

## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR THE IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2020 FORUM EVENTS

The Programme of events for the IUCN World Conservation Congress Forum is designed based on content proposed through a competitive call for proposals. The call is open to anyone wishing to organize a session around a topic of his/her choice. The list of sessions open to the call for proposals can be found [here](#).

When submitting a proposal, it is important to remember that many more submissions will be received than can be accommodated during the 4 days of the Forum. Therefore, all submissions will be reviewed by at least 2 independent reviewers on the basis of the following criteria:

- Clear alignment with, and contribution to the Congress Themes and the draft IUCN Programme 2021-2024
- Alignment with, and contribution to the [Forum objectives](#)
- Overall merit of the proposal (e.g. novelty, solutions orientation, expected outcomes etc.)
- Diversity of the partners associated with the proposal:
  - Including at least **one** of the following IUCN Constituent parts, in line with the [One Programme approach](#): IUCN Members; Commissions; National and Regional Committees; Secretariat
  - Including other partners e.g. business, local authorities, non-IUCN members etc.
- Gender-responsiveness: relevance of your session to mainstreaming gender issues
- Engagement of youth (aged 15-24) and young professionals (35 years of age and under): extent to which your session will include and promote youth at all levels
- Use of innovative participatory techniques and demonstrated interactivity of the session (be it through visuals, use of technology, role-play, breakouts, etc.)
- Relevance of the title (e.g. clarity, how catchy / interesting it is etc.)
- Overall balance of session types and topics proposed for inclusion in the Forum

The proposals most aligned with the above criteria will be selected and integrated into the official programme. In some cases, the format proposed by the applicant for a particular session may be deemed more appropriate for a different type of Forum session during the review process. In such cases, the Forum team will reallocate the submission to the new session type and inform the applicant(s) accordingly.

Applicants will be notified by 31 October 2019 if their proposal has been selected for inclusion in the Forum Programme.

For any questions related to the Call for Proposals and application process, please contact: [congressforum@iucn.org](mailto:congressforum@iucn.org).