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**World's largest environmental NGOs launch urgent call for nations to continue to bridge divide, amid concerns over breakdown of biodiversity talks**

**MONTREAL** - As the UN COP15 biodiversity talks in Montreal enter the home stretch, CEOs from three of the world's largest environmental NGOs are sending a clear message to world leaders: time is running desperately short for countries to secure a global deal capable of turning the tide on biodiversity loss and safeguarding nature and people.

Critical to the package is embedding human rights for all, which has the power to make this agreement truly transformational. Mobilizing domestic and international finance from all sources, and getting this to where it will make a difference on the ground, remains essential to deliver on the GBF. International development finance is critical to further unlock further domestic public finance, as well as private and philanthropic finance.

The three leaders of key organizations representing civil society will warn that a deal with ambition lower than Aichi will put humanity at risk. Countries must now resolve bracketed (yet to be agreed) text and rapidly work towards consensus and ambition on the most important political agreement for nature this decade.

**WHEN: 16 December 2022**

**TIME: 11:00 - 11:30 ET**

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

**CHAIR:**

- Mark Gough, CEO, Capitals Coalition

**SPEAKERS:**

- Marco Lambertini, Director General, WWF International talking on ambition
- Jennifer Morris, CEO, The Nature Conservancy talking on finance
- Patricia Zurita, CEO, BirdLife International talking on a human rights-based approach, implementation and action on the ground