



# PEOPLE, NATURE, AND CLIMATE

in Latin America and the Caribbean



## Agenda

Tuesday August 27th | 9:00 am - 7:30 pm | Ágora Bogotá

TIME	ACTIVITY
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:30 AM - 9:40 AM	Welcome Address by <b>Dr. Rajiv Shah</b> , President of The Rockefeller Foundation
9:40 AM - 9:50 AM	Welcome Address by <b>President Juan Manuel Santos</b> , Founder of Compaz Foundation and Trustee of The Rockefeller Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Society
9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	Welcome Address by <b>Sandra Valenzuela</b> , CEO of WWF Colombia
	<b>"MAKING PEACE WITH NATURE" – EXPERIENCES FROM THE TERRITORIES</b>
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Sineida Viveros</b> Inga woman, Coordinator of the Indigenous Guard of the Condagua Reservation</p> <p><b>Elizabeth Moreno</b> Human rights defender, Coordinator of the Chocó Solidarity Inter-ethnic Forum (FISCH in Spanish)</p> <p><b>Yanire Arizmendi</b> Director of the Association of Owners of Natural Reserves of the Orinoco Civil Society, Aso-Orinoquia</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sandra Valenzuela, CEO WWF Colombia</p> <p><b>Description:</b> This panel explores the concept of "peace with nature" and its critical role in Colombia's future. It will discuss how Indigenous, Peasant, and Afro-Descendant communities are essential to achieving environmental harmony while balancing societal well-being and protecting vulnerable rural populations. Panelists will examine strategies for recognizing nature's intrinsic value, addressing historical environmental impacts, and viewing nature as a conflict victim. The discussion will focus on advocating for environmental rights, promoting ecological restoration, and supporting local initiatives that sustainably use biodiversity to boost the economy. By exploring these interconnected themes, the panel aims to shed light on pathways to improve living conditions and foster a more sustainable, inclusive future for Colombia.</p> <p>Followed by Q&amp;A</p>
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	NETWORKING BREAK

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<p>11:30 AM - 12:15 PM</p>	<div data-bbox="410 1330 2120 1413" style="background-color: #4CAF50; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>TRANSFORMING FOOD SYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="423 1450 1048 2142" style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Claudia Martínez</b>            Director of the Food and Land Use Coalition Colombia (FOLU)</p> <p><b>Joao Campari</b>            Global Leader for Food &amp; Agriculture at WWF International</p> <p><b>Dr. Bitá Correa</b>            Director of the Foundation for the Application and Teaching of Science (FUNDAEC in Spanish)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Juan Lucas Restrepo, Director General of the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1102 1465 2107 2127" style="width: 45%;"> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>This panel will explore the innovative role of Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in developing bioeconomy and nature-based solutions for food systems transformation. Renowned experts will showcase success stories from the region, highlighting how food systems are leveraging natural processes to create a more sustainable and nutritious future. The discussion will focus on specific practices reshaping the region's agricultural landscape, including regenerative agriculture, agroecology, and agroforestry. Panelists will examine how these methods mimic natural ecosystems to improve soil health, water retention, and biodiversity, while enhancing long-term productivity and mitigating climate change impacts. Additionally, the panel will address the development of sustainable value chains, exploring how shorter, more transparent connections between farmers and consumers can empower local communities and ensure fair compensation for sustainable practices. This session aims to provide insights into LAC's experiences in integrating nature and food production, offering valuable lessons for global food systems transformation.</p> </div> </div>





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<p>12:15 PM - 1:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CLIMATE CHANGE, BIODIVERSITY LOSS, AND HUMAN HEALTH</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Carolina Gil</b> Regional Director at Amazon Conservation Team</p> <p><b>Agnes Soares da Silva</b> Director of the Environmental Health and Occupational Health Surveillance Department at Brazil's Ministry of Health</p> <p><b>Patricia Granja</b> Senior Health Expert for the Roadmap for Amazonian Indigenous Health and Climate Change at Hivos</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Director of Wildlife Conservation Society Colombia</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>This panel will explore the critical nexus between climate change, biodiversity loss, and human health, with a particular focus on Latin America and the Caribbean. Experts will discuss how the climate crisis is impacting human health in biodiversity-rich regions, highlighting the work of organizations mitigating these effects in Colombia, Ecuador, and Brazil. Panelists will bring diverse perspectives, ranging from policy development for health adaptation to climate-sensitive disease surveillance, and approaches that integrate indigenous health considerations and traditional medicine with Western practices. The discussion will address current challenges, share insights from various fields, and propose actionable solutions to promote healthier communities. The panel will also consider key themes from the Biodiversity COP, including equity, participation in decision-making, and enhancing the relationship between human and ecosystem health. By examining these interconnected issues, the panel aims to provide a comprehensive view of the health impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss, while offering strategies for building resilience and promoting well-being in affected communities.</p>
<p>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NETWORKING LUNCH - BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b></p> <p>Guests split into 3 separate groups (food systems, health and biodiversity, and energy) to continue discussions over lunch.</p>





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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	<p data-bbox="563 1328 2042 1399"><b>SUSTAINABLE CITIES IN ACTION: ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS THE TRIPLE PLANETARY CRISIS</b></p> <p data-bbox="425 1462 572 1493"><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p data-bbox="425 1527 768 1596"><b>Carlos Fernando Galán</b> Mayor of Bogotá</p> <p data-bbox="425 1627 650 1696"><b>Alejandro Eder</b> Mayor of Cali</p> <p data-bbox="425 1727 987 1824"><b>Patricia Zurita</b> Chief Strategy Officer at Conservation International</p> <p data-bbox="425 1856 974 1953"><b>Ilan Cuperstein</b> C40 Cities Regional Director for Latin America</p> <p data-bbox="425 2024 594 2056"><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p data-bbox="425 2090 1046 2159">Adriana Soto, Secretary of Environment of the city of Bogotá</p> <p data-bbox="1102 1527 1288 1559"><b>Description:</b></p> <p data-bbox="1102 1593 2107 2024">Urban areas play a key role in solving the triple planetary crisis of climate change, pollution, and biodiversity loss as epicenters of innovation and economic activity. In this panel, experts will discuss how cities, as hubs of innovation and economic activity, can implement targeted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect local and regional biodiversity, and mitigate the impacts of climate change and pollution. Panelists will share insights on effective urban strategies, showcasing how metropolitan areas can lead the charge in creating sustainable, resilient, and environmentally conscious communities. The discussion aims to highlight practical solutions and policy approaches that can transform urban centers into frontline defenders against global environmental challenges.</p> <p data-bbox="1102 2059 1356 2090">Followed by Q&amp;A</p>

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3:30 PM - 4:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INVESTING IN NATURE: TOWARDS A NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM FOR BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION AND CLIMATE ACTION</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Sergio Díaz-Granados</b> CEO CAF – Development Bank of Latin America</p> <p><b>Mariana Sarmiento</b> CEO of Terrasos</p> <p><b>Valmir Ortega</b> CEO of Belterra Agroflorestas</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Paula Caballero, Regional Managing Director for Latin America at The Nature Conservancy</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>The financing needs to meet the targets of the new global biodiversity framework, sustainable development and climate goals are overwhelming. In this context, financial institutions play a key role in meeting national and international biodiversity targets. This panel will focus on the critical need to explore innovative financial instruments for ecosystem conservation or restoration, such as debt-for-nature swaps, green bonds, insurance against invasive species or environmental asset markets. With adequate financing, Latin America and the Caribbean can continue to consolidate its role as a solution region in the fight against the planetary and biodiversity crisis, promoting a better life quality for present and future generations. This panel will explore different innovative financing mechanisms available for the conservation and restoration of biodiversity and climate action as a driver for green growth in the region.</p> <p>Followed by Q&amp;A</p>
4:30 PM - 5:15 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CLIMATE AND NATURE ADVOCATES</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Ashley Lashley</b> Executive Director of The Ashley Lashley Foundation</p> <p><b>Daniela Orofino</b> Director of Amazonia de Pé</p> <p><b>Emiliana Rickenmann</b> Co-founder of Latinas for Climate</p> <p><b>Gabriela Gutiérrez</b> Manager for Partnerships LAC at the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Elizabeth Yee, Executive Vice President of Programs at The Rockefeller Foundation</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>Young people across Latin America and the Caribbean are increasingly taking the lead in climate and nature activism. They are organizing grassroots movements, participating in global climate strikes, and advocating for policy changes that prioritize nature and climate action. This panel will spotlight the pivotal role of young advocates in driving change across the LAC region, with a focus on climate justice, intersectionality, and environmental protection.</p>

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5:15 PM - 6:15 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LINKING PEOPLE, NATURE AND CLIMATE</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <p><b>Christiana Figueres</b>            Founder of Global Optimism and Former UNFCCC Executive Secretary</p> <p><b>Susana Muhamad</b>            Minister of Environment of Colombia</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Juan Manuel Santos, Former President of Colombia and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Founder of Compaz Foundation, and Member of the Board of Trustees of The Rockefeller Foundation and the Wildlife Conservation Society</p> <p><b>Description:</b></p> <p>At a time when the world grapples with the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution, we must understand that these crises cannot be addressed separately. The intersection between biodiversity, climate change and human well-being represents a critical juncture in the global agenda. This panel aims to explore the synergies between these elements, particularly in the context of COP16 in Colombia and COP30 in Brazil. The conversation will emphasize the critical need to foster nature- and climate-positive solutions in the region, empowering communities to responsibly manage natural resources, conserving high-integrity forests, grasslands, coral reefs, and other ecosystems that provide humanity with clean air and clean water.</p>
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NETWORKING AND CLOSING RECEPTION</b></p>

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