



WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS 2025
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Appointment of the External Auditors of IUCN for 2026-2029

Action Requested: The World Conservation Congress is invited to CONSIDER the recommendation of the IUCN Council and APPOINT the External Auditors of IUCN for the period 2026–2029.

DRAFT MOTION

The IUCN World Conservation Congress,

At the recommendation of the IUCN Council,

Appoints Deloitte SA as IUCN External Auditors for the years 2026 to 2029.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The External Auditors are appointed by the Congress on the recommendation of the Council (Article 20 (j) of the IUCN Statutes).

Following a competitive selection process, the IUCN Council appointed Deloitte SA (Deloitte) as IUCN's external auditors for the financial years 2023 and 2024 (Council decision C108/17).

Noting that Deloitte was selected through a competitive selection process and that there would be no benefit in changing auditors after only two years, Council, on the recommendation of the Finance and Audit Committee, recommended that the IUCN Members appoint Deloitte as auditors for the financial year 2025 (Council decision C110/5).

Deloitte's mandate was confirmed by IUCN Members following an online vote held in 2024.

The IUCN Council proposes to reappoint Deloitte for the years 2026–2029 (decision C/113/16) following a recommendation of Council's Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) which has been satisfied with the performance of Deloitte. Deloitte has built up a good knowledge of IUCN and there would be no advantage in changing auditors at this point.