



NATURE-BASED INFRASTRUCTURE GLOBAL RESOURCE CENTRE

New UN-backed Resource Centre to build case for natural infrastructure ahead of COP26

- *Online hub will bring together data, case studies, and innovative modelling from projects around the world to show how natural infrastructure can outperform built infrastructure and save billions of dollars. For example, planting trees in urban areas regulates temperatures, reducing demand for air-conditioning.*
- *Built infrastructure is responsible for over 60% of global greenhouse gas emissions.*
- *Tune in to the launch event to learn why investing in nature should be a no-brainer for policy makers and investors ahead of the COP26.*

A [virtual event](#) on Monday, October 25, will launch the new [Nature-Based Infrastructure Global Resource Centre](#), a collaboration between the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD), the MAVA Foundation and the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

The new Centre will carry out cost-benefit evaluations of natural and 'grey' infrastructure projects, with over 40 assessments planned over the next few years. For example it will analyse the cost and effectiveness of mangrove swamps versus concrete sea wall defences in preventing coastal erosion, alongside the wider benefits they bring such as capturing carbon and replenishing fish stocks. At the launch panelists will discuss new research which will for the first time show the proportion of built infrastructure globally that could be replaced with natural alternatives, and yield the same results or better, along with the cost savings this swap would bring. .

- **When: 3:30pm - 5 pm CEST / 9:30am - 11am EDT, Monday October 25 2021**
- **Where:** Online event
- **Speakers:**



- Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO, Global Environment Facility (GEF)
 - André Hoffmann, President, MAVA Foundation
 - Li Yong, Director General, United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
 - Richard Florizone, President and CEO, the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD)
 - Professor Josephine Kaviti Musango, Stellenbosch University
 - Dr. Sandy Andelman, Vice-President Conservation Strategy & Partnerships at Wildlife Conservation Society (moderator).
- **Registration:** [Click here](#) to register for the event, and/or email jon.date@digacommunications.com for more information.

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