

Charting our Carbon Future: Opportunities for Action

Setting the Stage: nature-based solutions – what to expect? – Introduction to the series

16:30-18:00 (CEST) Tuesday 21 April, Outline and Agenda

The first in the series of online interactive events and activities

During the 'Virtual Workshop' of six interactive online sessions participants working on climate and sustainability from various businesses will meet with each other, and selected experts, to collaborate in:

- 1) **Exploring the best knowledge** and ideas for investments in nature-based solutions (NBS) to help achieve ambitious mitigation goals
- 2) **Comparing and developing strategic plans** based on best practices/actions to achieve carbon commitments.

This interactive online session will involve:

- Pre-work, such as something to read or watch
- Presentations
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(90 minutes)**

After a brief introduction to the series we will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the nature agenda for 2020 and 2021. For that we will be joined by renowned speakers to discuss what to expect in terms of political will, public pressure for climate change action and COP-26 in 2021.

The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion among private sector colleagues.

Speakers and panellists

Welcome and introduction

Susan Gardner, Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP

COP-26 milestones - The policy and global dialogue perspective

Nigel Topping (UNFCCC COP26 High Level Climate Action Champion) and Chris Buss (Director of the IUCN Forest Conservation Programme, and adviser on Nature-based Solutions to the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion)

The corporate landscape for climate action: nature-climate-health

Heidi Huusko, Senior Manager, UN Global Compact

Nature Based Solutions in the time of COVID-19

Dr. David Nabarro, WHO special envoy for COVID-19, and John Atkinson, 4SD

The impact of COVID-19 on the forest sector

Mette Wilke, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, Forestry Department, FAO

Hosted by

Gabriel Labbate, UNEP Team Leader REDD+, UN-REDD Programme

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Florian Eisele, UN-REDD, and Phil Hadridge, idenk

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You are welcome to arrive from 1615 CEST

Time	Speaker	Topic
16:30	Susan Gardner	Welcome and introduction to series and today Susan Gardner, Director, Ecosystems Division, UNEP Introductions
16:40	Nigel Topping	COP-26 milestones - The policy and global dialogue perspective Nigel Topping (UNFCCC COP26 High Level Climate Action Champion) and Chris Buss (Director of the IUCN Forest Conservation Programme, and adviser on Nature-based Solutions to the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion)
16:50	Heidi Huusko	The corporate landscape for climate action: nature-climate-health Heidi Huusko, Senior Manager, UN Global Compact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Business Ambition for Climate and Health Action Platform. • How does corporate climate action look like post COVID-19?
17:00	John Atkinson	Nature Based Solutions in the time of COVID-19 John Atkinson, 4SD
17:10	Mette Wilke	The impact of COVID-19 on the forest sector Mette Wilke, Director, Forestry Policy and Resources Division, Forestry Department, FAO
17:15	Plenary discussion	Moderated Q&A With Dr. David Nabarro, WHO special envoy for COVID-19 from 17:30 and with reflections from three companies
17:55	Gabriel Labbate	Conclusions Gabriel Labbate, UNEP Team Leader REDD+, UN-REDD Programme Follow up work

Speaker Bios

John Atkinson - John Atkinson is a designer, architect and catalyst for whole system change. He has instigated and led projects around the world in corporate and public settings that helped people design approaches that created fundamental change in their work and lives. He has been at the forefront of developing our understanding of working with organisations as living systems for over 25 years.

John's background has been in living systems leadership as a means of growing organisational change for well over two decades. Recent commercial clients include Alibaba, the Chinese online marketplace that provided the world's largest technology IPO, Sanofi-Pasteur, the world's leading vaccine manufacturer and Zurich Insurance. This multi-national element to his work provides new and unique insight into how large human systems work. The crossover between large commercial organisations and the public sector adds value to both fields.

He has also played a key role in UN efforts on climate change. As advisor to the Secretary-General's special facilitator for Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and to the United Nations Environment Programme he has helped shape approaches that are making a fundamental and significant impact on people's relationship with nature. This included the design and delivery of the NBS Momentum Day as part of the Climate Action Summit at the UN General Assembly 2019.

Chris Buss - Chris Buss is the Director of the IUCN Forest Conservation Programme and is also an adviser on Nature-based Solutions to the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, supporting the food and land work streams to strengthen and integrate the value and use of Nature and Nature-based Solutions. Before working for IUCN Chris worked long term in Africa for 12 years and with IUCN globally and in more than 50 countries with a special focus on locally controlled forest management, forest landscape restoration and protecting primary forests.

Susan Gardner - Ms. Susan Gardner has over two decades of experience in science and environmental policy working for both the Mexican and United States governments. She was a senior official in the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration focused on fisheries science and ocean conservation. Prior to this position, she was a senior official at the U.S. Department of State in the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs and worked for the Mexican Federal Government as an environmental scientist at the Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste.

As Deputy Director of the Office of Science and Technology Cooperation, Dr. Gardner led the U.S. Department of State's efforts on Advancing Women and Girls in Science and established the annual ASEAN-U.S. Science Prize for Women. Ms. Gardner's work on multilateral agreements included the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management, the Global Mercury Partnership and the Stockholm Convention. Based on her contributions to the Minamata Convention on Mercury she was awarded the Gold Medal for Exceptional Services from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Gardner created the first Ecotoxicology Program at the Centro de Investigaciones Biológicas del Noroeste where she earned the distinction of membership in the Mexican Sistema Nacional de Investigadores and board certification as a fellow of the Academy of Toxicological Sciences.

Dr. Gardner is a dual national of Mexico and the United States of America. She has a Doctoral Degree in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences from the University of Washington, a Master's of Science Degree in Toxicology from North Carolina State University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science from Long Island University. Her research has generated over 30 publications including a book and book chapters on topics related to ecology, toxicology, fisheries management and species conservation.

Heidi Huusko - Heidi Huusko joined the UN Global Compact in 2012 and now leads the UN Global Compact's environment and climate portfolio, including partner relations. She is a founding member of the Science Based Targets initiative (CDP, UN Global Compact, WRI and WWF) and is part of its steering committee. In the lead up to the 2019 UN Climate Action Summit Team she supported the UN Special Envoy and the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on private sector engagement. She was the integral architect of the Business Ambition for 1.5 C campaign. Previously she helped bring forward the Business Leadership Criteria on Carbon Pricing, Responsible Corporate Engagement in Climate Policy and the Ambition Loop concept. She has vast experience in how to drive corporate ambition supporting UN goals and issues. She is also a member of the UNFCCC Momentum for Change Advisory Panel.

Before joining the United Nations Heidi was a civil servant in Sweden. As an Environment and Climate Advisor she established agency wide policies and trainings in humanitarian relief and disaster resilience and led several missions on disaster risk reduction. She also had her own consultancy firm building on her professional background in civil society organisations, where she had been working with human rights, poverty eradication and youth empowerment in developing countries. Heidi holds a Masters in Social Science: Business Administration and Ecological Economics. In the beginning of 2015 Heidi was posted in Liberia to work as an Advisor on recovery after the Ebola crisis.

Gabriel Labbate - Gabriel is the UN-REDD Global Team Leader at UNEP coordinating a group of 20+ professionals in Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. He has more than 20 years of experience on sustainable land use with focus on nature-based solutions to climate change and carbon markets. He leads the work of UNEP on private sector investments in forest-based mitigation and represent UNEP at the ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA). He holds a doctorate degree on Environmental Studies from UC Santa Cruz, a MA in Economics from New York University and a bachelor and post-graduate degrees in Biology from Buenos Aires University.

David Nabarro - David was a Lecturer in Nutrition and Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (1982 – 85) and Senior Lecturer in Health Systems at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (1985 – 1989). He joined the UK Government Foreign Office (Overseas Development Administration) as Senior Health Adviser for East Africa 1989 – 1990 and Chief Health and Population Adviser 1990 – 1997. He became Director for Human Development in the UK Department for International Development (DFID) 1997 – 1999. In 1999 David moved into the United Nations system starting as an Executive Director at the World Health Organization responsible for the Roll Back Malaria Project and the Office of the Director General. He was Special Representative of the WHO Director General for Health Action in Crises 2002-2005. He was then as appointed UN System Senior Coordinator for Avian and Pandemic Influenza 2005 - 2014, UN Secretary-General's (S-G's) Special Representative for Food Security and Nutrition 2008 – 2014, Coordinator of the Movement for Scaling Up Nutrition 2011 – 2014 (as Assistant Secretary-General), UN S-G's Special Envoy for the West Africa Ebola Outbreak Response 2014 – 2015, and UN S-G's Special Adviser for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Climate Change 2016 – 2017 (as Under-Secretary-General). He was appointed, by the Director General of WHO, as chair of the expert group on the reform of WHO's work on outbreaks and emergencies in 2015. In October 2018, David received the World Food Prize together with Lawrence Haddad for leadership on nutrition.

David is currently Co-Director (since mid-2019) and Chair of Global Health at the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College, London. He is Strategic Director of the Swiss-based social enterprise 4SD(Skills Systems and Synergies for Sustainable Development), established in 2017, training and mentoring leaders for sustainable development. Since June 2018 David has curated the Food Systems Dialogues as a contribution to the transformation of food systems: they have involved more than 1700 leaders in 29 locations within the last 18 months. From July 2018 David contributed to preparations for the UN's September 2019 Climate Action Summit. David co-facilitated the coalition that advanced the Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) workstream (co-led by China and New Zealand). David is co-chair of the forum on Climate Change and Health which will complete its work at the

World Innovation Summit for Health, November 2020. From March 2020, David is appointed Special Envoy of WHO Director General on COVID-19.

Nigel Topping - Nigel Topping is the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, appointed by the UK Prime Minister in January 2020. Nigel works alongside the Chilean High-Level Climate Action Champion, Gonzalo Muñoz. The role of the high-level champions is to strengthen collaboration and drive action from businesses, investors, organisations, cities, and regions on climate change, and coordinate this work with governments and parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Nigel was most recently CEO of We Mean Business, a coalition of businesses working to accelerate the transition to a zero carbon economy. Prior to that he was Executive Director of the Carbon Disclosure Project, following an 18 year career in the private sector, having worked across the world in emerging markets and manufacturing.

Mette Wilke - Ms Wilkie is the Director of the Forestry Policy and Resources Division within the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). She has a background in Forestry and Environmental Management and over 30 years of experience in providing scientific evidence and policy advice to governments, partner organizations and international conventions on issues related to the environment and development nexus with a focus on the sustainable management of forests and other natural resources, biodiversity conservation and nature-based solutions to climate change.

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Phil Hadridge - Phil Hadridge supports leaders and groups working to achieve their ambitions, from his home and office in Cambridge. He works across a range of businesses with his broad perspective on change that clients find helpful when stuck in their own sector mind-sets. Phil designs and hosts large meetings, both virtual and face to face, for energy and results. He develops boards and other leadership teams for their unique role in leading change.

Phil currently works for ethical fashion, wildlife conservation, education progress and health care improvement in charities, government bodies, universities and brands. He teaches how to harness the unique potential - and mitigate the unexpected problems - of noble purpose organisations for profound social change.