

Global Grassland and Savannah wwf Dialogue Platform

10. Meeting Planning for 2022

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





2021

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 1billion livelihoods globally
- 2. Grassland 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
- Conversion of grasslands to croplands are the single greatest driver of degradation
- 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



OUTCOMES SEVERAL PLEDGES AND COMMITMENTS RELEVANT TO FOOD AT COP26



Selected examples to highlight:

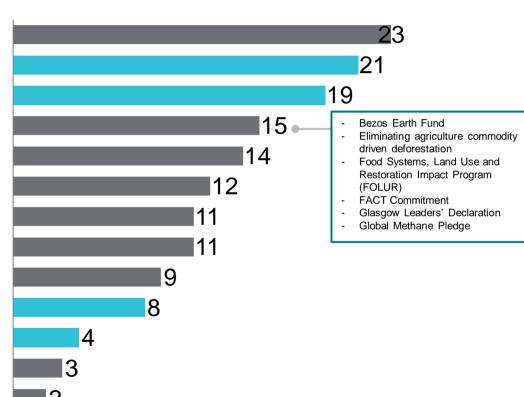
- 28 countries including UK, France and Brazil signed the 'Forest, Agriculture and Commodity Trade Statement' (FACT) with significant implications for food systems transformation including Smallholder support, transparency and traceability of supply chains and R&D
- Launched by the EU and USA over >100 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
- '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.
- 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 Sustinable agriculture and production Deforestation-free food systems Natural Resources, conservation & restoration Climate change mitigation and adaptation Policy, financial support & risk mgmt. R&D, Innovation Trade, market, transparent supply chains Carbon sequestration and healthy soils Diets and food security Food loss and waste Packaging and plastic Livestock management



UNFSS Grassland Coalition





Key Events 2022 (date 13.12.21)

