

## Climate Crisis Commission (CCC)

### Draft Mandate 2026–2029

Under the Union's "One Programme Charter", the Climate Crisis Commission (CCC) network of volunteer scientists, experts and managers will contribute to the Union's efforts through various thematic groups, regional groups, specialist groups and task forces. Collectively, these specialists will provide scientific and authoritative advice to IUCN regarding the climate crisis, promoting understanding and the best available science through a rights-based lens to drive change.

With the adoption of the IUCN Programme 2026–2029, the Commission will collaborate closely with IUCN regional and global programmes at the project, country, regional and global levels. A strong component of the CCC strategy will be promoting collaboration with other Commissions and partners.

#### 1. Mission

The IUCN CCC develops and shares expert guidance on solutions for limiting global warming that are both appropriate and effective, promoting justice and ecosystem integrity, and grounded in the best available science. This includes upholding free, prior and informed consent (FPIC). The IUCN CCC will mobilise and help coordinate the Union's efforts by building and promoting productive and constructive partnerships that foster transformational change.

#### 2. Vision

To work towards a world where global warming is limited to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and society adapts to manage climate risks in ways that enhance socio-ecological resilience, are nature positive, and promote just outcomes for all.

#### 3. Goal

Advance science-based approaches that are holistic, integrated and just, in the development and implementation of climate mitigation and adaptation policy and programmes.

#### 4. Objective

To promote action on climate, biodiversity and communities by strengthening pathways to achieve – and go beyond – net-zero greenhouse gas emissions. This includes transitioning away from fossil fuels toward clean renewable energy, protecting and restoring the integrity of ecosystems, and supporting the implementation of IUCN's Strategic Vision and Programme, including relevant climate change Resolutions from the IUCN World Conservation Congresses.

#### 5. Focus

In pursuit of our goal and objective, the Commission, in collaboration with relevant Secretariat programmes, other Commissions and partners, will work aligned with the IUCN Programme 2026–2029 through the following:

- a. Making science-based, authoritative advice and guidance available to policymakers and implementing authorities at local to global levels, pertaining to governance and management related to climate;
- b. Advice and guidance to promote credible pathways for achieving net-zero and net-negative emissions, as well as reducing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions;
- c. Respecting the traditional knowledge and rights of Indigenous peoples, as well as human rights in general;
- d. Advancing pathways to conserve and protect ecosystems; and
- e. Knowledge products that respond and develop an information base that promotes climate goals, along with biodiversity and community benefits.

## 6. Priorities to deliver the IUCN Programme 2026–2029

CCC's plans for the next intersessional period are framed around priority areas that align with and will contribute to the Programme 2026–2029. The main priority areas are:

- a. **Collaborate with IUCN and other partners to promote advice, guidance and consultation on climate change** and the necessity of reducing anthropogenic emissions from all sources. This includes emphasising how climate risks escalate with every increment of global warming and the need to provide communities with the capabilities and resources necessary to adapt and become resilient.
- b. **Support IUCN initiatives at key multilateral forums** such as UNFCCC COP 30 and others as needed.
- c. **Provide information and advice on substantial commitments to phase out fossil fuels, along with recommendations to strengthen and prioritise adaptation strategies** that promote justice, uphold ecosystem integrity, and advance ambitious climate and biodiversity commitments.
- d. **Contribute to developing working papers and policy briefs addressing key issues** such as the just energy transition, the synergies between climate and biodiversity, and the harmonisation of multilateral frameworks leveraging IUCN's convening power.
- e. **Promote the creation of innovative, accessible and participatory financial mechanisms** that support the goals and targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and the goals of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

## 7. Structure and organisation of the Commission

- a. **Chair, Deputy Chair and Steering Committee**  
The Commission is led by the Chair, whom IUCN Members elect at the IUCN Members' Assembly. The Steering Committee provides leadership and guides the development and implementation of CCC's work through its operational structure, comprising regional and thematic groups, including finance, policy, climate justice, solutions and innovative approaches.
- b. **Membership**  
CCC's membership comprises volunteers who are experts in climate and are representative of various professional and geographic areas. The recruitment of young professionals is also a priority. Members contribute to the Commission's work plan through thematic groups, regions and, as needed, specialist groups and task forces.
- c. **Relation with the IUCN Secretariat**  
CCC will collaborate with the Secretariat on activities aligned with the Commission's mandate, and the Director General will designate a focal person for the Commission to implement the IUCN Programme 2026–2029.