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IUCN World Parks Congress November 2014

Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions
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*The question is, how can we put
protected areas to work to
address today's and tomorrow's
global challenges?*

*What we hope to achieve in 2014
is to **place solutions on the table**
that will **compel action** in the
decade that follows*

-Julia Marton-Lefevre. IUCN Director General

Putting protected areas to work to address global challenges, 2012



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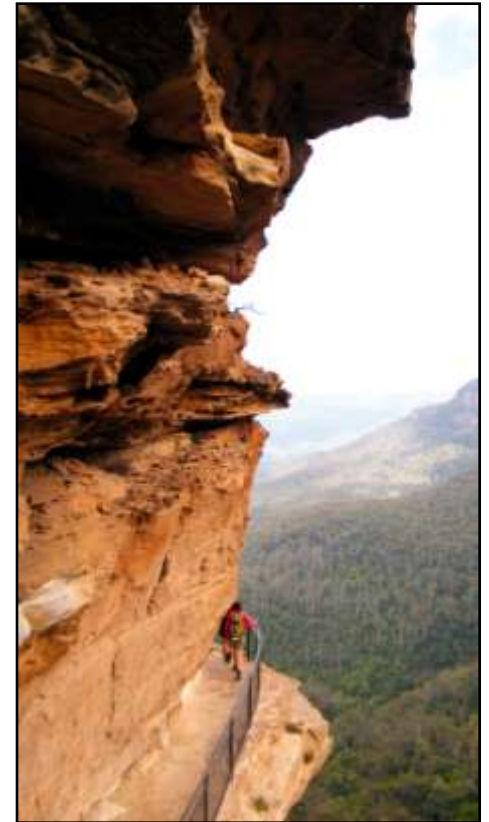
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12 – 19 November 2014
Sydney Olympic Park
Sydney, Australia

About the Congress

- Premier global event on parks and protected areas held every ten years
- Sets the global agenda, direction and trends in contemporary protected area management for the following decade
- 2003: Durban, South Africa, produced the Durban Action Plan adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- Hosts: IUCN, Parks Australia, NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service



What to Expect

- 3000+ delegates
- Over 160 nations
- Over 7 congress days
- Public Festival
- Public Exhibition
- Capacity Building
- Field Trips



Program areas

Park: Biodiversity conservation

Strengthen policy and action commitments for the expansion, connectivity and better management of parks and protected areas to cover areas all important for biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Links to IUCN Programme:
Valuing and Conserving Nature.

People: Sustainable development

Foster the equitable governance of parks and protected areas to empower communities (including Indigenous communities) to become involved and to benefit.

Links to IUCN Programme:
Governance of Nature's Use

Planet: Nature based solutions

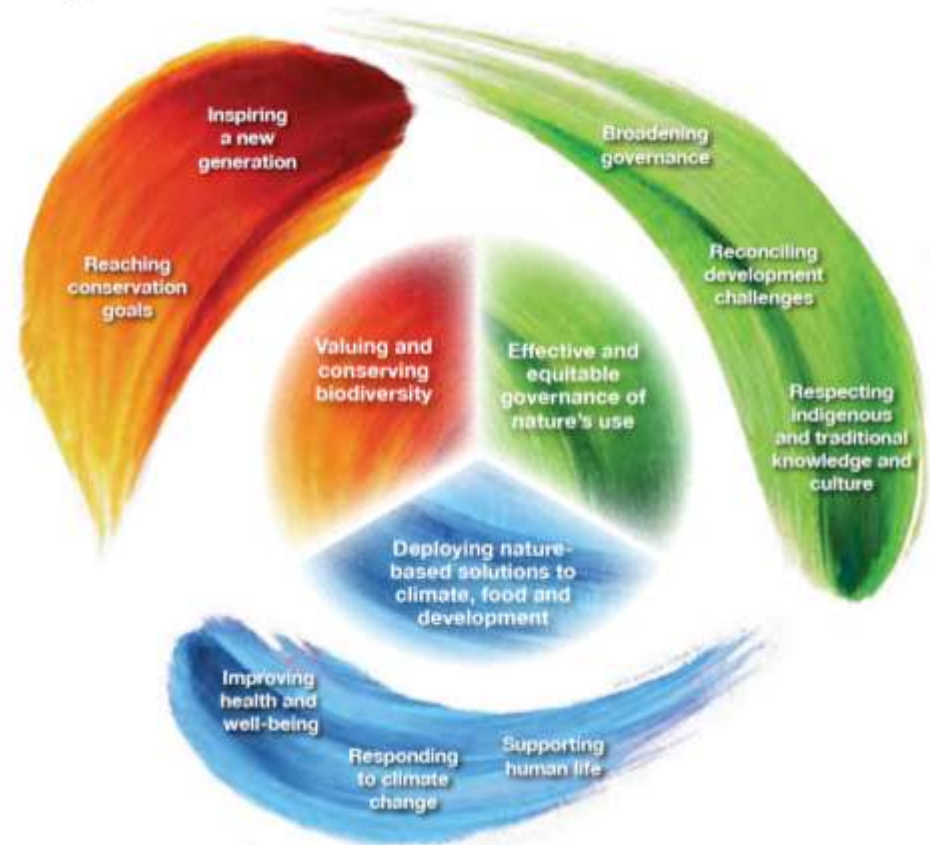
Explore and promote parks and protected areas as natural solutions to global challenges such as climate change, food and water security, health and green economy.

Links to IUCN Programme:
Solutions to global challenges.

Program Streams

1. REACHING CONSERVATION GOALS
2. RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE
3. IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4. SUPPORTING HUMAN LIFE
5. RECONCILING DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES
6. ENHANCING THE DIVERSITY AND QUALITY OF GOVERNANCE
7. RESPECTING INDIGENOUS & TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE & CULTURE
8. INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

The eight streams



Cross Cutting Themes

- Marine
- World Heritage
- Capacity Development
- Social Compact



Key strategies

Collaborate and share knowledge and perspectives

Build understanding and knowledge of effective and equitable ecosystem and protected area management, positioning them as a strong-hold of the natural world.

Inspire and connect for enduring relationships

Engage new generations and inspire people to take action, change behaviour and influence others.

Identify and integrate common goals and interests

Reach out and engage social and economic interests beyond protected area sector to develop practical solutions that yield results and benefits across sectors

Lead on and debate new ideas and options

Facilitate and promote dialogue between the parks and various development sectors, including promoting innovative funding mechanisms for contributions by protected areas

Journey to Sydney

2013

- Planning and research
- Website Launch
- Fundraising
- Programming
- Targeted promotion and stakeholder engagement
- Lead-up events – SPREP 2013!
- **Registrations open**

2014

- Social media campaign
- Lead-up events
- Media awareness campaign
- Registrations close
- **World Parks Congress**
12-19 Nov 2014

Program Overview

Wed 12	TBA (from 12.00pm)	Registration & Opening Ceremony	Social Programme (before 8.30 am and after 5.00pm) i.e. World Leadership Dialogues, dinners	Exhibition (8.00am – 5.30pm) i.e. Poster sessions, pavilions
Thurs 13	8.30am – 5.00pm	Opening plenary		
Fri 14	8.30am – 12.15pm	Parallel sub-plenary Sessions		
	1.15pm – 5.00pm	Stream Sessions		
Sat 15	8.30am – 5.00pm	Stream Sessions		
Sun 16	TBA	Excursions and Festival		
Mon 17	8.30am – 5.00pm	Stream Sessions		
Tues 18	8.30am – 12.15pm	Stream Sessions		
	1.15pm – 5.00pm	Closing sub-plenary Sessions in parallel		
Wed 19	8.30am – 12.15pm	Closing plenary		
	2.00pm – 5.00pm	Closing Ceremony		



Ferry Wharf

Bicentennial
Parklands

Newington Nature
Reserve

Social Hub

Exhibition Halls

Train Station

Sydney
Showgrounds

Onsite
Accommodation

Public Festival

Dome

Sustainable Event Management

- Reduce negative impacts eg supply chain choices, reuse , recycling, carbon offsets etc
- Sustainable Event Measurement System (SEMS) deliver to ISO:20121
- Enhance the legacy of 2014 IUCN WPC



Critical Dates

Registration: Open now!

Early Bird Registration until 30 June 2014

Sponsored Participants: Open now until 30 March 2014

Call for Content: Mid December until 15 March 2014

Side Events: From early 2014

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The Promise of Sydney

- What will be Sydney's Action Plan?
- What do we want to do/see after the Congress?
 - Solutions
 - Commitments
 - Partnerships
 - Action
 - Measurable improvement
 - New audiences, bigger reach
- How can we build our legacy now?



Capacity Development Workshops

- Coordinate with the cross cutting theme
- User pay model (not included in registrations fees)
- Capacity and costs dependant on:
 - Ability to source venues
 - Service provider costs



Side Events and Meetings

- Expression of interest process opens early 2014
- Coordinated by Professional Conference Organiser
- User pay model (technology and catering)

Parallel Events

- Off-site side events - organised independently



Where to from here?

- ✓ Linking SPREP 9th Pacific Island Conference to IUCN WPC 2014
- ✓ **Registrations now open** or sign up to receive updates via the Congress website www.worldparkscongress.org
- ✓ Contribute to the development of the program streams via the Stream Leader network.
- ✓ Promote to your networks
- ✓ Join the **WPC Sydney** Facebook page, follow us on Twitter ...



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www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/



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