



New Social Compact Cross-Cutting Theme Event

Implementing conservation justice' (ICJ) through intergenerational dialogue, collaboration and critical action

Thursday, November 13th 2014, from 17.30 to 21.00

Southee South Meeting Room (Corner Sydney Showground & Murray Rose Ave Sydney Olympic Park)

Venue ICJ workshop

WPC event number: 170

****Catering provided****

Event Organizers: Caroline Seagle (CEESP-TGER); Catie Burlando (CEESP-IPS); Melanie Zurba (CEESP-TILCEPA); Shalini Dyhani (TILCEPA); Rosanne van Schie (Wolfe Lake First Nation)

Introductory comments: Aroha Mead (CEESP Chair)

Panelists:

- Rosaleen Duffy, SOAS, University of London (United Kingdom);
- Taghi Farvar, President of ICCA Consortium and Member of the Council of Elders, UNINOMAD -- Union of Indigenous Nomadic Tribes of Iran (Iran);
- Harry Jonas, co-founder of Natural Justice (United Kingdom);
- Rebecca Kim, Friends of the Earth Korea (Korea, via skype)
- Gonzalo Oviedo, IUCN Senior Advisor to Social Policy (Ecuador);
- Phil Rist, EO Giringun Aboriginal Corporation (Queensland);
- Charles Tumwesigye, Deputy Director Conservation, Uganda Wildlife Authority (Uganda);
- Kristen Walker, Vice President of Social Policy and Practice at Conservation International (USA);

Roundtable discussants:

- Robert Fletcher, Utrecht University (USA)
- Phil Franks, Senior Researcher, Biodiversity, IIED (United Kingdom)
- Arturo Izurita, Director del Parque Nacional Galápagos (Ecuador);
- Leslie King, Royal Roads University (Canada);
- Jennifer Koinante, Yiaku Laikipia Trust (Kenya);
- Ashish Kothari, Kalpavriksh and ICCA Consortium (India);
- Juanita Cabrera Lopez, Co-Chair of CEESP/WCEL Specialist Group on Indigenous Peoples, Customary & Environmental Laws and Human Rights (SPICEH) (Guatemala);
- Aroha Te Pareake Mead, Victoria University of Wellington, Chair of CEESP (New Zealand);
- Dhaneshree (Dani) Ndebele, Environmental Consultant and Ethnobotanist, Resource Africa (South Africa);
- Dilys Roe, Principal Researcher, Natural Resources Group of the IIED (United Kingdom);

Abstract

An issue of critical importance in conservation is the implementation of social justice and rights in protected areas. IUCN-led resolutions, frameworks and action-oriented platforms have influenced conservation policy and practice, across and beyond IUCN. Regardless, practical implementation of social justice in conservation remains fundamentally problematic and often poorly understood. How can we concertedly understand, share knowledge on and develop a capacity building approach to implementing "conservation justice"? A team of IUCN-CEESP young professionals are leading a New Social Compact Cross-Cutting Theme side event at Congress with the view of building critical dialogue on, and capacity to, address problems of implementation in protected areas, including eviction, land dispossession, livelihoods and compensation, exploring practical and theoretical challenges of reconciling social justice and biodiversity conservation in and around protected areas. The goal is to spark dialogue on how a 'New Social Compact' may be forged in support of diverse knowledge systems, livelihood strategies and values in the context of protected areas, providing space for a roundtable discussion as well as follow-up small scale facilitated dialogues, which will ultimately feed into the Promise of Sydney and lead to a framework resolution on 'implementing conservation justice'.

The in-Congress workshop is part of an arc of three workshops on ICJ held before, during and after Congress:

1. On October 16, the **“iAct Dialogue - Global Contributions to the New Social Compact: Towards effective and just conservation of biological and cultural diversity,”** introduces the issue of conservation justice through an online forum with participation from a diverse group of youth and senior conservation professionals.
2. During Congress, the **NSC-CEESP side event “Implementing Conservation Justice: Overcoming barriers”** brings together young and senior conservation professionals to reconsider what conservation justice means, and what are the main challenges in terms of implementation: what is working and not working? What does social justice in conservation look like, to whom? How can NGOs be transparent and effective in this regard, what legal mechanisms are needed and how might the IUCN and Secretariat work to better address these challenges? What forms of redress are available to peoples and communities in this context, and what standards are already in place? How do rights-based approaches support or hinder the diversity and vitality of governance, and what further reforms, resources or processes are required to improve this situation?
3. After Congress, workshop leaders and facilitators will create a **“Living Template on Conservation Justice”** which will serve as a working paper on locally-adapted as well as IUCN-wide and global capacity building skills, circulated among senior and emerging conservation professionals across commissions.

Structure of in-Congress Workshop (13 November, 2014, at 17h30)

The ICJ workshop is a three-tiered event structured around 1) **brief panel presentations** and followed by a 2) **dynamic round-table discussion**. The second half of the event is devoted to 3) **small NSC Stream discussions**.

The session opens with a brief introduction and **panel presentations**. Panelists hail from a range of geographic areas and will speak to their constituencies/areas as well as to a specific aspect of conservation justice (legal, grassroots, policy arena, international agendas, resettlements, livelihoods infringement). The panelists will each speak for about 7 minutes.

After the panel presentations, the workshop will be opened up to a **roundtable discussion** of experts representing diverse backgrounds. The roundtable is organized as an interactive dialogue between participants and roundtable discussants, focusing on a) understanding what conservation (in)justice is, and b) developing concrete action points to address it. The organizers of the event will facilitate the discussion to ensure that it covers all points and allows for an even balance of voices. A rapporteur for the session will have been selected in advance by workshop organisers.

Following the round-table, for the last 1-1.5 hours, participants will break into **Stream dialogue spaces** to discuss how conservation justice relates to their Stream focus. NSC Facilitators will be invited to moderate their own break-out sessions, and notes from this process will be fed back to the event organisers and better inform the resolution drafting process after Congress.

Outcomes

The round-table and ICJ workshop will be dedicated to putting together a resolution to bring back to the Promise of Sydney and eventually to the IUCN WCC in 2016.

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