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18:15-19:45

ICAO, Room A,
1st Floor, IGOs
*Light meal provided

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Human rights for thriving indigenous peoples, local communities and healthy ecosystems in the post-2020 global biodiversity agenda

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THIS SIDE EVENT will discuss how a human rights and ecosystem-based approach can best be included in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework as enabling conditions for ensuring the effective conservation, sustainable use, and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of the world's biodiversity. It will look into how the new Programme of Work on Article 8(j) can be a mechanism to support the weaving of rights-based and ecosystem-based approaches in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. In particular, it will discuss the role of environmental rights defenders, and the positive synergies that can be achieved when local people and conservation organizations can join as strategic allies.

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Rights-based and ecosystem-based approaches provide a foundation for transforming the conservation paradigm, and enabling local people and conservation organizations to be strategic allies. Conservation agencies – whether government agencies, NGOs or their funders – and local communities who depend on ecosystems for their livelihoods share the common aim of safeguarding biological and cultural diversity for present and future generations. Indigenous peoples and local communities are part of the constituency of change agents that need to be closely involved in delivering the 2050 vision for biodiversity. In this respect, specific attention is needed to ensure the safety of environmental rights defenders. Their actions for protecting the biodiversity on which they are dependent for their livelihood, and hold deep knowledge about, are critical to ‘bend the curve’ of biodiversity loss over the next 10 years.

Human rights are essential to realise the vision of “living in harmony with nature”. At the same time, human rights depend on biodiversity: the right to food, clean water, health, culture and even life itself depends on thriving biodiversity and ecosystems. The human right to a clean and healthy environment is protected by the constitutions of over 100 states, and weaving a rights-based and an ecosystem-based approach in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework can be a key avenue to achieve the transformational changes needed to address biodiversity loss.

Programme:

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Welcome	Henrik Brundin SwedBio, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University
Human rights as an enabling condition for IPLCs’ contributions in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework: emerging key messages from the Local Biodiversity Outlooks 2	Maurizio Fahren Ferrari Forest Peoples Programme (FPP)
Human and environmental rights defenders in the forefront for biodiversity conservation	Lakpa Nuri Sherpa Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP)
Gender equality and rights-based approaches in the new PoW for indigenous peoples and local communities, Art 8(j)	Tanya McGregor Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
Human rights to a clean, safe and healthy environment. Case example: environment impact assessment	Robert Kibugi IDLO
Way forward for inclusion of Human Rights as an enabling condition towards achieving the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature	Pernilla Malmer SwedBio, Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University
Panel discussion	

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