



The Commonwealth

CBD COP15 Side Event

A Commonwealth Call to Action on Living Lands: Opportunities and Challenges for Scaling up Nature-based Solutions

Thurs 15 December, 1315 - 1445 EST; Yangzte, 516CDE, Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1001 Jean Paul Riopelle, Montréal, Québec

This side event, organised by the Commonwealth Secretariat, will spotlight experiences in implementing Nature-based Solutions, facilitate a discussion to solve identified challenges and explore opportunities for scaling, and raise awareness on the work programme under the Commonwealth Living Lands Charter.

Opening and Closing Address

Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC (video)
Secretary-General of the Commonwealth

Hon Dr Lee White
Minister of Water, Forests,
the Sea & Environment, Gabon

Hon Dr Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya
Minister of Environment, Rwanda

David Cooper
Deputy Executive Secretary,
Convention on Biological Diversity

Roundtable of Commonwealth Voices

Kayla Kingdon-Bebb
Director of Policy, Dept of Conservation,
New Zealand

Odacy Davis
Deputy Commissioner, Protected Areas
Commission, Guyana

Afa Hussain
Conservation Officer, Maldives

Rolenas Bareleo
Principal Biodiversity &
Conservation Officer, Vanuatu

Timoteus Mufeti
Environmental Commissioner, Ministry of
Environment, Forestry & Tourism, Namibia

Technical Panel

Tony Simons
Senior Fellow,
G20 Global Land Initiative, UNCCD

Sarah Wyatt
Biodiversity Specialist, GEF

Fran Raymond Price
Global Forest Practice Lead, WWF

Adriana Vidal
Senior Policy Officer, Climate Change,
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