

# PROGRAMME



**INTPA-NEAR**  
Environment  
& Climate Week

	Day 1 Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Day 2 Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Day 3 Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Day 4 Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Day 5 Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023
	Opening & Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management	Climate Change Mitigation & Regional Sessions	Green Finance & Circular Economy	Life on Earth	Water and Oceans
9:00 ---	Coffee & Registration				
9:30 ---		<b>Climate Change Mitigation – From Challenges to Solutions</b> International Climate Response; Global Energy Transition; Carbon Markets & CBAM	<b>Green Finance</b> Green Finance: Updates and Next Steps	<b>Introduction to Life on Earth Day</b> Global Biodiversity Framework; Landscape Approach	<b>Water and Oceans</b> International Water Policy Developments; International Ocean Governance; EU Ocean Regulation; Water Pollution
10:30 ---	<b>Opening</b> Keynote by Ani Dasgupta; The State of the Global Environment and the Role and Priorities for EU International Cooperation				
11:00 ---		Coffee			
11:30 ---	Coffee	<b>Mutual Learning on Climate Change Mitigation</b> Workshops on NDC Implementation; Just Energy Transition; Energy Efficiency	<b>Green Finance</b> Workshops on Biodiversity Investments; Greening Infrastructure Investments; Sustainable Finance	<b>Life on Earth</b> Breakout Sessions on Integrated Landscape Management; IPLCs and Conservation; Biodiversity Capacity Building	<b>Water and Oceans</b> Workshops on Integrated Water Resource Management; Greening the Blue Economy
12:30 ---	<b>Greening EU Cooperation</b>				
14:00 ---	Lunch				
15:30 ---	<b>Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management</b> Climate Change Adaptation; Disaster Risk Management; Early Warning Systems; Nature-based Solutions; Disaster Risk Finance	<b>Regional Sessions</b> Africa; Asia and the Pacific; Latin America and the Caribbean; NEAR	<b>Circular Economy</b> Circular Approach to Delivering our Sustainability Commitments: Setting the Scene; Circular Economy Tools and Approaches	<b>Life on Earth</b> Plenary on Forests; Workshop on Working with Nature	<b>Evaluation, Conclusions and Closing</b>
16:00 ---					
17:30 ---	<b>Mutual Learning on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management</b> Workshops on above topics	<b>Regional Sessions</b> NEAR EUD Project Showcase Session; Africa; Latin America and the Caribbean	<b>Circular Economy</b> Operationalising EU Ambitions on the Circular Economy through International Cooperation	<b>Life on Earth</b> Workshops on Regenerative Land Management; Marine/Coastal Ecosystems Restoration; Combating Wildlife Trafficking	
18:00 ---				<b>Cocktail at Press Club</b>	
	<b>Cocktail at Sofitel</b>				

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## Programme

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### Monday, 27 March 2023

8:15-9:30	Welcome coffee	
9:30-11:00	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>Keynote by Ani Dasgupta - CEO of the World Resources Institute.</p> <p>Discussion with DG INTPA/DG NEAR/DG ENV/DG CLIMA Management on the state of the global environment, as well as the role of (and priorities for) EU international cooperation.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
11:00-11:30	Coffee break	
11:30-12:30	<b>GREENING EU COOPERATION</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will recall the importance of aligning EU cooperation with the Green Deal's climate and environment objectives. It will also review progress against the NDICI-Global Europe climate change and MFF biodiversity targets. Finally, views and inspirational examples on how to enhance the integration of environment and climate change in EU-supported programmes and investments are shared and information is given about support services available from HQ.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<b>CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will introduce Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management. Discussions will unfold around three different topics. First, the key components of people-centred and multi-hazard early warning systems. This will be followed by a crash course on Climate and Disaster Risk Finance and Insurance tools and instruments. Third, IUCN will present Nature-based solutions for prevention and adaptation. This session will integrate experiences from EUDs (e.g. Barbados) and implementing partners as well as updates on relevant international initiatives.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	

## Monday, 27 March 2023

16:00-17:30

### WORKSHOPS

#### DISASTER RISK FINANCE + PLENARY

Room 0A

A speed dating session will be provided to participants in order to touch base with different partners and initiatives working in the area of DRF and find possibilities of teaming up (match) in this field.

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#### NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR ADAPTATION IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

Room 0B

Based on 3 concrete examples, this workshop on nature-based solutions in the context of agri-food systems, including water management, will be an opportunity to discuss - in groups - best practices and barriers to overcome.

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#### EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS FOR PREPAREDNESS

Room 0C

This workshop will take place in the form of a 'world café', where participants will have the opportunity to exchange within three different groups. These will focus on the key components of early warning systems: (i) risk knowledge & preparedness for response; (ii) hazard monitoring and forecasting & warning dissemination and communication; and (iii) governance and coordination at different scales as well as feedback mechanisms for continuous system improvement.

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18:00-20:00

### WELCOME COCKTAIL AT SOFTEL JOURDAN

*EUD colleagues are automatically registered for the Welcome Cocktail.*

*Non-EUD participation only upon receipt of approval via Registration Platform.*

## Tuesday, 28 March 2023

9:00-10:30	<b>CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION - FROM CHALLENGES TO SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will start by describing current trends in global greenhouse gas emissions and explain how the Paris Agreement intends to address them. After outlining how much more needs to be done, the session will present areas of intervention with a high climate change mitigation potential and cover topics such as the global methane pledge, just energy transition and energy efficiency including clean cooking. The session will conclude with a look at carbon markets and the carbon border adjustment mechanism.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
	<b>NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS - HOW TO SUPPORT THEIR IMPLEMENTATION AT COUNTRY LEVEL VIA EU COOPERATION? + PLENARY</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>This workshop will aim to develop participants' understanding of how to read and analyse an NDC and the underlying Measurement, Reporting, and Verification (MRV) system.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
	<b>JUST ENERGY TRANSITION IN OUR PARTNER COUNTRIES</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
	<p>As the success of the energy transition depends on a transformation of the global energy sector from fossil-based to zero-carbon sources, this workshop will present existing EU instruments and approaches to accelerate coal phase-out while addressing the social aspect of the transition.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BJJmmN3C@88</p>	
	<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
	<p>Energy efficiency and clean cooking are too often overlooked in climate mitigation strategies while they are instrumental in meeting climate targets: this workshop will share experiences in related policies and interventions.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/40auAtR">https://bit.ly/40auAtR</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 483 0650   Password: 43FmmWHtv@3</p>	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	

## Tuesday, 28 March 2023

14:00-15:30	<b>REGIONAL SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in Africa.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
	<b>NEAR</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in the Southern and Eastern Neighbourhood, as well as the Western Balkans.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32</p>	
	<b>LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>	
	<b>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</b>	<b>Room 2C</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in Asia and the Pacific.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/40yYMOM">https://bit.ly/40yYMOM</a>   Meeting Number: 2743 259 0571   Password: b2Bv3pmQC\$6</p>	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
	<b>REGIONAL SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>AFRICA</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in Africa.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
	<b>LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
	<p>The session will provide space to discuss the implementation of green transition-relevant EU action in Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>	
	<b>NEAR</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
	<p>A poster session where 7 projects from EUD or HQ are to be presented and discussed.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32</p>	

## Wednesday, 29 March 2023

9:00-10:30	<b>GREEN FINANCE: UPDATES AND NEXT STEPS</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>This session will equip colleagues from EUDs with up-to-date information on the sustainable finance agenda of DG INTPA and NEAR, including the EFSD+, Taxonomy, GGBI, Sustainable Finance Advisory Hub and the High-Level Expert Group on scaling up Sustainable Finance in LMIC. The session will also allow to exchange on the role and needs of EUDs to advance implementation of green finance initiatives and maximize their contributions to the green transition.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
	<b>DFI EXCHANGE ON BIODIVERSITY INVESTMENTS</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
	<p>The session will host representatives of EIB, FMO, DEG and EDFI MC for a direct exchange with EUDs. EIB will introduce the work of the MDB Working Group on nature-positive finance. DEG and EDFI MC will present the main bottlenecks in Carbon Sinks pipelines and what actions can unlock investments in sustainable forest value chains and nature-based solutions. FMO will present how the Origination Facility of the DFCD Aya programme allows to better connect the work of DFIs and NGOs, as well as to plan investments with a landscape approach. An interactive exchange with DFIs will explore how EUDs can help unlock nature-positive investments in their respective countries and what support they need.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32</p>	
	<b>HOW TO MAKE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS "GREENER"?</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
	<p>This session will explore how to implement the 'Green &amp; Clean' principle of the Global Gateway, to guarantee 'Do no Harm' and to promote transformational change towards environmental sustainability, low-carbon, and climate-resilient development. We will explore the entry points in the investments cycle, the role that EUD colleagues should play, and any needs to ensure the successful integration of environment and climate in infrastructure investments.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGghV">https://bit.ly/3JGghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>	
	<b>HOW CAN EUDS SUPPORT THE SCALING-UP OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE?</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will introduce EUD colleagues to EU sustainable finance frameworks and provide an update on the development of the Team Europe Global Green Bond Initiative. It will provide an overview of support from INTPA and NEAR HQ (including the Sustainable Finance Advisory Hub), with testimonials from EUDs. The discussion will allow to explore how the EU can help partner countries build credible frameworks and scale up sustainability-related financing instruments.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
12:30-14:00	Lunch	

## Wednesday, 29 March 2023

14:00-15:30	<b>A CIRCULAR APPROACH TO DELIVERING ON OUR GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITMENTS: SETTING THE SCENE</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>The session will discuss key questions around global resource use and enhance understanding of the circular economy and the EU's circular economy agenda as a positive pathway to contribute to job creation and resilient economic development while delivering on our global sustainability commitments.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:30	<b>BREAKOUT SESSIONS</b>	
	<b>OPERATIONALISING EU AMBITIONS ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (+ BREAKOUT 1)</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
	<p>In this session we will exchange views on how to operationalise the EU's ambitions for the circular economy through international cooperation. We will also hear about concrete examples from EUD actions.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>	
	<b>OPERATIONALISING EU AMBITIONS ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION – BREAKOUT 2</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
	Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88	
	<b>OPERATIONALISING EU AMBITIONS ON THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION – BREAKOUT 3</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
	Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32	

## Thursday, 30 March 2023

9:00-10:30	<b>INTRODUCTION TO LIFE ON EARTH</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will introduce the Life on Earth Day. Discussions will focus on INTPA's and NEAR's policy approaches to biodiversity, the implementation of the recently adopted Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and concrete examples of integrated landscape management from EUDs.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
	<b>COMMON GROUND: EXPLORING INTEGRATED LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>This interactive session will explore the concept of integrated landscape management (ILM) deeper. It will discuss approaches, outcomes and the fundamental beliefs underpinning landscape programmes across the EU's external action. It aims to stimulate collaborative learning and exchange lessons learned by exploring EUD experiences with ILM and how these pertain to the EU's overall development agenda.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
	<b>BIODIVERSITY KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
<p>The session aims to present existing tools and approaches to catalyse and facilitate knowledge management in the biodiversity sector. It will also foster a discussion around promotion of linkages between knowledge- and decision-making processes that enhance the mainstreaming and implementing of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>		
	<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES: INCLUSIVE APPROACHES IN CONSERVATION</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
<p>Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) play an increasingly effective advocacy role in international environmental governance. The session will explore the linkages between indigenous territories and traditional forms of resource use with biodiversity conservation. Interventions will come from the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs (IWGIA), the Tenure Facility and FAO's Sustainable Wildlife Management programme. It will provide participants with an overview of relevant EU policies and initiatives related to human rights and the environment and provide a platform to brainstorm best practices across INTPA and NEAR regions.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32</p>		
12:30-14:00	Lunch	

## Thursday, 30 March 2023

14:00-15:30	<b>FORESTS</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will present the EU vision and policy strategy on forests, their links with the climate agenda, the different cooperation instruments, and the main financing mechanisms to support sustainable forest management in partner countries.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
14:00-15:30	<b>WORKSHOP: WORKING WITH NATURE: HOW ECONOMIC SECTORS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO AND BENEFIT FROM BIODIVERSITY</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
<p>The session will identify the best steps to support EUDs in mainstreaming biodiversity, moving beyond the "doing no harm" principle and integrating nature conservation in the design of activities in different sectors of the economy in NEAR and INTPA countries.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>		
15:30-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
	<b>COMBATTING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will present recent policy developments in relation with the fight against wildlife trafficking, highlighting progress and successes in EU cooperation with partner countries. Participants will have the chance to exchange experiences and best practices, as well as to engage in the formulation of the future EU programme against wildlife trafficking.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
	<b>REGENERATIVE LAND MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
<p>The session will offer insights on a variety of ways to engage in regenerative practices in land management. Colleagues will be able to get inspired by experiences from a number of EUDs.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>		
	<b>MARINE AND COASTAL ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS</b>	<b>Room 0C</b>
<p>The session will explain the notion of nature-based solutions for marine- and coastal areas. It will also present case studies from three regions of the world.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3THq2IS">https://bit.ly/3THq2IS</a>   Meeting Number: 2742 257 2701   Password: jwZ2YhYC@32</p>		
17:30-19:00	<b>COCKTAIL AT PRESS CLUB</b>	

## Friday, 31 March 2023

9:00-10:30	<b>WATER AND OCEANS: INTRODUCTION</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will showcase the latest EU and international policy developments in the water and oceans sectors, including: the new EU International Ocean Governance Agenda, the EU approach to the Blue Economy, the recently adopted Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty, and the Blue Mediterranean Partnership. It will include discussions on opportunities to increase sector integration and improve coordination between water and ocean stakeholders.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-12:30	<b>WORKSHOPS</b>	
	<b>MAKING WATER MANAGEMENT AN INTEGRATED PRACTICE</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will present best practices for EUDs to successfully engage with water stakeholders, showcasing concrete case studies in the framework of the Water-Energy-Food Nexus. EUDs will also have the chance to share their progress in the promotion of integrated water resources management at transboundary level and to familiarise themselves with methodological tools provided by the Water Facility.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		
	<b>GREENING THE BLUE ECONOMY</b>	<b>Room 0B</b>
<p>The session seeks to present projects of environmentally-friendly blue economy projects in EU partner countries. EUDs will have the chance to exchange and reflect on how to integrate the greening of blue economy activities into EU programming.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://bit.ly/3JGjghV">https://bit.ly/3JGjghV</a>   Meeting Number: 2740 792 8535   Password: BjJmmN3C@88</p>		
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<b>CLOSING</b>	<b>Room 0A</b>
<p>The session will bring together key insights from the many sessions that were held during the 2023 INTPA-NEAR Environment and Climate Week.</p> <p>Link: <a href="https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee">https://ec.interactio.eu/j5mq-xsys-hbee</a></p>		