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COP15 state of play: Negotiators must move away from minutia and tackle key topics

- Following Saturday's critical stocktake plenary, WWF experts detail the current state of play and what more needs to be done for negotiators to hand over a clean text with the right level of ambition to Ministers on Thursday

MONTREAL - WWF experts issue an urgent plea to negotiators to focus on big-ticket items where consensus is needed if the world is to secure an ambitious global biodiversity agreement, capable of halting and reversing biodiversity loss by 2030 for a nature-positive world. A clean text, with few to zero brackets, is needed when Ministers and high-level representatives arrive on Thursday.

Key areas of concern include the lack of a robust implementation mechanism that would hold countries to account and ratchet up actions over time as required, and critical targets to address the drivers of biodiversity decline and humanity's footprint on the planet. Join our experts as they cut through the noise to detail important points on the following:

- State of play of the negotiations so far, what's at stake if negotiators keep focusing on periphery issues, and what needs to happen before Ministers arrive to ensure countries can secure consensus on an ambitious and implementable global plan for nature
- State of play on 30X30 and nature-based solutions - are negotiators any closer to reaching agreement on these key issues?
- Where are negotiators on linking up the global plan for nature with the climate agenda?

WHEN: 12 December 2022

TIME: 11:00 - 11:30 EST

WHERE: Press conference room, 220D and live streamed [here](#) (open up on the full Youtube platform to submit questions)

SPEAKERS:

- [Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International](#)
- [Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Climate and Energy Practice Lead, WWF International; and CBD Action Agenda Champion for Nature and People](#)
- [Guido Broekhoven, Head of Policy Research and Development, WWF International](#)

- **Lucia Ruiz Bustos, Biodiversity and Finance Coordinator, WWF Mexico**
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