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SIDE EVENT
Monday, 16 June 2014
1:15p.m. - 2:45p.m.

Conference Room No. 7
North Lawn Building
United Nations HQ
New York City

A light lunch will be provided starting at
12:45 P.M. at the Polish Glass

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

A UNIFIED VOICE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES INTO THE SDGs

Organizers and partners:

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- The Government of France
- The Government of Switzerland
- Conservation International (CI)
- The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- WWF International (WWF)

Objectives:

- clarify the need for integration and showcase the possible solutions nature can provide for development challenges
- identify targets and/or elements of targets which are essential to be included in the SDGs framework
- facilitate a discussion to bring participants behind key formulations of a goal and targets



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DON'T LET BIODIVERSITY "FADE AWAY" - THE NEED FOR TRULY INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL

The OWG-SDGs is in the process of consulting and negotiating the formulation of the SDGs regarding the themes, goals and targets, to be completed by July 2014. Discussions at the OWG have now progressed to a point, where different topics are being discussed in a more specific and at the same time holistic and interlinked way. Concrete SDGs and their targets were recently published in the OWG Zero Draft document.

IUCN, WWF, Conservation International (CI) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) have expressed in several instances that it is important that the SDGs are formulated in an integrated way to emphasize the interconnectedness between the different dimensions of sustainable development. They have communicated their positions on possible environmental goals and targets for the SDGs framework.

LET'S TALK LANGUAGE

WHAT SPECIFIC TARGETS AND ELEMENTS OF TARGETS CAN BE USED TO ENSURE INTEGRATION

The basis of discussions at this event will be an overview of proposed goals and targets elaborated by different stakeholders and countries as well as the zero draft released by the Co-Chairs of the OWG on 2 June 2014 as well as information documents elaborated by civil society actors.

The event will be essential in directing the attention of governments to the need for integration of nature into the SDGs and showcase also the possible solutions nature can provide to address development challenges. It further serves as an opportunity to explore and identify convergences on the basis of the above-mentioned compilation for the formulation of concrete proposals to integrate biodiversity and ecosystem services throughout all possible goals and targets, while at the same time working towards a specific goal on

In addition, considerable analysis was done by all of these organizations on how this integration could be achieved. As a result of this analysis also of the documents issued by the Co-Chairs in the course of the last months, it is also perceived that the integration of the environmental dimension in the SDGs is progressively fading and that the inclusion of biodiversity and ecosystems is reflected mainly as a limiting factor to economic development.

IUCN, WWF, CI and TNC together with the Governments of France and Switzerland is holding this side event to facilitate a discussion to bring nature supporters behind key formulations of a goal and targets following the above mentioned points.

COME AND LEARN

1:15 - 1:20	Welcoming remarks IUCN
1:20 - 1:25	Statement on the process, challenges and opportunities UNDESA
1:25 - 1:30	The importance of integration UNEP
1:30 - 1:40	Joint presentation on possible targets for integration Conservation International, IUCN, The Nature Conservancy, WWF
1:40 - 2:15	Panel discussion The Governments of Brazil, France, the Republic of Korea, South Africa and Switzerland
2:15 - 2:45	Discussion

