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# Abstract

## Financial Frameworks: The financial sustainability of cultural landscapes in this decade – getting into dialogue

**28.09.2022, 14:00-16:00**

**Moderator: Patrice Santos, Stone Soup Consulting**

**Speakers & contributions: Gonzalo Oviedo, MAVA Foundation; David Thomas, Endangered Landscapes Program; Manuel Nery Nina, GoParity - Impact Investing**

### General Scope

Looking at the effect that climate change, biodiversity loss and land degradation is having on the beautiful Mediterranean landscape on the one hand, but also the need for governance, policy making and knowledge building to protect local people and their culture on the other, this session serves to understand the need and ways of financing the work in cultural landscapes. For supporting the conservation of Mediterranean cultural landscapes with all its ecosystem benefits and for the people who live and work in and on those, the need to create economic and environmental outcomes is needed. We seek to place participation of local people at the center of securing the cultural landscapes and for that we encourage the dialogue between Practitioners, NGOs, funders, multilateral organisations, governments, academia and more.

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### **Aim**

Drawing from the former plenary session, we want to understand the cultural landscapes approaches development and how all stakeholders can have fruitful relationships and interactions for enabling financial sustainability including the raising of funds from philanthropic foundations, public funding sources, through multilateral organisations and/or private organisations or individuals.

### **Expected outcomes**

Understanding of perspectives and requirements of different stakeholders for financial sustainability of cultural landscape conservation for climate action, biodiversity and livelihoods in this decade.

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## Innovative tools to monitor biodiversity

28.09.2022, 14:00-16:00

Moderator: Mercedes Muñoz Cañas, IUCN Med

### General Scope

Monitoring biodiversity at different scales (field, farm, landscape, national) and levels (genetic, species, habitat) is needed to fully understand its value for the well-functioning of agroecosystems.

With this workshop, we would like to share with attendees three innovative tools researchers, conservationists and any interested stakeholder could use for implementing biodiversity monitoring. We will count on experts that will share different perspectives, from modelling to laboratory analysis.

First, we will understand with Resalliance how we can use a satellite image to monitor biodiversity at different scales. Afterwards, with STAR (Species threat abatement and restoration) metrics, we will acknowledge how we can estimate the potential reduction in species extinction risk that could be achieved in a targeted area. Also, using it to set conservation targets and measure the progress towards them. We will end with NatureMetrics and with the understanding of how we can use DNA to deliver scalable biodiversity data monitoring in contexts ranging from conservation to environmental impact assessments.

The presentations will be followed by 30 minutes of discussion on possible synergies and future collaborations.

### Aim

To share innovative tools to monitor biodiversity

### Expected outcomes

Attendees will be aware of new technologies and see other available options for monitoring biodiversity

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## Gender Aspects of the Cultural Landscapes Approach

28.09.2022, 16:20-18:20

Moderator: Tasnim Elboutte, Global Diversity Foundation & Burcu Ateş, Yolda Initiative

### General Scope

Over the last decades, the importance of marginalised groups' contributions to conservation has been increasingly recognized and embraced not only to make conservation efforts more equitable but also due to the potential to improve biodiversity outcomes. In this workshop, we will focus on gender diversity in cultural landscapes.

The Cultural Landscapes approach embraced by all partners of the AMNC works at the intersection of the social and environment with the dual axes of biodiversity conservation and promotion of community livelihoods. Cultural landscapes refer to the landscapes at which human activities are key agents in the evolution of the environment. Conceptually it moves beyond the human-nature dichotomy, based on a recognition that humans are integral components of ecosystems and human history is essentially connected with the cultivation of nature, of the physical environment, which has historically shaped and engendered present-day landscapes. We therefore understand cultural landscapes as a term that embraces the diversity of tangible and intangible manifestations of the interaction between humankind and its environment. This inherent embrace of complexity and nuance of this approach necessitates a gender lens.

In this session, we will exchange our experiences of implementing the cultural landscapes approach and its gender components, sharing our challenges, celebrating hopeful examples, and looking forward to possible collaborations on gender.

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### Guiding questions

What tensions exist in the field when considering the dynamics of the local communities we have worked with and within our organisations that get in the way of more equitable conservation?

In what ways have our organisations implemented gender-sensitive programs?

How has increased integration of women and/or careful considerations of gender broadly strengthened our programs?

We will return to share our exchanges and work in a large group on next steps. From women's inclusion in conservation programming and their participation and leadership within community-led initiatives to gender diversity within conservation organisations, we hope to view gender considerations of our programs as widely as possible to best capture our learnings from the last five years of AMNC collaboration.

### Aim

To exchange lessons on the integration of gender in the cultural landscape approach & feminist conservation and to co-create a roadmap for more gender-careful actions in the conservation of cultural landscapes.

### Expected outcomes

Attendees will exchange their experiences, learn from that of others, and identify paths forward for gender approaches in conservation. We hope to end our workshop with a reflection on what the next steps could look like, including a proposed working group on gender matters.

## How can traditional products find their place in a globalised market: Co-developing regional standards

29.09.2022, 09:00-10:30

Moderator: Lily Mordechai, Mediterranean Institute for Nature and Anthropos (MedINA)

### General Scope

Modern agri-food systems are putting tremendous pressure on the natural resources societies depend upon, contributing to high levels of biodiversity loss and greenhouse gas emissions. Meanwhile, nature-positive agri-food systems are at risk as the local small-scale rural producers who uphold them are struggling to make ends meet in this highly competitive market environment, being forced to intensify production or abandon their land.

The need to take action is urgent, enhancing the resilience of rural economies and creating positive paradigms of sustainable production and consumption in the Mediterranean region. In addition to complementing the current interventions for consolidating the links between local producers and targeted markets through processes and products that enable a sustainable market share, this can be achieved by setting up systems and mechanisms for certification and labelling of key local products.

This session addresses the need for the development of regional-level common standards that local/national certification/labelling systems can be aligned with and so contribute to the improvement of local production systems.

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### **Aim**

To co-develop an understanding around regional standards to be promoted by the AMNC and diverse stakeholders, for the sustainable maintenance of cultural practices in the Mediterranean and their promotion to the wider public and consumers

### **Expected outcomes**

General specifications and criteria that respond to biological and cultural diversity in the Mediterranean Region, which can be used as guidelines or definitions in local standard-setting, certification and labelling efforts



## Role of human mobility in the use and management of resources in cultural landscapes

29.09.2022, 09:00-10:30

Moderator: Lina Sarkis, Al Shouf Cedar Society

### General Scope

Human mobility has always been an important part of the development of societies and civilizations, yet it is also linked to disasters such as wars, diseases, earthquakes...etc., notwithstanding climate crisis as a driver of human mobility that would increase the displacement of populations.

The world should try to think of ways that can maximize the benefits and minimize the negative impacts of its development policies. While allowing more space and opportunities for cultural and intellectual mobility, we should pay attention to the consequences for the people on the move and the host communities and, consequently, on natural resources.

### Aim

We will explore together the concept of human mobility and its impact on the management of resources, whether human or other, in cultural landscapes and its relationship with the climate crisis.

### Expected outcomes

At the end of the workshop, we would like to come out with some lessons learned and some solutions that we think we can implement and share with others.



# Collaborating with pastoralists toward UN IYRP 2026

29.09.2022, 10:50-12:20

Moderator: Engin Yilmaz, Yolda Initiative

## General Scope

Pastoralism is a time-honoured practice of extensive livestock production on grasslands/rangelands along with other ecosystems. This form of livestock production makes economical use of areas that are not suitable for mechanised crop farming and/or are difficult to access. Rangelands and pastoralists support the livelihoods and food security of millions of people around the globe. They also provide significant benefits for climate crisis adaptation and mitigation, conservation of biodiversity and ecosystem services. Because of these benefits provided to the whole society, maintaining pastoralism is crucial for achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the EU's objectives on the environment, climate and biodiversity protection within the EU Green Deal.

However, the continuation of pastoralism is facing various threats such as difficulties related to the economic context, constraints in finding sufficient land to maintain herds or to access land in some regions, obstacles in effectively and consistently organising the rangelands in the context of its seasonal use with the pressure exerted by other users of the land, and additional environmental pressures related to the climate crisis.

This workshop will address policy actions to be co-created towards the UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026 within different regional support groups, particularly targeting the Regional IYRP Support Group of Europe.

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### Aim

To exchange on the current socio-political challenges that pastoralists have faced in Europe and MENA regions and that conservationists have experienced regarding the conservation of rangelands and other ecosystems, identify common actions to be applied until and during 2026 towards favourable policy changes in Europe and MENA

### Expected outcome

Draft of the common policy action plan



## Land Stewardship: Keeping farmers engaged with nature conservation and sustainable practices

29.09.2022, 10:50-12:20

Moderator: Miquel Camps Taltavull, GOB Menorca

### General Scope

One of the biggest challenges we face as a society is having to feed a huge human population without falling into the mistakes of recent decades, where food production has often been associated with increased damage to biodiversity and natural resources, as well as requiring an enormous amount of energy supplied from fossil fuels.

Getting farmers to commit to a new model of sustainability without perishing in the attempt requires building imaginative partnerships that combine environmental conservation and economic viability.

The experiences of land stewardship applied in the agricultural fields in cultural landscapes show ways that can be inspiring to find answers.

### Aim

To show diverse experiences of joint work between environmental conservation and agricultural food production.

### Expected outcomes

To analyse ways of collaboration that do not require large amounts of financial resources but that can really help to reorient agricultural production with the direct involvement of the actors on the ground.