsibility for personal injuries, loss, or property damage incurred by participants either during or as a consequence of attendance at the Forum.
About the venue
Name: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)
Address: Rue de Varembé 17, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
Website: https://cicg.ch/en/participant

The International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) is located near the "Place des Nations", in close proximity to the United Nations and many international organisations.

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Transport
The Geneva Public Transport system (TPG) and SBB (SBB online portal) provide convenient and efficient connections throughout the city. Both systems offer user-friendly mobile apps.

If you have booked accommodation at a hotel in Geneva, the Geneva Transport Card will be sent by email to you 12 to 24 hours before your check-in time. This card provides complimentary use of all buses, trams, trains and small boats within the Geneva area. Transport maps and timetables are available on the TPG website and at bus stops.

Train
The Swiss Federal Railway (SBB CFF FFS) serves as Switzerland’s primary train operator. There are two major train stations in Geneva: one at the airport and the other one in the city center, known as “Cornavin.” By train, the trip from the airport to the city centre takes about seven minutes. There are regular trains from Geneva Airport throughout the day, all stopping at Cornavin.

Taxi
In alignment with our commitment to sustainability and considering the excellent connectivity of the Geneva Public Transport system, we strongly urge all Forum participants to avoid using taxis whenever possible.

Nonetheless, we acknowledge that taxis may be required. If you opt to use a private taxi service, we recommend two reliable options:

2. TaxiPhone Genève: +41 22 33 141 33

Alternatively, if you prefer the convenience of a ride-hailing app, you can easily book a ride using Uber.
Registration requirements and arrival process

**Where**
Registration desks will be situated at the main entrance of CICG.

**When**
- **Tue 10 Oct** 15:00 – 18:00
- **Wed 11 Oct** 07:30 – 18:30
- **Thu 12 Oct** 07:30 – 18:30
- **Fri 13 Oct** 07:30 – 15:00

**Arrival process**
- **If your registration is confirmed**, please bring proof of your ID and go to the pre-registered desk to collect your badge and reusable water bottle.
- **If you have not received a registration confirmation yet**, please proceed to the registration desk with proof of your ID as well as, proof of payment or your credit card to collect your badge and reusable water bottle.

**Payment**
If you have paid by bank transfer but have not received a registration confirmation email please bring a proof of payment or bank transfer slip with you.

Onsite payments can only be made by credit card. Cheques and cash will not be accepted.

Please note that the reusable water bottle can be (re)filled at the water fountains available throughout the Forum venue. Only one bottle is provided per participant, so please remember to bring it with you each day. It is yours and you can keep it after the close of the Forum.
The virtual platform
To log in and make the most of the IUCN Leaders Forum virtual platform before the start of the Forum, follow these steps:

1. **Visit the virtual platform**: Visit our [website](#) or click on [this link](#) to access the platform.
2. **Log in**: On your first visit, provide your name and email address. After submitting this information, you will receive a verification code via SMS text message and email (please check your Spam folder).
3. **Exploring the platform**: Once logged in, start exploring the virtual platform and engage with fellow participants. You can also use the platform to build your personal agenda.
4. **During the Forum**: During the Forum, you can also watch live sessions and keep an eye out for session recordings, which will be accessible until February 2024.

Additionally, we recommend familiarising yourself with the virtual platform by reading these useful resources:

- **Participating in sessions**: Learn how to participate in sessions on the virtual platform by visiting [this link](#).
- **Managing appointments**: Discover how to efficiently schedule and manage your appointments within the virtual platform by following [this link](#)

We look forward to your active participation and engagement on the virtual platform, before, during and after the event!

**Forum Mobile App**
Please download the official event "Cvent Events" app or scan the QR code for Apple or Android devices.

Once you have downloaded the app, search for "IUCN Leaders Forum 2023" and log in using your registration email. A verification code will be sent to your email address, and you will need to use this code to enter the app.

Once in the app, you can create your agenda, ask questions during sessions, schedule meetings and provide valuable feedback.
Onsite attendance

Wi-Fi at the Venue
Scan the QR code below and access the venue WiFi

- Network name: IUCN_LF_Guest
- Password: iucn1948

Sustainability
All IUCN Leaders Forum participants are invited to support IUCN in the sustainability efforts. Please note that:

- All participants will receive a reusable water bottle.
- Water fountains will be available throughout the venue to allow participants to fill their bottle for free.
- Recycling is an important part of the sustainability effort. No bins will be placed in session rooms and participants are asked to bring rubbish to the recycling stations that will be available throughout the venue.

Onsite logistics

- We kindly request that all participants arrive promptly for sessions to ensure a punctual start.
- Please remember to silence your mobile phones while in sessions.
- Note that food and drinks are not allowed in session rooms.

Catering
During break times, participants can enjoy complimentary coffee or tea. As part of our sustainability efforts, vegetarian lunches will be provided to all participants on the three days of the event.

To enhance networking opportunities, a reception will be hosted on the first day of the Forum, and beverages will be served after the Forum’s closing on day 3. View the programme for further details and times.

Weather
You may wish to check the weather in Switzerland before your trip on www.meteoswiss.ch

Time zone
The time zone in Geneva is Central European Time (CET), UTC+1. The Forum programme is scheduled in accordance with the Geneva time zone.
Safety
There are no major safety issues in Switzerland, however, do take care of your belongings at all times especially in public places such as buses and trams. Keep valuables locked away in the hotel safe if possible. Report any theft to the police.

Currency
The official currency in Switzerland is the Swiss franc and is usually indicated as CHF (1 CHF \(\cong\) 1 USD & 1 EUR). Merchants may accept Euros (banknotes only) and the change is given back in Swiss francs. You will be able to withdraw money from cash machines, known as “bancomats” in Switzerland, and several foreign exchange offices near “Cornavin” and in the city centre.

ATM
The nearest cash machine to the CICG conference centre is a UBS bank located a 3-minute walk away on Chemin Camille-Vidart 17b.

Budget
Compared to other cities, life in Geneva is expensive. We recommend that you plan your budget carefully in order to be prepared for your stay.

Electric plugs and adapters
In Switzerland, the electrical supply current is 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. Participants are advised to bring an adapter and/or converter to charge electric appliances. The types of sockets used in Switzerland are illustrated here – type J and type C.

If you plan to charge your device during the event, please bring your adapter and cable. Plugs are available in the networking spaces.

Geneva tourism
In order to enjoy your free time before and after the Forum, you can explore Genève Tourisme and Keytours websites to find suggestions

Genève Tourism offers the “Geneva City Pass”, a ticket giving you access to more than 50 attractions, museums, excursions and activities. Note that none of these activities and excursions are organised by IUCN nor the IUCN Leaders Forum Organising team.
Emergency contacts
The most important emergency number in Switzerland and in Europe is 112. If you dial 112, you will be connected with the emergency control centre responsible for activating the most appropriate emergency response. You can call this number using a foreign SIM card or when using a prepaid mobile phone card with no credit.

Additional emergency contacts:
Police: 117
Medical emergency: 144
Fire Brigade: 118
Roadside assistance: 140
Geneva Lost & Found: +41 22 546 0900

Léman Medical Center:
Open Monday to Friday, 08:00 to 18:00.
17 rue Alfred-Vincent, 1201 Geneva
Tel: +41 22 716 0660.

Geneva Cantonal Hospital:
Open 24/7
4 rue Gabrielle Perret-Gentil, 1205 Geneva
Tel: +41 22 372 3311.