General Terms and Conditions for Participation to the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025

IUCN, International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) with the support of the United Arab Emirates are the hosts ("The Organisers") of the **IUCN World Conservation Congress** to be held 9 – 15 October 2025 in Abu Dhabi and has entrusted K.I.T. Group GmbH Association & Conference Management Professional Congress Organiser (PCO) with the organisation and implementation of the event.

The Organisers leads the Congress secretariat and is responsible for Congress services such as, but not limited to registration services, hotel accommodation, sponsorship opportunities, exhibition management, etc.

These General Terms and Conditions for Participation ("Terms and Condition") apply to all Congress registrations and are valid for each participant registered for the Congress. Any registered person is considered a participant. These Terms and Conditions are also binding for all group registrations.

Participation at the IUCN World Conservation Congress ("Congress") is open to anybody duly registered as well as to the general public for some restricted areas. You must agree and adhere to these Terms and Conditions in order to participate in Congress.

IUCN strives to provide a professional, respectful and harassment-free event experience for everyone. We celebrate the diversity of all Congress Participants, exhibitors and staff, and we expect every Participant to conduct herself/himself/ in a professional, respectful and responsible manner at all times and to comply with The IUCN Anti-harassment Policy, including bullying and sexual harassment, for IUCN events which can be found here.

By attending the event whether onsite or virtually, you agree to respect and ensure a harassment-free event. You also agree to refrain from behaviour, which goes against The IUCN Anti-harassment Policy, including bullying and sexual harassment, for IUCN events and the applicable law. If you engage in such behaviour, you may be asked to leave the event at the sole discretion of IUCN.

You must not take part in any canvassing, leafleting, demonstrations, objectionable behaviour or any activity, which may disrupt the Congress.

Smoking will only be permitted within the clearly designated smoking areas. Any fines for infringements of this ban shall be borne by the Participants.

IUCN reserves the right to deny you participation in a specific session and/or to stop any activity on your part that may interfere with, or cause annoyance to other Participants.

You must comply with the security requirements imposed by the venue and/or local/national authorities. You may not bring weapons (firearms and ammunition, knives and sharp objects),

easily flammable or explosive substances including pyrotechnics, drones, dogs (except guide dogs), gases or hazardous substances (including chemical pesticides and insecticides), or foul-smelling substances or radioactive sources. Other restrictions may apply.

You may not circulate with vehicles within the venue including un-motorised vehicles like bikes, scooters, etc.

Participants are expected to be respectful of IUCN, other attendees, and the customs and traditions of the Host Country.

Participants are responsible for their own safety and security and must comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the Host Country. IUCN shall not be held liable for any consequences resulting from a participant's failure to adhere to these laws.

The Organisers reserve the right to exclude or remove you from the Congress if you do not comply with these Terms and Conditions.

You are required to present a copy of an official identity card, passport or another acceptable identification document to obtain your badge. The registration badge is the only onsite identification document during the entire period of Congress. It is personal to you and cannot be transferred to a third party. If you lose or forget your badge, you may not be allowed access to the Congress. You must report any lost badges to the registration desks onsite. A replacement badge will incur a fee of 40 USD.

Interactivity

As a Congress participant, you will have the possibility to engage in the sessions by asking questions or comments live onsite or through the various platforms available. You are legally responsible for the content you contribute. Be aware that a wide variety of people may hear or view your comments which must be respectful, comply with the Terms & Conditions of the IUCN Congress website and comply with the IUCN Anti-harassment Policy, including bullying and sexual harassment, for IUCN events.

Registration

All available registration categories, registration fees, deadlines and entitlements are outlined on the Congress website.

Only fully completed registration forms will be accepted. The registration fee is based on the date of the receipt of the registration form or completed online registration as well as the payment in full in accordance with the deadlines mentioned on the website. The online registration can be completed by clicking the button "register and pay" which can be found at the end of the form. Should one deadline be missed, the registration will be cancelled. Participants will need to register again at the next applicable registration rate. The registration will only be confirmed upon receipt of payment in full.

If the maximum participant capacity is reached, the Organisers reserves the right to refuse any registration. A claim to participation is excluded in this respect. Only registered participants will be permitted access to the Congress. The minimum age to register for participation is 18 years. Participants may be asked to present an official identity card stating their age.

To be able to register as a Youth, individuals must be between 18 and 27 (inclusive) years old at the time of the Congress and present proof of age (official identity card stating the age). For Young Professionals, the age is between 28 and 35 inclusive and a proof of age will also be required.

Group registrations will be accepted for a minimum of 5 participants. Please contact congress.registration@iucn-events.org for further information. Should the pre-paid amount not be used in full during the pre-registration process, the remaining amount can be used for extra registration on site or for virtual participation. There will be no refund for registrations which were paid for, but not used. Only fully completed group registration forms as well as fully completed name lists (including the participants full name, individual email and postal address) will be accepted. The organiser cannot be held responsible for double bookings of an individual participant or group made by another company or organisation.

A switch from onsite to virtual participation can be requested at congress.registration@iucn-events.org. An administrative fee of 80 USD will apply. The difference in registration fees will be refunded.
A switch from online to onsite is also possible and is to be requested at congress.registration@iucn-events.org. The difference in registration fees will need to be paid for the switch to be effective. Participants shall be responsible for obtaining their travel visas at their own cost.
The congress format can be switched latest by 19 September (23.59 CET). After this date switches will no longer be accepted.

In the event of changes to the details of the registered participants (such as email address, phone number etc.) participants shall contact the registration team at congress.registration@iucn-events.org.

Minors

Minors between 14 and 18 years old are welcome to participate in the IUCN Congress provided IUCN receives from the parent or legal guardian the signed parental consent form and each minor is duly registered to the Congress.

Parents with infants up to two years of age (“Infants”) are welcome to bring them to Congress (no registration necessary). A baby care room will be available at the venue.

Children between three and thirteen years of age (“Children”) inclusive are welcome to explore the Exhibition if visited during General Opening Hours. Children will not be able to access areas reserved for registered participants nor social events for accompanying persons. If you

believe that your situation may qualify for an exception, please contact congress@iucn.org and explain your circumstances. These requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

All Children and Infants must be accompanied by a parent or authorised guardian and are under the responsibility of the accompanying adult who will be held responsible for all actions committed by Children and /or Infants under her/his responsibility.

Liability waiver/disclaimer

If the Congress is cancelled, or if its scheduled date or venue is changed as a result of any unavoidable circumstances including, without limitation, natural disasters, acts of God, war, terrorism, epidemic or any acts or omissions of third parties that are beyond the control of IUCN, IUCN reserves the right to either withhold the entire registration fee and apply it towards a future World Conservation Congress, or to reimburse the registration fee after a prorated deduction of the reasonable costs already incurred for the organisation of the Congress. The carbon offset fees cannot be reimbursed and will be invested in their respective projects.

1. IUCN reserves the right to modify the programme of the Congress at any time, unilaterally and without notice and IUCN does not give any warranty that any particular individual will appear as a speaker or panellist. While IUCN will make reasonable efforts to provide accurate information on the Congress Website, IUCN makes no guarantees or representations as to the accuracy of such information.
2. IUCN cannot accept any liability for death, injury, damages, loss, cost or expense suffered by participants (including accompanying persons or partners or attendant caregivers). In particular, IUCN cannot accept any liability for losses arising from the provision or non-provision of services provided by hotel companies or transport operators.
3. IUCN will not be liable for any theft or damage to property caused onsite during the Congress, by any factor whatsoever, unless there has been a fault, intent or deliberate recklessness on the part of IUCN. IUCN shall not be held responsible in the event of poisoning or food intoxication during the Congress.
4. You agree and acknowledge that you are undertaking participation in the Congress and related activities at own free and intentional will and you are fully aware that possible physical injury might occur to you as a result of participation in the Congress. The liability of the Organisers - for whatever legal reason - shall be limited to intent and gross negligence. You acknowledge these risks freely and knowingly and agree to take part in the Congress at your own risk. You are responsible for maintaining adequate personal health and travel insurances or other insurances as may be required by applicable law and / or the host country.
5. Your participation in the Congress is subject to the approval or authorisation by the local/national authorities as relevant. IUCN has no control over such approvals and / authorisations and cannot be held responsible in case of you being denied entry into

Congress. Cancellations and refunds of registration fee applies (see section “Cancellations and Refunds of Registration Fee” below).

Photographs, video material and audio recordings

IUCN and/or its contracted suppliers will take photographs, video material and audio recordings ("Digital Records") at the Congress and use them in external communications such as direct mail and email marketing, newsletters, educational materials, social media, press releases and broadcasts over the internet for communicating about the Congress or promote participation in future IUCN Congresses as well as other purposes specified in the Privacy Policy. IUCN keeps such Digital Records for historical reasons.

By participating in the IUCN Congress onsite or virtually, you grant IUCN the right to use any digital records in which you appear as well as your name, photograph and biography for such purposes as described in this section and you waive your right to inspect or approve the finished product, now and in the future, whether that use is known or unknown to you.

All photographs and video material become the property of IUCN and may be displayed, distributed or used by IUCN for any purpose.

Cancellations and Refunds of Registration Fee

Participation in the Congress can be cancelled with entitlement to refund. A notification must be sent in written form to the IUCN Congress registration team (congress.registration@iucn-events.org). Cancellation with refund entitlement adhere to the following deadlines and conditions. After these dates, no refund requests will be accepted or considered.

Cancellation request submitted until 30 June 2025, 23:59 CET	80% Refund
Cancellation request submitted from 1 July 2025 to 18 September 2025, 23:59 CET	50% Refund
Cancellation request submitted after 19 September 2025	No Refund
No Show	No Refund

In case of overpayment, a request for a refund can be submitted per email to the IUCN Congress registration team (congress.registration@iucn-events.org) latest by 19 October 2025. An administrative fee of 80 USD applies.

Refund requests will be processed after the Congress only.
No refund request will be processed after 19 October 2025.

Refunds will be credited only to person / entity who / which paid the original registration. Reimbursement to or for the benefit of third parties is excluded. Reimbursements will be processed within 30 business days after receiving the reimbursement form duly filled in and signed.

Substitution Policy

Substitution of a registered participant is only permitted until 18 September 2025 between participants from the same organisation. Original registered participant must submit a written authorisation in the form of a signed letter via email by 18 September 2025.
After receiving a confirmation email issued by the Congress registration agency, the substitute participant must submit a new registration form within one week. This does not apply to sponsored delegates which need to contact their Membership Focal Point in such cases.

Privacy Policy

The applicable IUCN Privacy Policy is available here; the privacy policy of the registration company is available here.

Applicable law

This contract shall in all respects be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the substantive laws of Switzerland, without recourse to Swiss international private law rules.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or in relation to, this contract, including the validity, invalidity, breach, or termination thereof, shall be exclusively submitted to the courts of Lausanne, Switzerland, without prejudice to a possible appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal.

IUCN may update these General Terms and Conditions for Participation from time to time, at any time without notice to you, by posting such changes on the registration platform.