



Increasing Canada's Role in the International Union for the Conservation of Nature

Addressing the global challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss require cooperation through multinational and multilateral institutions that support the transformational changes needed.

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is a strong international organization committed to addressing the major environmental challenges of our time while advancing sustainable development goals. The IUCN's unique membership of governments, NGOs, and Indigenous Peoples Organizations, and its high-level political engagements have enabled it to establish a track record of engaging organizations from around the world in making progress on important conservation issues.

The GBC recommends that the Government of Canada increase its leadership within the IUCN by supporting two targeted programs that align strongly with Canada's interests.

- 1) Strengthen development of nature-based solutions that blend private capital and government contributions.

IUCN is increasingly relied upon to provide nature-based solution expertise for initiatives that blend private capital and government sources, such as the Global Environmental Facility and the Green Climate Fund. Canada's investment would advance development of these types of initiatives by creating a fund to support the early stages of planning and partnership development.

- 2) Strengthen civil society organization reporting on progress toward achieving the nature and climate-focused Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 13, 14 and 15: Climate Action, Life Below Water, and Life on Land.

Success on Sustainable Development Goals 13, 14 and 15 is critical to the overall success of the SDGs. Governments have developed mechanisms



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to monitor and track their own progress toward achieving the SDGs, but governments cannot achieve the SDGs alone. They need the support, leadership, and participation of civil society. Currently, adequate mechanisms do not exist to report on the contributions and impacts of civil society organizations. Canada's investment would allow for the development of a process to collect, analyze, and report on the contributions of civil society toward achieving SDGs 13, 14, and 15.

Both investments would provide Canada opportunity to shape major international initiatives consistent with its policy goals and values.

Recommended Investment:

\$8 million over four years [ECCC]

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