



Grassland and savannah conservation and management – policies and practical approaches

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Grassland and savannah conservation is recognised as a global priority, but often overlooked or side-lined. This multi-organisational, virtual meeting will consider important needs and opportunities in improving conservation and management of these priority ecosystems, drawing lessons from existing conservation projects and presenting results from IKI (International Climate Initiative) Sustainable Land Use Project “Sulu” in Colombia and Paraguay.

Moderation: Martha Kauffman, WWF US

14.00	Welcoming	Martina Fleckenstein, WWF International
14.10 – 14.55	Lessons learned from the Sustainable Land Use Project in Paraguay and Colombia	
	Introduction to the Sulu project	Ilka Petersen, WWF Germany
	The importance of grasslands in Paraguay (Video message)	Ariel Oviedo, Minister of Environment Paraguay
	The Paraguayan Pantanal. Lesson-Learned from the Field	Karim Musalem, Conservation Director, WWF Paraguay
	The Colombian Orinoquia. Lessons Learned from the Field	Sofia Rincon, Orinoquia Ecoregional Coordinator, WWF Colombia
	Questions & Answers	
14:55 – 15:05	Short Break	
15.05 – 16.00	Restoration of Grassland and Savannah Ecosystems	
	Challenges of restoration of grassland and savannah ecosystems	Barron Orr, UNCCD
	UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: Opportunities for grasslands and rangelands ecosystem restoration	Vivian Onyango and Gregorio Velasco Gil, FAO
	Questions & Answers	
	Breakout Groups	
16.00 – 16.10	Short Break	
16.10 – 17.00	Global grassland and savannah hotspots	
	Defining Key Biodiversity Areas	Penny Langhammer, Global Wildlife Conservation
	Mapping of Key Natural Infrastructure in the Colombian Orinoco River Basin, Lessons Learned	Johanna Prussmann, WWF Colombia
	Questions	
	Breakout Groups	
16.55 – 17.00	Closing Remarks	Martha Kauffman, WWF US