



Permanent Mission
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to the United Nations
New York



INVITATION

High Level Political Forum 2019 Side-Event



Mangroves in Manhattan: *A cross-cutting contribution to the implementation of SDGs*

Reception will start with food and drinks

Date and time: 10th July 2019 at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Address: Permanent Mission of Germany to the United Nations,
871 United Nations Plaza, New York, Auditorium

RSVP needed by July 7 to Emily.Goodwin@iucn.org

Save Our Mangroves Now! (SOMN), an initiative by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), IUCN and WWF, will host a high-level reception at the German Mission in NY, New York, on the sidelines of the High Level Political Forum. The event will focus on the contribution of mangrove ecosystems towards both SDG13 and SDG8 and will showcase the role of mangroves for climate mitigation, adaptation, and economic development.

Moreover, we will set out the opportunities at international and national levels to deliver transformational and measurable change by conserving and increasing mangrove coverage worldwide by 2030.

The German government is committed to an ambitious implementation of the 2030 Agenda. It regards its support of the Sustainable Development Strategy as an important step on this path. In this context, the German government is supporting the sustainable development of mangrove dependent communities through mangrove conservation, restoration, and sustainable management. This approach contributes notably to climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts of mangrove countries and increases protection for coastal communities.

Provisional Agenda

18:30 Refreshments and Networking

19:00 Welcome & Introduction by Gottfried von Gemmingen, Head of Division 410 – 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; Reducing poverty and inequality; Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

19:10 Welcome Address by H.E. Ambassador Peter Thomson, Fiji, UN Special Envoy for the Ocean

Followed by a discussion and presentations by top mangrove scientific and economic experts, as well as high level ministers, to highlight new findings and current progress on mangrove research & management and present on-ground examples in Policy, Science, Economics, Restoration, and Implementation.

19:15 Experiences from around the Globe

- H.E. Ambassador Ronald Jumeau, Seychelles' Permanent Representative to the UN
- Mandresy Rakotoarison, Technical Advisor, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Madagascar
- Juha Siikamaki, Chief Economist, International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- Claire Blanchard, Head of Global Policy, WWF International
- Kate Brown, Executive Director, Global Island Partnership
- High level official from Kenya (tbc)

20:00 Interactive Q&A with Speakers

20:20 Wrap Up and Closing Remarks

The event will be facilitated by Ali Raza, Programme Manager, Ecosystem-Based Adaptation, IUCN.

Mangrove themed refreshments and a light buffet will be served during the event.

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We look forward to welcoming you to this event.



Save Our Mangroves Now partners:

