



Global Grassland and Savannah **WWF** Dialogue Platform

10. Meeting Planning for 2022

14. December 2021

Focus of the meeting: 2022

- Up-date from past events and activities
- Learn about UN Decade on Ecosystems Restoration
- Discuss opportunities to strengthen grasslands ecosystems protection, management, and restoration in global agendas
- What are the main challenges and opportunities?

Agenda

➤ **Welcome**

➤ **Introduction of new member (all)**

Up-date on past events and activities

- **IYRP (Ann Waters-Bayer)**
- **UNFSS and Data Assessment (Fiona Flintan)**
- **IUCN Resolution (Martina Fleckenstein)**
- **Climate COP (Karina Berg/Martina Fleckenstein)**
- **Update on Working group and paper (Nigel Dudley)**

➤ **Pastoralism and World Heritage**

➤ **UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: How can we give support to strengthen grassland ecosystems in the UN Decade**

➤ **Opportunities for 2022, what should be our focus? Reflections from all, learning about upcoming activities, reports, meetings, conferences,...**

➤ **Next steps**



WCC 2020 Res 009 7.009 Resolution

Protecting and restoring endangered grassland and savannah ecosystems

Grasslands action and communication events:

- Global Rangeland Atlas events at multiple
- Global Landscapes Forum Africa Marc 2021
- World Conservation Congress Sep 2021
- Pastoralism session at the International Rangeland and Grassland Congress Oct 2021
- UNFCCC COP 26 – Nov 2021
- Support for the International Year for Rangeland and Pastoralists (Letter to the IUCN DG for support of the IYRP)

Key messages on grasslands

1. Grasslands support more than 1 billion livelihoods globally
2. Grasslands are important for biodiversity conservation
3. Grasslands are important for climate change adaptation and mitigation
4. More than three quarters of global grasslands are already degraded
5. Conversion of grasslands to croplands are the single greatest driver of degradation
6. Grassland restoration is key to achieving UNFCCC mitigation and adaptation targets, UNCCD targets on LDN, CBD post 2020 targets and contributing to the Decade of Ecosystem Restoration and the IYRP



Actions to be taken based on the resolution:

- CALLS ON THE IUCN DIRECTOR GENERAL to support a **global Grassland and Savannah Initiative** to address urgent issues relating to conversion and degradation of these ecosystems;
- CALL ON UN ENVIRONMENT AND GOVERNMENTS to include Grasslands and Savannahs protection and restoration in the focus of the **UN Decade for Ecosystem Restoration**;
- CALLS ON IUCN COMMISSIONS AND MEMBERS to support the **preparation a global status report on grasslands and savannahs**, identifying areas of chief conservation concern including existing and projected conversion fronts and degradation trends, fragmentation of landscapes, KBAs in grassland and savannah, the value of associated ecosystem services and their benefits for human communities; indicators of grassland and savannah quality, and best practices for protection, sustainable management and restoration of grasslands and savannahs

Actions to be taken based on the resolution

- REQUEST SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENTS for the application of the UNCCD's Land Degradation Neutrality framework **to fulfil SDG 15.3.** within all areas of grassland and savannah around the world.
- RECOMMEND TO IUCN and its members to support the **inclusion in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework** of a target on **zero-conversion of all natural ecosystems.** This should go beyond forest and integrate wetlands, grasslands and savannahs, thus avoiding leakage from one biome to another;

Working group is lead by IUCN: Chris Magero

Time to deliver on high climate ambition.
#COP26 #NoExcuses!



COP 26 Outcome

OUTCOMES SEVERAL PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS RELEVANT TO FOOD AT COP26

~40

Pledges relevant to
Food made during
COP26 process

Selected examples to highlight:

- **28 countries** including UK, France and Brazil **signed the ‘Forest, Agriculture and Commodity Trade Statement’ (FACT)** with significant implications for food systems transformation including Smallholder support, transparency and traceability of supply chains and R&D
- **‘Policy Action Agenda for a Just Transition to Sustainable Food and Agriculture’** launched. Agenda led by the UK Government, World Bank and Just Rural Transition with support from additional 15 countries and many NGOs. Significant implications for food systems transformation, regarding healthy diets and sustainable agriculture.
- Launched by the EU and USA over >100 countries and partners including signed the **‘Global Methane Pledge’** with significant implications to **reduce 30 % methane** from human activities, such as the energy, agriculture, and waste sector
- **The Bezos Earth Fund announced a \$2 billion pledge** with significant implications for food system transformation and landscape restoration

OUTCOMES | TOPICS ADDRESSED BY COP26 PLEDGES



Number of pledges relevant to selected topics

Rights, inclusion and livelihoods

23

Sustainable agriculture and production

21

Deforestation-free food systems

19

Natural Resources, conservation & restoration

15

Climate change mitigation and adaptation

14

Policy, financial support & risk mgmt.

12

R&D, Innovation

11

Trade, market, transparent supply chains

11

Carbon sequestration and healthy soils

9

Diets and food security

8

Food loss and waste

4

Packaging and plastic

3

Livestock management

2

- Bezos Earth Fund
- Eliminating agriculture commodity driven deforestation
- Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Impact Program (FOLUR)
- FACT Commitment
- Glasgow Leaders' Declaration
- Global Methane Pledge



**UNITED NATIONS
FOOD SYSTEMS
SUMMIT 2021**

UNFSS AT3 Member States Analysis by [UN Food Systems Summit](#)

Analysis of UN Food Systems Summit 2021
Member State Statements

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Topic

- Globalisation and digitalisation
- Food Loss & Waste
- Global Soil Hub
- Grasslands & Savannas
- Indigenous Peoples' Food Systems
- Innovation for Nature-Positive Production
- Lead Businesses Matters

Event

- (All)
- National Dialogues
- National Pathway
- Pre-Summit Statement
- Summit Statement

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Weighted Score

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Top countries for this topic



% of countries which made some reference to this topic	
National Dialogues	16%
National Pathway	13%
Pre-Summit Statement	1%
Summit Statement	1%

Methodology: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UX1_VM7UJ78Bi#F4VKP9JQVMGDUjSc=sharing

National Dialogues: <https://summitdialogues.org/explore-dialogues/>

Pre-Summit & Summit Statements, and National Pathways: <https://summitdialogues.org/overview/member-state-food-systems-summit-dialogues/convenors/>

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Key Events 2022 (date 13.12.21)

