Guidelines for Submitting a Proposal to the

One Nature, One Future: Global Youth Summit

at the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020

7 – 15 January 2021, Marseille, France

The IUCN World Conservation Congress

The devastating COVID-19 pandemic is shedding new light on the importance of nature and the opportunities the natural world provides for people and planet to stay healthy. The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020, set to take place from 7 – 15 January 2021, in Marseille, France will provide the foundations of the future we hope for in the post-pandemic world.

By bringing together the nature conservation community as a whole, including scientists, leaders from government, civil society, indigenous peoples’ organisations, business and international organisations, the IUCN Congress will inform and guide the transition to a more sustainable future. Additionally, it will help shape the post-2020 biodiversity framework, which will itself be an essential building block of a healthier, more resilient post-pandemic world.

The One Nature, One Future Global Youth Summit

The One Nature, One Future Global Youth Summit (GYS) will strengthen connections between young leaders and their existing global networks, encourage interdisciplinary learning, provide a space for broader storytelling on conservation, and add further momentum to the growing youth movements for nature and climate. It will include presentations, capacity-building sessions, and a series of working groups organized into Summit tracks.

Organized by IUCN with support from generous founding partners and the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), the GYS is a critical moment designed to help build on previous engagements of youth and young professionals with IUCN, and the incredible work being undertaken by youth networks around the world to generate a better, stronger, more inter-connected and empowered global youth movement. Youth-led organisations and networks will have the chance to fully own, design, organize and facilitate these tracks and inform the various Summit output documents.

The Global Youth Summit will generate:

1. A Global Youth Summit declaration to IUCN and the conservation community, which will, amongst other things, include a statement from youth to the IUCN Members’ Assembly, and other international environment and conservation fora;

2. Advice from youth and young professionals to the Union (IUCN Secretariat, Council, Members, Commissions, Committees): through participation in consultations for an external review on Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Partnership at IUCN, youth and young professionals will contribute to the development of a strategy and action plan for IUCN to more meaningfully mainstream youth and young professionals;

3. An opportunity to engage with the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process by participating in a series of youth-led consultations, capacity-building and advocacy sessions led by the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN);

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Format of the Global Youth Summit

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic, IUCN has adapted the format of the Summit to a ‘hybrid’ model, with both an online and an in-person component. This hybrid format will ensure that participation is as inclusive and diverse as possible, by facilitating access for those who may face travel restrictions or be unable to travel safely to France in January 2021, including members of the most vulnerable communities.

1. Global Youth Summit – Online Component

Online engagement as part of the Global Youth Summit will take place virtually from 2 November to 11 December 2020 through a series of virtual sessions including plenary-style panels, thematic “track” sessions, and capacity-building sessions.

*Participation in the online component is free of charge.*

Types of online meetings / sessions:

- **Panels (in plenary):** the Summit will open and close with a series of high-level intergenerational dialogues and Q&A’s conducted in “plenary”. Attendance is open to all as online meeting room capacity permits.

- **Track sessions (in working groups):** the thematic track sessions will be organised and facilitated by youth-led networks or organisations, selected through a call for proposals. The thematic tracks will generate their own reports which will feed into the Global Youth Summit declaration and other output documents. They can have a global or regional focus.

- **Capacity-building sessions (in plenary):** offered by different individuals and organisations, these capacity building webinars will take place from October to December 2020, and may include introductions to IUCN, the IUCN World Conservation Congress and the post-2020 biodiversity process, the Review of Youth Engagement at IUCN, as well as other training and skill-building workshops. Attendance is open to all as online meeting room capacity permits.
  - As part of these sessions, the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) will conduct introductory sessions on the post-2020 global biodiversity process and invite GYS participants to attend online consultations for the post-2020 biodiversity framework process.

- **Advocacy in conservation (in plenary):** in December / towards the end of the online component of the GYS, GYBN will facilitate a series of online sessions on advocacy, aimed at bringing together the work of the thematic tracks, as well as discussing what a new global biodiversity framework means for youth in conservation. All participants and facilitators of all track working groups will be strongly encouraged to attend these online sessions.

2. Global Youth Summit – in-person component

Youth and young professional delegates will have the opportunity to engage with each other and with older generations in person at the Global Youth Summit in Marseille, France on 12 January 2021. The Summit will take place after the Forum, the Youth Leadership Dialogue, and the One Planet Summit – making 12 January 2021 the place to bridge the knowledge and ideas discussed through the online

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summit component running in November – December 2020, with onsite experiences in Marseille. Youth delegates in Marseille will also have the opportunity to deliver a statement to the IUCN Members’ Assembly (12-15 January 2021).

**You must be registered to attend the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020 to participate in the in-person component of the Summit. Visit the IUCN Congress 2020 website for registration details.**

**Call for Proposals for Summit Tracks**

Youth and young professionals from youth-led organisations and networks, IUCN Member Organisations and IUCN Commissions have an opportunity to submit a proposal to lead a track on one of the following 7 themes:

1. People and Nature
2. Oceans
3. Freshwater
4. Climate Change
5. Rights and Governance
6. Human health and conservation
7. Finance, technology and innovation

A proposed Summit track can focus on a specific dimension of the theme (e.g. climate change migration – challenges for youth; plastic pollution in oceans – impacts on youth and livelihoods) at the global level, or a regional or national perspective on the issue (e.g. youth and climate change in SIDS; youth and indigenous rights in the Amazon) corresponding to one of the IUCN regions.

The framing of content and issues within a proposed Summit track is entirely open to the individual or group proposing the track. Participation in a particular track will require sign-up. The number of youth and young professionals able to participate in any given track will depend upon the capacity of the virtual meeting room (further details will be provided to successful track facilitators).

IUCN young professionals and GYBN representatives will review the proposals and select the Thematic Tracks and track leaders. Networks and organisations (rather than individuals) will be selected as Track Leaders. Each Track Leader/Network/Organisation will select their own proposed facilitator(s) when they submit a proposal through the call for proposals. Track leaders will be invited to training sessions in September to discuss logistics, advice for delivering impactful and interactive online sessions. IUCN will provide online meeting rooms and online conference management support. Track leaders can lead on a theme at the global level or within a particular IUCN region.

**Track Leader: Role & Responsibilities**

- Each Track Leader is responsible for designing, executing and facilitating the track (1-3 online sessions for a maximum duration of 3-9 hours, between October and November 2020);
- Each Track Leader is responsible for producing a final track report using a GYS template that will be provided by the organisers and serve as a basis for the drafting of the GYS declaration and other output documents. The track report must be submitted in English, Spanish or French after a track’s sessions have concluded;

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• Each Track Leader must prepare a short presentation (in any format: 5-minute video, Prezi, PowerPoint) on the results of the track, to be made available for an online audience after GYS;
• Each Track Leader is responsible for promoting the track’s online sessions to their networks and contacts to encourage registration and attendance;
• Each Track Leader commits to making time to participate in surveys, focus groups and brainstorming sessions for the Review of Youth Engagement and Intergenerational Partnership at IUCN;
• Each Track Leader commits to encouraging diversity both in their facilitating team, speakers they invite to their session, and in the participants that they invite to join, striving for participation from all regions of the world;
• Track Leaders who demonstrate financial need, may request an honorarium to support them in their commitment to deliver any of the above requirements.

Instructions for Submitting a Thematic Track Proposal

To submit your proposal, please complete this form: https://forms.gle/XKvywdxTCkC13xr5

1. Team
   • Submit a proposal on behalf of a youth-led organisation or network, an IUCN Member Organisation or an IUCN Commission. Submissions by individual persons not affiliated with a youth-led organisation or network, IUCN Member or IUCN Commission will not be accepted.
   • Submit only one proposal per youth-led organisation or network, IUCN Member Organisation or IUCN Commission.
   • Identify a facilitator or team of facilitators (maximum of 4 people) who will design, lead and conduct the online sessions of the proposed track. Facilitator requirements:
     o Previous experience facilitating conferences and workshops;
     o 35 years of age or younger in January 2021;
     o Represent diverse identities and perspectives;
     o Fluency in English, French or Spanish (IUCN’s three official working languages) is desirable but not required
     o Planned attendance to the World Conservation Congress in Marseille is desirable but not required.

2. Content
   • Indicate the title of your proposed track.
   • Define the primary topic of your thematic track under one of the seven GYS themes.
   • Express whether the focus of your track is of a global, regional, national or local nature.
   • Demonstrate the expertise of your organisation or network on the chosen topic.
   • Provide a draft agenda or programme for your online sessions.
   • Describe:
     o the relevance of this particular track topic to the selected theme;
     o the relevance of this particular track topic to youth-led movement-building for inter-generational, inter-sectoral action for nature, climate and social justice;
     o the key outcomes you wish to achieve by facilitating an online track on this topic.

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3. **Format**
   - Define the total number of hours for your track's online sessions – this can be between 3 and 9 hours.
   - Define whether your track will be conducted in one, two, or three sessions.
   - Define the language(s) in which your track will be conducted.
   - Define whether you are able to conduct your online sessions more than once to accommodate different time zones, and / or in multiple languages.

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