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BEYOND THE PROJECT

Connecting Lessons & Evidence for the Future of NbS

An IUCN Symposium



NAbSA Symposium Agenda

DAY 1

Time	Session Title	Key Focus & Format
09:00–09:20	**Opening Plenary:** Four Years of Adaptation & Resilience Action	Opening remarks from IUCN & GAC leadership; retrospective spotlight on P4C and NAbSA implementation and its lessons learned
09:20–10:15	**From Climate Risk to Action:** What Does Good Nature-based Solutions for Adaptation Look Like?	Panel showcase of country experiences/lessons learned, featuring practitioners from different regions and ecosystems. Explore how teams move from climate risk and vulnerability evidence to decisions about where, why, and how NbS can contribute to adaptation Launch of the Catalogue of Applied Experiences
10:15–11:00	**From Principles to Practice:** Designing Effective NbS for adaptation	Introduce the NAbSA Operational Framework as practical, step-by-step guidance for designing, implementing and adapting effective NbS. Exchange lessons from piloting and discuss adaptation effectiveness, trade-offs and implementation challenges with the FEBA Climate Action Effectiveness Working Group.
11:00–12:00	**What Did We Learn and What Will We Put to Work?**	Interactive practitioner exchange to reflect on lessons from implementation, evaluations and knowledge products, identifying approaches, tools and practices to carry forward beyond this project cycle.

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09:00–09:45	**Making Adaptation More Inclusive:** Gender, Rights & Local Knowledge in Practice	Move beyond "gender mainstreaming" as a checklist. Explore practical ways to understand differentiated risks, support agency and decision-making, address barriers to participation, and incorporate local and Indigenous knowledge
09:45–10:30	**Beyond the Project Boundary:** Institutions, Governance & Local Ownership	Interactive discussion on embedding NbS within local planning, institutions and resource-management systems. Examine how communities, governments and partners can strengthen ownership and sustain results beyond project funding.
10:30–11:30	**Measuring What Matters, Scaling What Works**	Explore practical MEL approaches, indicators, community-led monitoring and adaptive learning, alongside the evidence, financing, partnerships and policy support needed to replicate and scale effective NbS
11:00–12:00	**Closing:** Final Remarks and lessons from Symposium	Synthesis of key lessons, practical takeaways and opportunities for continued collaboration, uptake of NAbSA and P4C resources and advancing effective, inclusive nature-based adaptation