

We are pleased to share the first issue of the IUCN Commission on Ecosystem Management Young Professional Network Newsletter for 2021.



Saying Welcome to Salima

We are happy to welcome Ms Salima Medouar as Co-Lead of IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network. Salima is from IUCN CEM North America Regional Network. She has a Joint Specialisation in Sociology & Anthropology and a Masters of Sustainability Science & Society focusing on Policy and Ecosystem Governance. She currently works for the Province of Nova Scotia in the Department of Energy & Mines, Sustainable Renewable Energy Branch as a Clean Energy Strategist. Her interests are in collaborative environmental management and environmental justice. “I am eager to engage with the YPN on pressing Climate change mitigation issues and am excited to capture our values and goals for transitioning to low carbon and nature-based solutions—says Salima”. As the YPN should be led by young professional, Dr Deepu Sivadas has become the Lead of the YPN.



HIGHLIGHTS

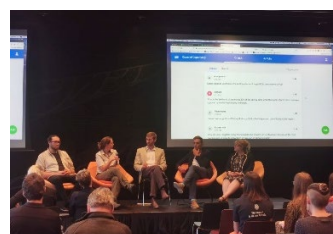
The Mega Nebkha in Fahraj plain, South-eastern Iran

Ms Somayeh Zahabnazouri (CEM YPN member) discusses the Nebkhas in the Fahraj plain which lies in the southeast of Kerman Province on the southern margin of the Lut Desert. More details are available in IUCN CEM YPN Young Voices Blog and can be accessed [here](#).



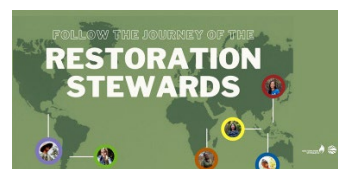
Ocean of Opportunity for the blue economy

Mr Peter Wells (CEM YPN member), Project Volunteer at the Blue Cradle, had recently co-organised an event “*Ocean of Opportunity*” to discuss the blue economy in Otautahi/Christchurch and New Zealand as a whole and moderated one of the panel discussions. More details are available in IUCN CEM YPN Young Voices Blog and can be accessed [here](#).



Follow the Journey of the Youth in Landscapes Initiative Restoration Stewards

Ms Vania Olmos Lau, IUCN CEM Young Professional, who was part of the *Youth in Landscapes Initiative* Steering Committee, introduces the Restoration Stewards program in 2020 to support and highlight the work of six young restoration practitioners and their teams. More details are available [here](#).



Experience at IUCN Headquarters to work on Ecosystem-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR)

Ms Claire Pedrot, IUCN CEM Young Professional, presents her experience working on the IUCN Headquarters on the Ecosystem Management Program (EMP), mainly on Ecosystem-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (Eco-DRR). As part of this, she had worked on the [EPIC](#) project, which stands for Ecosystems Protecting Infrastructure and Communities. [Read more.](#)



Public-private partnership to improve agricultural practices in Mexico

The private sector holds immense power to activate change. Ms Vania Olmos Lau, IUCN CEM Young Professional, discusses 'Alas para el Campo', a public-private partnership between GIZ and BASF in Mexico. [Read more.](#)



“From the Forest to the Classroom” Promoting environmental education in an Ecuadorian biodiversity hotspot

Mr Diego Alonso Portugal Del Pino, Co-Lead, IUCN CEM Nature-based Solutions Thematic Group, introduces a project where his team will design and implement diverse participatory and innovative techniques to teach environmental education in a rural school in a Tropical Andean forest biodiversity hotspot located in southern Ecuador. [Read more.](#)



Opportunity to host IUCN CEM endorsed events

Being a part of IUCN CEM network, do you want to organise a CEM endorsed event? CEM YPN welcomes the opportunity to expand erudite discussions through the support of CEM network. As a collaborator, CEM supports the planning and promotion of programs that facilitate audience participation and interactive learning and provide program content that is balanced and free of bias. We endorse and support our members to organise events (i.e. panels, and symposia) as part of appropriate conferences, which will enhance your event's credibility. More details can be accessed at [IUCN CEM YPN Website.](#)



PUBLICATIONS

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General

[ReForestry Regenerative Product Supply Presentation by Benoît Clément, IUCN CEM Young Professional](#)

YOUNG VOICES *for* ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT

IUCN CEM YPN have an active blog, a platform where young professionals of CEM share their views on an individual subject. The blog can be accessed [here](#).



[Contribute to the Young Voices for Ecosystem Management Blog.](#)

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

To increase the proactive and meaningful participation of emerging young leaders and professionals in the priority areas of ecosystem management, we provide an opportunity for young professionals in the form of an online forum. Here you can seek assistance on both conservation and sustainable development relevant issues and their development as professionals and access the experience of our broad membership to provide their expertise and build capacity, capability and confidence in the YPs. Access the forum [here](#).



IUCN ONE NATURE, ONE FUTURE GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT

The IUCN One Nature, One Future Global Youth Summit kicks off April 5, 2021. This is our chance to help shape a healthier, more resilient post-pandemic world from the city centre to rural communities to the most remote protected areas. For information and updates on the Youth Summit, please visit the [IUCN Global Youth Summit website](#).



Networking session on Intergenerational Partnerships for UN Decade on Ecosystem restoration

IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network hosts a Networking session on “Intergenerational Partnerships for UN Decade on Ecosystem restoration: learning from meaningful youth engagement” as part of the Global Youth Summit 2020 on April 10, 2021, 3 PM–4 PM UTC. [Read more](#).



Networking session on Developing Principles for Ecosystem Governance

IUCN CEM Young Professionals Network hosts a Networking session on “Developing principles for ecosystem governance to ensure net gain in biodiversity, ecosystem services, and human wellbeing” as part of the Global Youth Summit 2020 on April 13, 2021, 3 PM–4 PM UTC. [Read more](#).



IUCN WORLD CONSERVATION CONGRESS

IUCN Congress: new dates

In view of the health situation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, France and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have decided to postpone the IUCN World Conservation Congress, which was to be held in January 2021 in Marseille. New dates for the event are 03–11 September 2021.



For information and updates on the Congress, please visit the [IUCN World Conservation Congress website](#) or [subscribe to the IUCN Congress Newsletter](#).

EVENTS

[IUCN One Nature, One Future Global Youth Summit](#) 5-16 April 2021.

[IUCN World Conservation Congress 2020](#), Marseille, France 03–11 September 2021.

IUCN - [Scaling-up Nature-based Solutions for achieving Europe's climate and biodiversity objectives](#) 13 April 2021 15.00-16.30 CET.

[The eighth session of the IPBES Plenary](#) 14-24 June 2021.

[World Water Week](#) 23-27 August 2021.

[5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress \(IMPAC5\)](#): 23-29 June 2022.

NEWS

[IUCN News pages](#)

[People, Nature and Justice: Ecosystem-based Adaptation in Cities of the Global South](#)

[IUCN's work on the Post-2020 global biodiversity framework](#)

[Updated Zero Draft of the - Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework](#)

[The Global EbA Fund - brand-new funding opportunity now open](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

[Work @ IUCN](#)

[IUCN launches a call for good practices on the humane management of invasive alien species](#)

IUCN SOS - [Rapid Action Grants are now available for projects in South Africa](#)

[Conservation Scholarships](#)

BIOPAMA - [Wetland projects funding for actions on the ground](#).

Land - [Call for papers: Planning effective conservation landscapes](#) The scientific journal Land is now inviting submissions to the new special issue "Planning Effective Conservation Landscapes for Nature and People: What Have We Learned?". The deadline for manuscript submissions is *1 June 2021*. For more information, contact [Bastian Bertzky](#).

ONLINE LEARNING AND WEBINARS

IUCN-Papaco - [Massive Open Online Courses](#) (MOOC)

Future Learn - [IUCN Red List of Ecosystems](#)

CEM - [Ecosystem Restoration Thematic Group Webinar Series](#)

CEESP - [Dialogues](#)

SSC - [ReversetheRed](#)

WCEL - [Law and Environment Lectures](#) - [Law and Environment Webinars](#)

WCPA - [Vital Sites: the Journey to Marseilles](#)

[Nature for All Discovery Zone Online Resources](#)

SSC Conservation Planning Specialist Group - [A Guide to Facilitating Virtual Workshops](#).

The Smithsonian Science Education Center - [Distance Learning](#).

Macquarie University Centre for Environmental Law - [Law and Nature Dialogues](#)

We Value Nature coalition - [10-Day Challenge Sessions](#)
[Latest IUCN Publications](#).

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