



# News Update

- from the National Committees of Europe, North and Central Asia

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## PREPARING FOR THE CONGRESS



**IUCN  
World  
Conservation  
Congress  
Hawai'i 2016**

As you will be aware the IUCN World Conservation Congress will take place from 1-10 September 2016 in Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA and this may be the most significant Congress ever. And not just for National Committees (NCs) either. 'Planet at the crossroads' comes at a critical time for global society and its significance is reinforced the attendance of a very significant VIP on the Opening Day. You can visit the Congress website [here](#).

## NC MEETING IN BRUSSELS



NCs and Members got together with the IUCN Secretariat in European Green Week in early June at the IUCN Brussels office. An interesting agenda was discussed and the event also included a meeting of the EU Policy Advisory Group. For details of future meetings contact [chris.mahon@iucn.org.uk](mailto:chris.mahon@iucn.org.uk).

## REGIONAL MEETINGS AT THE WCC

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September there will be two meetings for Members to attend to discuss the content of the Regional Work Programmes, one for West Europe and one for East Europe, North and Central Asia. These will be important meetings inputting to the Regional Work Programme consultation process but also a good opportunity to meet other people from your region who are helping to deliver the work of IUCN. These meetings will be organised by the Regional Offices. The EU Policy Advisory Group also intends to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. For further information contact Constantine Makris at [Constantine.MAKRIS@iucn.org](mailto:Constantine.MAKRIS@iucn.org)

## MOTION 002

Motion 002 proposes the creation of a Global Group for IUCN National and Regional Committee Development, an idea developed from the European Working Group which has been active over the last 3 years. The motion will go to the electronic vote by Members from 3-17 August so your vote will be important in bringing about the result. You can view the Motion text [here](#).

## CELEBRATING NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES EVENT

Also on the Opening Day of the Congress, 1st September 2016, there will be an event which will bring together for the first time at a single meeting all the IUCN NCs and RCs of the world. There are 67 of them, some large and well established, some small and recently formed. It is open to all IUCN

## MEETING OF SPANISH NC MEMBERS



Three Members of the WGNCD (see bottom of page) were invited to speak at the Annual Forum of the Spanish National Committee in May. This was a great example of how NCs can support each other and improve our networking skills and experience.

## TOOLKIT TRANSLATION APPEAL

The Toolkit for National Committees is currently available in English, French and Spanish but a small amount of funding is urgently required for translation and reprinting in Russian and other languages. If you think you can help or know someone who can, please contact Ann-Katrine Garn at [akg@zoo.dk](mailto:akg@zoo.dk).

Members to attend. This will be a great opportunity to make new friends and learn from each other at the beginning of the WCC as well as the chance to send a collective message from NCs and RCs to the Congress. You can view the meeting's programme, speakers and location details [here](#).

## WORKING GROUP ON NATIONAL COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT

Members of WGNCD have been meeting monthly (online) since before they signed the Charter of Rome in 2013, committing them to work together in the spirit of collaboration. Since then, a 'Toolkit for National Committees' has been produced and is now used around the world as an example of what NCs

can achieve. The WGNCD is currently working on another edition of its 'Project Postcard' which gathers from Members the best examples of their work which contribute to the implementation of the IUCN Programme. For more details contact Ann-Katrine Garn at [akg@zoo.dk](mailto:akg@zoo.dk)

