THE IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2020 MOTIONS PROCESS

Online Discussion of motions for amendments to the IUCN Statutes

1) INTRODUCTION

This document adds to the series of guidance notes prepared by the IUCN Secretariat on the motions process. It briefly presents the purpose and process for the online discussion of the eight governance motions and explains the electronic system step-by-step, providing detailed information on how to use the different functionalities and features.

2) PURPOSE

At its meeting in February 2020, the Council recommended that measures be taken to facilitate Members the understanding of the technical and legal aspects of the governance motions prior to Congress. To that end, the Motions Working Group decided to open an online discussion from 1 September 2020 until 18 November 2020 on eight IUCN governance-related motions.

The purpose of the online discussion is to provide an opportunity for the Council and Secretariat to clarify the technical aspects of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and respond to Members’ questions. The purpose is not to negotiate, amend or achieve a consensus text, as was the case for the online discussion of motions on conservation policy that took place from December 2019 until March 2020. This is because these governance motions will all continue to be discussed, amended (as needed), and voted upon during the Congress as required by Rule 45bis (d).
3) PROCESS

Members of all categories that are in good standing can participate in this online discussion, ask questions, express concerns, and debate the pros and cons of any of the eight motions using this system, just as they would during the Members’ Assembly.

Commission members, representatives of recognised National and Regional Committees and members of the Secretariat may also take part in the online discussion of governance motions in a technical advisory and support capacity as described in Figure 1 (Rule 62bis).

**Figure 1: Roles in the online discussion**

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<th>IUCN Constituent</th>
<th>Role in Online Discussion</th>
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<td>Members</td>
<td>Members vote on motions, and thus they need to feel comfortable with the text of motions. They can comment on any part of the motion, propose edits, and endorse (like) edits proposed by other participants with which they agree.</td>
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<td>Representatives of National Committees</td>
<td>May take part in the online discussion of motions in an advisory and support capacity only. They can make general comments to provide technical advice and support the discussion.</td>
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<td>Commission members</td>
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<td>Facilitator</td>
<td>Unlike the previous online discussion of policy-focused motions, the Facilitators will only ensure that Members get a clear understanding of the technical aspects of the proposed amendments as well as answer any questions posted.</td>
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The electronic discussion will be facilitated by either a member of the Council or members of the Secretariat in consultation with the Council. They will help to ensure the transparent nature of the process and contribute to achieving a clear understanding of the technical aspects of the proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes.
4) STEP-BY-STEP GUIDANCE AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I access the online discussion of motions on governance?

You can access the online discussion by logging in to the Congress website, clicking on the “Exercise your rights” tab and then the “View/join the online discussion of motions proposing amendments to the Statutes” button. Then you can click on the title of any of the eight motions to access the discussion for that specific motion.

In order to ensure equitable participation for all IUCN Members, any staff of a Member may intervene its behalf. The person should log in with their own IUCN account.
Login / Register

By logging into this site, you can take advantage of various online services such as registering to the Congress, submit a proposal for social events, among many others. Note that some services, such as discussing an online Motion are restricted to Member organisations.

To access our online services, log in using your IUCN username. If you have forgotten your IUCN username or password, please click on Recover credentials. If you are a new user, we invite you to create an account.

Username *

Enter your IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 username.

Password *

Enter the password that accompanies your username.

Log in
The online discussion display

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The online discussion display begins with the motion title, after which there is a box with navigation shortcuts. These include:

1. Shortcuts to the other language versions of this motion
2. A link to translate the entire page with Google
3. A link to subscribe or unsubscribe to the motion (see below)
4. A link to jump down to the comments section (View comments)
5. A link to the motion’s explanatory memorandum of the Council’s proposal to the 2020 Congress.

Below the proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes, is the comments section.

![Comment Section]

ADD A COMMENT  FILTER COMMENTS
It includes the list of comments in reverse chronological order, starting with any “Announcement” posted by the Facilitator. The comments provide information about the constituent, the time and date of the comment, and the number of “likes” it has received (see below). There are also buttons to add a comment, or to filter the comments based on the information provided by the discussants.

How do I subscribe to a motion?

You might be interested in following the discussions of all motions, but it is also possible to subscribe to those in which you are most interested. To do so, you can either click on the “Subscribe to this motion” link in the grey box below the title of the motion, or using the links located next to the list of titles from the main motions dashboard. After subscribing to a motion, you will receive automated email notifications each time a new comment is posted on that motion. Note that you can unsubscribe at any time by clicking on the same button.

Which elements of a motion can be discussed?

Discussions or questions may be raised around all the sections of the proposed amendments to the IUCN Statutes.

How to translate the motion and all comments into your preferred language?

You can use the “Translate with Google” button that is integrated in the grey box at the top of the motions page, to change the text of the motion and all comments into your preferred language. Please note that only the motion as published in one of the three official languages of IUCN is the “official motion”. No translations generated through Google translate are considered “official”.

How do I add a comment?

The core of the online discussion is the comments section. To post a comment, please click the green “Add a comment” button at the top or bottom of the comments section. This will direct you to a new page that shows the text of the motion at the top with a comment field below it.

In the “Your comment” section, please select the “IUCN Member or other Constituent” you are making this comment on behalf of from the dropdown menu (this only shows the constituents you are connected to).
You can then enter your comment into the text field (max. 1,200 characters including spaces).

**Can I propose specific edits to the text of the governance motions?**

Members are welcome to propose edits or amendments to the governance motions. However, given that the purpose of the online discussion of the governance motions is to provide an opportunity for the Council and Secretariat to clarify the technical aspects of the proposed amendments to the Statutes and respond to Members’ questions, and that all eight will be discussed further at the Members’ Assembly, the Facilitators will neither revise the texts nor attempt to reach a consensus during the online discussion. As such, edits proposed during the online discussion will be noted and addressed during the Members Assembly.

**Where can I find all comments?**

All comments posted can be found at the bottom of the motions page in the Motion comments section. You can either scroll down below the motion text, or you can click on the “View comments” link in the grey box at the top of the page.
Can I respond directly to a comment made?

It is not possible to respond directly to a comment/question in the system. If your comment contains a direct reply, please note which comment you are responding to in the text of your comment. If you support the comment, you can “like” it, using the link at the bottom left-hand corner of the comment. The system will respond with a thumbs up icon, which you can click again to “un-like” in case you have made a mistake.

How do I filter comments?

In case you are interested in viewing a subset of the comments posted, please click on the green “Filter comments” button next to the “Add a comment” button. You will be redirected to a page that allows you to filter comments by Member/Constituent, Constituent type, and whether or not the comment was posted by the Facilitator.

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For any questions related to the motions process please contact motions@iucn.org.