

INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION

Young Professionals at the World Parks Congress

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NEW GENERATIONS

- A new generation of youth and young people
- A new generation of conservation
- All the generations together



WE NEED A NEW GENERATION OF CONSERVATION



WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Exciting Diverse Innovative.
Optimistic
Passionate Just
Pluralistic Inspired and Inspiring
Inclusive

Involves co-learning: peer to peer, generation to generation, and culture to culture.



THE WPCA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

The Young Professionals (YP) Group of The World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) is a voluntary group and a collective forum of like-minded youth and young professionals (35 and under) associated with protected areas and conservation in diverse capacities. The Group includes:

- Young managers, leaders and practitioners of protected areas;
- Young experts in relation to the fields of WCPA's interests;
- Young academic specialists, students, researchers in areas relating to protected areas and conservation; and/or
- Young representatives from relevant non-government organisations involved with protected areas.



WCPA Activities



Young Professionals





a movement of rising leaders creating a wilder world.

Launched at the 10th World Wilderness Congress, CoalitionWILD showcases the work of people under 35 making the world a wilder place. The optimistic and inclusive movement connects passionate people from around the world to support, highlight and promote innovative solutions to the threats facing our planet through an online platform.



YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

D. Simon Jackson - Canada

Rahul Kumar - India

Michael Grover - South Africa

Bruno Monteferri - Peru

Esperanza Sancho - Spain

Daniela Barguil - Costa Rica

Joseph Ngubwagye - Uganda



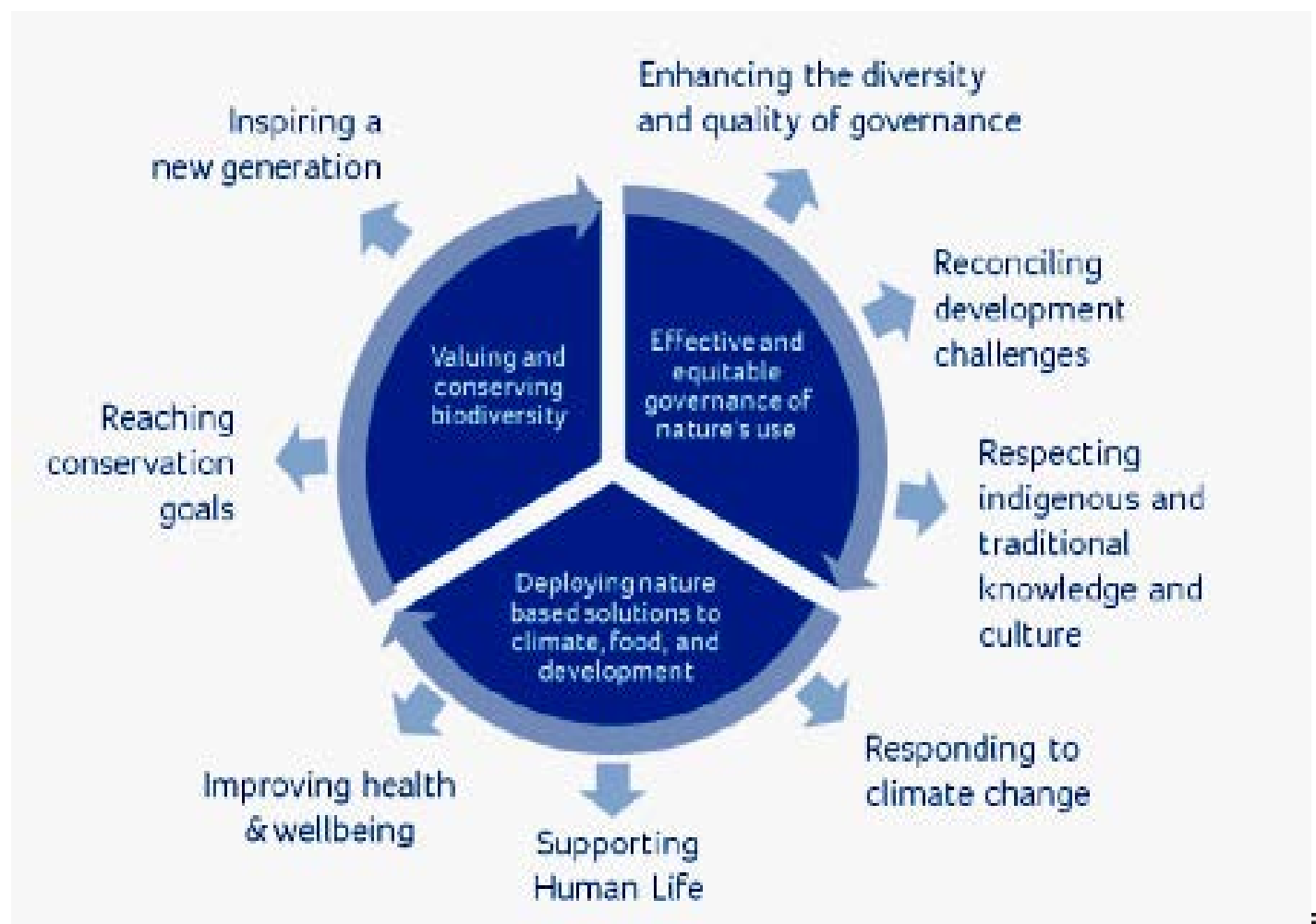
THE "SYDNEY PROMISE"



- For the planet - protected areas contribute to sustainable development. They provide natural solutions to global challenges that include climate change, health, and food and water security.
- For people - protected areas connect people of diverse backgrounds to the benefits of nature, encouraging good governance and inspiring a new generation of people to explore nature.
- For parks - through policy, protected areas can achieve conservation goals through diverse forms of governance.



STREAM 8: INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION



KEY OBJECTIVES

- Empower the growth of a dynamic global movement to experience, be inspired by, value and conserve nature.
- Reach out to new youth audiences, inviting them to connect with their natural world, and join us on our journey to the World Parks Congress and beyond.
- Provide a platform for young current and emerging protected area and conservation leaders to develop and share their skills, knowledge, network, and stories in ways that develop greater collaboration and inspire others to take actions for protected areas and nature conservation.
- Deliver the Young Peoples Pact for People, Parks and Planet as a global legacy for young peoples' engagement in protected areas and nature conservation.
- Create a global campaign to advance a partnership-based campaign leading up the Congress that will invite youth to explore nature



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Pre-Congress Young Peoples' Capacity-Building Workshop
- Young Peoples' Challenge
- Young Peoples' Showcase
- Young Peoples' Pact
- Young Peoples' Media Coalition
- Intergenerational Dialogues
- New Social Compact
- Fundraising and Living the New Economy



PROGRAM DELIVERY

Partners

- Parks Canada
- IUCN Commission for Education and Communication
- IUCN Intergenerational Partnership for Sustainability



Parks
Canada

Parcs
Canada

Connectivity

- Supporting Young Peoples in their own communities
- Supporting communities through Young Peoples
- Young Peoples' Alliances
- Intergenerational Partnerships



WAYS TO CREATE, CONNECT AND INSPIRE

- **Co-create:**
 - Diverse young peoples' alliances and intergenerational partnerships
 - The Young Peoples Pact and other statements
 - Join the IUCN WCPA Young Professionals and take on leadership roles in the WPC process
- **Connect:**
 - Join CoalitionWILD's network
 - Help build a growing movement and network of young peoples
 - Develop sharing networks (skills, resources, ideas, experiences)
 - Reconcile peoples and peoples to lands and land/seascapes
- **Inspire:**
 - Find the good and grow it!
 - Grow where you've been planted
 - Share your stories and the stories of others (online, with CoalitionWILD in Sydney, etc.)
 - Intergenerational co-learning and co-mentorship



JOIN US!

World Parks Congress:

http://worldparkscongress.org/stream_inspiring_a_new_generation.html

Email: WPCGenerations@iucn.org

WCPA Young Professionals SG:

https://www.iucn.org/about/work/programmes/gpap_home/gpap_capacity2/gpap_wcpacap/gpap_youngprofessionals/

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