



## World Conservation Congress

### Accreditation system for voting on motions and decisions during the IUCN Members' Assembly

The online Accreditation system for the Members' Assembly of the IUCN World Conservation Congress, Marseille 3-10 September 2021, is now open.

IUCN Members and recognized National/Regional Committees delegations wishing to exercise their voting and/or speaking rights **onsite during the Members' Assembly or by proxy must get accredited using the online Accreditation system.**

We strongly encourage you to read the detailed [Guidelines on Accreditation for the IUCN Members' Assembly](#) before getting Accredited.

We kindly ask you to note the following important points:

- **Accreditation Deadline - 1 August 2021**

Member and recognized National/Regional Committee delegations wishing to exercise their voting and/or speaking rights in person or by proxy are kindly requested to complete their accreditation via the online system **by 1 August 2021**. While the system will remain open after this date, getting accredited before then will ensure voting cards can be programmed accordingly and will guarantee a smoother and quicker process onsite to retrieve the voting/speaking card.

Members, "not in order" with the payment of their membership dues up to and including 2020, who would like to get full voting and speaking rights for Congress, must process the payments of any outstanding dues, early enough to guarantee reception of the payments by IUCN Headquarters by 20 July 2021. This will allow sufficient time for recording the payments in Member's account and for the synchronisation of the IUCN systems, which will enable the accreditation with all their rights, in due course by Members.

**Delegations unable to attend the Members' Assembly are strongly encouraged to give a proxy to another accredited Member eligible to vote, or to an accredited representative of a recognized National/Regional Committee from the same country/region as them. In order to do so, they must also get accredited through the online system.**

- **Access to the online accreditation system and procedure to get accredited**

Only official representatives of IUCN Members and recognized National/Regional Committees, as recorded in the IUCN database (primary contact and additional primary contact(s), Head of

organisation, Authorized vote holder, Financial contacts and additional financial contacts, Committee Chair) may access the accreditation system in order to assign a Head of Delegation or give a proxy. Please follow your organisation's internal rules and procedures to assign the role of Head of Delegation.

**To access the online accreditation system, [click here](#).** Your username and password are the same as the ones used for other IUCN online systems (Congress registration, Congress Portal, Union Portal).

Only Members in order with their membership dues **up to and including 2020** may exercise their voting and/or speaking rights at the Members' Assembly. More details on Members' rights can be found in the Guidelines.

- **Heads of Delegation**

This IUCN Congress aims to be the most gender-responsive Congress in IUCN's history. It will comply with [IUCN's Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy](#), as well as the various mandates adopted by IUCN's General Assemblies. In line with the [Gender Mainstreaming Strategy for IUCN events](#) (and its [Annex detailing the strategy for IUCN Congresses](#)), Members and National and Regional Committees are encouraged to nominate women as Heads of Delegations. Furthermore, priority should be given to representatives who have been vaccinated for COVID-19, with one of the [European Medicines Agency \(EMA\)](#) recognized vaccines, ahead of travel and who already have a visa for travel to France/Schengen Area. More information on health and safety measures for travelling to France is available [here](#).

The Head of Delegation of a Member or Regional/National Committee must be [registered to participate in the IUCN Congress](#) to get duly accredited for the Members' Assembly. Only the Head of Delegation may vote and/or speak on behalf of the Member /Committee he/she represents and is the person who will receive the voting/speaking card onsite.

For any questions not addressed in the *Accreditation Guidelines for the IUCN Members' Assembly*, please contact: [accreditation@iucn.org](mailto:accreditation@iucn.org) and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can also contact your [Membership Focal Point](#).