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Celebration of the International Day for Biological Diversity

“Our solutions are in nature”

Message from Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO
**Message of H. E. Carlos Alvarado Quesada, President of the
Republic of Costa Rica**

- Panel 1** **Links between coronavirus and biodiversity : the scientific analysis** (Moderator : Meriem Bouamrane)
- **Eduardo Brondizio**, Co-chair of the IPBES' 2019 Global Assessment on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
 - **Elizabeth Maruma Mrema**, Acting Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 - **Serge Morand**, CNRS-Cirad Researcher, ecologist and evolutionary biologist
 - **Shamila Nair-Bedouelle**, Assistant Director-General for Natural Sciences, UNESCO
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- Panel 2** **What unites us : connecting around shared values** (Moderator : Meriem Bouamrane)
- **Eric Julien**, Founder Association Tchendukua
 - **Raphaël Mathevet**, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) Research Director
 - **Alice Roth**, Co-MAB
 - **Hélène Valade**, Environmental Development Director, Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy (LVMH)



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Panel 3 **What changes are necessary ?**

(Moderator : Meriem Bouamrane)

- **Didier Babin**, Chair of the French MAB national committee and Team Leader EU project on Biodiversity post 2020 for Expertise France
- **Irene Hoffmann**, Secretary of the Commission on Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (FAO)
- **Paul Leadley**, Researcher University of Paris-Saclay, IPBES Expert
- **Pierre-Yves Pouliquen**, Director of Sustainable Development at SUEZ

Panel 4 **What are the possible ways to regenerate ecosystems and restore our connections with biodiversity?**

(Moderator : Noëline Raondry Rakotoarisoa)

- **Tim Christophersen**, Coordinator of the Nature for Climate Branch at UN Environment and focal point for the UN Decade on Ecosystem restoration 2021-2030
- **David Obura**, Founding Director of CORDIO East Africa
- **Berglind Orradóttir**, Deputy Director of the GRÓ Land Restoration Training Programme
- **Sir Tim Smit**, Co-founder of the EDEN project

Closing Panel **Sharing our solutions from nature** (Moderator : Peter Dögsé)

- **Miguel Clüsener-Godt**, Director, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, Secretary of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB)
- **Humberto Delgado Rosa**, Director for Natural Capital, DG Environment, European Commission
- **Mechtild Rössler**, Director of the World Heritage Centre (WHC)
- **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO) and Assistant Director General of UNESCO