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The purpose of the Promise of Sydney

Rather than laying out a competing action plan, our *aim is to accelerate and enhance implementation*. The Promise of Sydney will spotlight the world's most promising and innovative approaches and explore their potential to transform practice for accelerated, effective and enduring conservation outcomes. It will:

Highlight innovative approaches for protected areas to meet their goals, address challenges and seize opportunities

Lay the groundwork for significantly augmenting cross - sectoral collaboration

Inform a full range of global, regional and local policies (e.g. SDGs)

Facilitate implementation of Aichi Targets and contribute to other development goals involving protected areas

and
thereby

“ensure that PAs are regarded as one of the best investments in our planet’s and our own future”



Structure of the Promise of Sydney

1. Executive Summary and Vision for Parks, People and Planet (3 pages)

Vision for central role of protected areas in meeting 21st Century needs and challenges of Parks, People and the Planet

Includes a synthesis of headline recommendations for the application of new approaches for greater impact

2. Innovative approaches for greater impact (12 two-page documents)

Twelve strategic recommendations for securing a firm place for parks and protected areas within the world's goals for sustainability and to meet human aspirations

3. Commitments (web-based)

Undertakings from all sectors and all levels of civil society that support these high-level recommendations for change. Recorded on interactive website and monitored post-Sydney.

4. Inspiring Solutions Exchange (web-based)

Web-based resources to facilitate analysis and exchange of inspiring approaches