



# HAC FOR NATURE AND PEOPLE IN-PERSON SIDE-EVENT AT THE COSTA RICAN PAVILION

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**Date:** 12th June – 3:00 – 4:00pm

**Title of side event:** Accelerating 30x30 implementation with the HAC Rapid Deployment Mechanism and 30x30 Matchmaking Platform –

**Description :** This 60-minute side event at UNOC-3 will focus on the acceleration of Target 3 (30x30) of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, specifically emphasizing the role of partnerships and collective coordination in boosting implementation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Other Effective Conservation Measures (OECMs) to protect at least 30% of the world's oceans by 2030. The event will provide key insights into the HAC for Nature and People's effort to enhance coordination amongst countries and different actors as well as showcasing concrete tools.

The **Matchmaking Platform** is a collaborative tool that connects countries with tailored technical and financial assistance to support the planning and implementation of their 30x30 strategies. It facilitates structured engagement between governments and a wide network of partners, including donors, implementing agencies, NGOs, and technical experts. Countries identify specific needs—such as scientific assessments, stakeholder consultations, policy development, or capacity building—and the platform helps match them with the right partners to meet those needs. This demand-driven approach accelerates the flow of support, strengthens coordination, and ensures alignment with national priorities.

Complementing the Matchmaking Platform, the **Rapid Deployment Mechanism (RDM)** offers small-scale, fast-disbursing grants to help countries overcome the common challenges of accessing traditional, large-scale conservation financing. The RDM addresses this gap by providing expedited access to small amounts of funding—ranging from **\$25,000 to \$50,000 per grant**—to catalyze key steps in the 30x30 planning process. These small grants should be considered as **seed funding** that supports foundational activities such as baseline assessments, stakeholder consultations, technical studies, or project pipeline development.

The current **application window for RDM funding is open until June 28, 2025**,

By working in tandem, the Matchmaking Platform and RDM offer a unified support structure that addresses both immediate and long-term needs.

**Moderator:** Mr. Jason Dozier, Sr. Program Officer Political Mobilization, High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People Secretariat.

#### High Level Panel:

- H.E. Agnès Panier-Runnacher, Minister of Ecological Transition of France and co-chair of the HAC for N&P;
- H.E. Franz Tattenbach, Minister of Environment and Energy of Costa Rica and co-chair of the HAC for N&P;
- Col. Mamadou Sidibe, Director of Community Marine Protected Areas, Senegal
- Ms. Katrina McGuire, Head International Environment Reef and Oceans Division, Australia
- Ms. Stacy Jupiter, Executive Director, Marine Conservation, World Conservation Society

#### Opening Remarks:

- (i) **H.E. Minister Agnès Pannier-Runnacher**, Minister of Ecological Transition, Government of France
- (ii) **H.E. Minister Franz Tattenbach**, Minister of Environment and Energy, Government of Costa Rica
- (iii) **Ms. Rita El Zaghoul**, Director of the HAC for N&P Secretariat

#### Agenda Breakdown:

##### 1. Introduction to the HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform & Rapid Deployment Mechanism (15 minutes)

The first segment of the event will focus on explaining the creation and operationalization of the **HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform and the RDM** under the HAC for N&P. This section will serve as an introduction to the Platform, its purpose, and the added value of submitting requests. The moderator will engage in an **informal discussion** with representatives from key partners such as World Conservation Society



and others (TBC) to provide a deeper understanding of their involvement in this initiative. They will discuss:

- (i) What types of offers are already available on the HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform? What types of offers are missing from it?
- (ii) What is the value added of the Rapid Deployment Mechanism?
- (iii) How to encourage HAC members to submit additional requests on both platforms?
- (iv) From a partner's perspective, how to engage with those two platforms?

## 2. Showcase the RDM and its contribution for an effective and swift implementation of 30x30 (25 minutes)

The second segment will highlight the progress of some HAC countries on 30x30. Moreover, this segment will dive into the RDM's impact. This will feature a **fire-side chat** with three **countries who will be sharing how the RDM contributes to the effective and swift implementation of 30x30**. The chat will cover:

- (i) **Countries sharing their progress on 30x30**
- (ii) **Countries sharing their views on how the RDM can support the implementation**
- (iii) **Countries providing insights** into the unique challenges their country faces in marine conservation and the specific needs that the RDM aims to address.
- (iv) **Partners sharing** how the seed funding will support other initiatives in catalyzing support for the 30x30 implementation

## 3. Open Discussion & Audience Interaction (10 minutes- If time allows)

The final part of the session will open the floor to an **audience Q&A**. This portion will allow attendees to ask HAC members and other speakers about the implementation of 30x30, the role of the HAC in driving global marine conservation, and the lessons learned from the first years of the Matchmaking Platform and the RDM. It will also provide a space for participants to share their successes when implementing marine protected areas and how to swiftly and effectively implement Target 3 in the ocean. The discussion will aim to generate ideas on how to strengthen future rounds of funding and deepen international cooperation for marine biodiversity.

## 4. Conclusion and Call to Action (10 minutes)

To close the event, the moderator will provide a brief **summary of key takeaways** and emphasize the importance of continuing momentum to achieve the 30x30 goal. The event will conclude with a **call to action**, urging participants and stakeholders to remain engaged in the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and to consider how they can contribute to the success of the High

Ambition Coalition and the HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform and the RDM in their own capacities.

### Event Goals and Outcomes:

- Provide a platform for HAC countries to share their **progress on 30x30**.
- **Raise awareness** about the High Ambition Coalition's role in advancing the 30x30 target and the significance of the Matchmaking Platform and RDM.
- **Foster dialogue** between international stakeholders, government representatives, and experts to identify key challenges and opportunities in scaling up marine conservation efforts.
- **Strengthen partnerships** between governments and other stakeholders to ensure the success of the 30x30 initiative.

By the end of the session, attendees will have a deeper understanding of the progress of leading countries on 30x30, as well as the support from the HAC including through the HAC 30x30 Matchmaking Platform and RDM, and how global collaborations are vital in ensuring the long-term health of our oceans. The event will highlight the power of collective action and the vital role of international funding mechanisms in accelerating the protection of our planet's marine ecosystems.