

Invitation to a Webinar: Nature-based Solutions

The IUCN Global Standard for NbS™ and Self-Assessment Tool

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At the 2016 World Conservation Congress and members' assembly, IUCN's members adopted a resolution ([WCC-2016-Res-069](#)) which, for the first time, defined the use of nature for simultaneous benefits to biodiversity and human well-being:

Nature-based solutions are actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural and modified ecosystems that address societal challenges effectively and adaptively, simultaneously providing human well-being and biodiversity benefits”.

Nature-based solutions (NbS) can be a powerful ally to address societal challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, food security and disaster risks. Nature-based Solutions as an umbrella concept encompass a range of actions such as green infrastructure and ecosystem-based disaster risk reduction (Eco-DRR) among others.

The Swiss NGO DRR Platform has invited Verónica Ruiz (Nature-based Solutions Programme Officer, IUCN) to go through the **conceptual foundation of NbS**, to discuss **how NbS can be used for DRR**, and provide insight into the **IUCN Global Standard for NbS™**

The Global Standard launched in July 2020 provides clear criteria and indicators to design, assess and scale up strong interventions. Such a framework is essential to increase the scale and impact of the NbS approach, prevent unanticipated negative outcomes or misuse, and help funding agencies, policy makers and other stakeholders assess the effectiveness of interventions. The associated self-assessment tool – supports users in designing new NbS, in upscaling pilots by identifying gaps and in verifying past projects and future proposals.

The Swiss NGO DRR Platform is looking forward to your participation and kindly asks you to share this invitation within your organization.

Interesting links and documents:

- [Nature-based Solutions and Health | Geneva Nature-based Solutions Dialogues](#)
- [Nature-based Solutions: Backing biodiversity to safeguard society](#)
- [Nature-based Solutions webinar – Spotlight on the Western Balkans](#)