

The background of the entire page is a high-angle, panoramic photograph of a landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling green hills with patches of brown, tilled earth. A dense forest of green trees covers the middle ground, with a small waterfall visible on the right side. In the distance, a large industrial complex with several tall chimneys and buildings is situated in a valley. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy white clouds. The overall scene depicts a mix of natural beauty and industrial activity.

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EUROPEAN BUSINESS & BIODIVERSITY FORUM

Thursday, September 19th 2024

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SEPTEMBER 19th

MORNING CONFERENCES

9:15 – 9:30 – Opening words

By **Alexandra PALT**, *President of WWF France*

9:30 – 10:15 – EU and International Nature Policy - a look forward on what to expect and how businesses can take leadership

One month before the COP 16, and two months after the EU elections, strong leadership is expected from the corporate world to keep ambition high on nature.

Session moderated by EU Business & Biodiversity Platform, with :

Humberto DELGADO ROSA, *Director of the European Commission's Directorate General for Environment*

Ester ASIN, *Director of WWF European Policy Office*

A representative of the private sector

10:15 - 10:45 – How is the CSRD setting the tone for corporate action on nature?

An analysis of the CSRD requirements for target setting, and a presentation of WWF Nature Targets Publication.

With :

Bernhard FREY, *Senior Technical Manager Sustainability Reporting at the EFRAG*

Sebastien GODINOT, *Economist at WWF European Policy Office*

And an early mover from the private sector on implementing the CSRD

10:45 – 11.15 BREAK

11:15 – 12:00 – Corporates setting targets for Nature with the right level of ambition through SBTN

Lessons learned from the first companies who have piloted the SBTN target setting approach.

With :

Laetitia MIGNÉ, *Head of Sustainability Global Plant-based, Alpro*

Elodie PARRE, *Group Sustainability Director, Bel*

Renata POLLINI, *Head of Sustainable Construction and Nature, Holcim Group*

Jaco DU TOIT, *Biodiversity and Policy coordinator for the partnership with H&M Group at WWF*

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12:15 – 13:00

BREAK-OUT SESSION 1 (onsite only): Deep dives into companies’ experience in piloting SBTN step 3 (target setting).

**Choose your session, and engage with
returns of experience from the first
companies who have piloted SBTN
and have validated targets :**

For Alpro :

Juliane GREFF, *Alpro plant-based
Sustainability Manager*

Experience with H&M Group :

Jaco DU TOIT, *Biodiversity and Policy
coordinator for the partnership with H&M Group
at WWF*

For Kering :

Sabrina GONÇALVES KREBSBACH,
Sustainable sourcing and Biodiversity Specialist

For Holcim :

Lara HILDEBRAND, *Nature Manager*

13:00 – 14:30

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

AFTERNOON CONFERENCES

14:30 - 15:15 – Putting targets into action plans

How to build robust nature transition plans? Presentation by WWF of the “Nature Transition plan” publication, and sharing from pilot companies.

With :

Antoine PUGLIESE, *Head of Green Finance
at WWF France*

Marie-Morgan GREBENT, *Biodiversity
Lead, Decathlon*

Nicholas HAMILTON, *Global Sustainability
Impacts Director, Sodexo*

15:15 - 16:00 – Financing the transition

How to finance transition plans to shift business models towards models respectful of planetary boundaries?

With :

Aaron VERMEULEN, *WWF Global Finance
Practice Lead*

*And speakers from Rabobank, Robeco, UNEP FI,
the European Investment bank (TBC)*

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16:15 - 17:00

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 2 (onsite only) : Building collective answers for nature

Choose your session between :

Beyond philanthropy : towards positive and transformative contributions for nature

With Speakers from 4 different companies who are contributing to nature conservation through different approaches

Building collective answers : the role of sectoral initiatives in contributing to a nature positive future

With :

Beth JENSEN, Senior Director, Climate and Nature Impact, Textile Exchange

Kathleen HEINZEL, Biodiversity and water specialist for Lidl International

Oliver PETERS, Project Manager, Food for Biodiversity

Vassilis GKOUMAS, Economist, WWF

Building collective answers : landscape initiatives

With

Pramit CHANDA, Global Director Textiles & Manufacturing, IDH

And a representative of the retail industry (TBC)

Building collective answers : the new BIODIVERSITY ACTION ALLIANCE by The Shift and WWF Belgium

With The Shift, WWF Belgium, Business for Nature and representatives from 3 member companies

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SEPTEMBER 19th

17:15 - 18:00

BREAK-OUT SESSIONS 2 BIS

(onsite only) : Building collective answers for nature (bis)

Choose your session between :

Beyond reduction, towards positive contribution

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18:00

CLOSING REMARKS AND COCKTAIL