



Roundtable on EU Wetland Partnerships

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Protecting, restoring and wisely using wetlands in line with the strategic objectives of the Convention on Wetlands is critical to achieve global biodiversity, climate, water and development goals, including the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF). The European Union could play a paramount and leadership role in addressing the triple planetary crisis by supporting signatory partner countries in the implementation of global commitments through Wetland Partnerships. Wetland Partnerships can also contribute to the achievement of flagship multi-sectoral global wetland initiatives such as the Mangrove Breakthrough and Freshwater Challenge. It is hoped that the first EU Wetland Partnerships could be signed at UNFCCC COP30 in Brazil in 2025.

The event aims to increase understanding of the potential of Wetlands Partnerships, with a particular focus on the value of the Pantanal - the world's largest tropical wetland - and the need for the EU and third countries to collaborate to conserve and sustainably manage this biome for the prosperity of communities, including indigenous and traditional communities, that inhabit this globally critical wetland.

This session seeks to foster an open discussion on the importance of mobilising investments for large scale landscape wetland restoration/conservation projects and applying a comprehensive and integrated sustainable approach to support countries to build peaceful and inclusive societies.

By bringing together representatives of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, the Slovenian vice-chair of the Bureau of the UNECE Water Convention, the European Commission, the European Parliament, and the Brazilian government, this session aims at emphasising that Wetlands Partnerships could support the EU's efforts in promoting the green transition, strengthening global water security and water resilience and supporting the implementation of global climate and environment commitments.

The event will be structured around two moments: a video screening and roundtable discussion, followed by a network reception with a photo exhibition of the Pantanal.

Draft Agenda

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15.30 -17.00 + reception

15.30 – 15.35	Welcoming
15.35 – 15.45	Intro + video screening Steve Trent, EJP (TBC) (4 min intro + 6 min video)
15.45 - 16.00	Keynote speech on Water Resilience by Dr Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands (TBC) (15 minutes)
16.00 - 16.05	Why EU Wetland Partnerships – Dr Chris Baker, Director Wetlands International Europe (5minutes)
16.05 – 16.10	Connecting WP with global commitments – DG ENVI (5min)
16.10 – 16.15	Towards Water resilience at UNECE Water convention – Aleš Bizjak, vice-chair of the Bureau of the UNECE Water Convention (TBC) (5min)
16.15 – 16.20	Newly elected MEPs (5min)
16.20 - 16.30	Pantanal: Ambassador Mission of Brazil to Europe or State Mato Grosso do Sul (Remote) (TBC) (5 Min)
16.30 - 16.55	Q&A (25 min)
16.55 – 17.00	Closing remark (5min)
17.00- 18.00	Network reception + photo exhibition

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