

LAC Secretariat
REGIONAL MEETING 2026
Antigua Guatemala
September 28th to October 2nd



Objectives

General Objective

Inspire collective leadership and accelerate action to advance WWF's Roadmap 2030 conservation priorities in LAC through regional collaboration, Network synergies, and effective responses to a complex context.

Specific Objectives

1. Reflect on Progress, lessons learned, and challenges to accelerate impact.
2. Strengthen Collective Action and Regional Leadership.
3. Foster Organizational Resilience and Effectiveness in implementing Conservation Efforts.
4. Promote the exchange of Knowledge, Experiences and Solutions within the Network.
5. Connect outcomes from Conservation Directors Meeting in Jaipur India to LAC and project to WWF's Global Conference in Tulum, Mexico.
6. Celebrate the Legacy of the Host Office WWF Mesoamerica.

MONDAY, September 28th				
Time	Session	Lead	Location /Room	Participation
All Day	Participants Arrival/Hotel Check In			
19:00	Networking / Dinner on your own			all Participants

TUESDAY, September 29th				
Time	Session	Lead	Location /Room	Participation
6:30-8:45	Breakfast & Networking		"El Refectorio" Restaurant	All Participants
9:30 -10:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks (Setting the stage)	Kirsten Schuijt (virtual), Carter Roberts & Erik Heyl	Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Main Plenary "Jaguar"/ Zoom Webinar Live Broadcast	All Participants
10:00 - 10:45	Welcome To Guatemala and Central America	Andreas Lehnhoff		
10:45 - 11:15	WWF LAC - State of the Art	Roberto Troya		
11:15 - 11:30	Coffee Break & Networking (Group photo)			
11:30 - 12:00	Where we come from : Reflections from Bogota Meeting	Maria José Villanueva & Irina Montenegro		
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking		"Plaza de Convenciones"	All Participants
12:00 - 13:20	Side Event during lunch: LAC External Advisory Council	Erik Heyl (Chair)	Side Event "Tortuga" Room & Virtual	External Advisory Council in person & with remote participation
12:20 - 13:20	Side Event: TFFF	Mauricio Voivodic & Maria Inés Rivadeneira	Side Event Room "Ballena"	All Participants
13:30 - 15:00	Radar function	Maria Inés Rivadeneira & Roberto Troya (Panelists: Carter Roberts, Erik Heyl, Yolanda Kakabadse, Maria Jose Villanueva)	Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Main Plenary "Jaguar" / Zoom Webinar Live Broadcast	All Participants
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break & Networking			
15:30 - 16:00	**Activity hosted by WWF Mesoamerica**			
16:00 - 17:00	LAC RM2030 - Contributions	Irina Montenegro (Panelists: Johana Langbroek, Tarsicio Granizo, Lucy Aquino, Ricardo Bosshard)		
17:00 - 17:20	Connecting Global Conservation Directors Meeting	Oscar Rojas & Nik Sekhran		
17:20 - 18:00	Participants Refresh and Prepare for Dinner			
18:00	Meet at Hotel Lobby by cafeteria (walk to Dinner Venue)			Convento de Santa Clara
18:30 - 20:30	Welcome Reception & Dinner			

WEDNESDAY, September 30th				
Time	Session	Lead	Location /Room	Participation
6:30 - 8:45	Breakfast & Networking		"El Refectorio" Restaurant	All Participants
7:30 - 8:45	Closed Side Event: LAC Internal Advisory Board	Roberto Maldonado (Chair)	Side Event "Tortuga" Room & Virtual	Internal Advisory Board Members in person & with remote participation
7:30 - 8:45	Side event:Protected and Conserved Areas	Jorge Rickards, Carter Roberts, Maria Jose Villanueva & Kurt Holle	Side Event Room "Ballena"	All Participants
8:45	Meet at Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Reception Desk for offsite Fieldtrip			All Participants
9:00	Leaving Hotel (Transportation provided)			
9:00 - 11:30	Half Day Fieldtrip & Activity Off site			
11:30 - 11:45	Transportation to Lunch Site			
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking		Tenedor del Cerro	All Participants
12:00 - 13:30	Closed Side Event: Building bridges	Loren Mayor & Maria Pandal	Tenedor del Cerro	By invitation only
13:30 - 14:00	Transportation back to Hotel			
14:30 - 15:30	Arrival to Hotel & Refresh before afternoon session			
15:30 - 18:00	LAC RM2030: Demonstrating Integration Across Conservation Efforts at Multiple Scales and Their Impact on Landscapes	Transformational Initiatives Focal Points	Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Main Plenary "Jaguar" / Zoom Webinar Live Broadcast	All Participants
18:00 - 18:30	Participants Refresh and Prepare for 40 years celebration			
18:30 - 20:30	40 Years WWF Mesoamerica Cocktail	WWF Mesoamerica	Teatrino Hotel Casa Santo Domingo	

THURSDAY, October 1st				
Time	Session	Lead	Location /Room	Participation
6:30 - 8:45	Breakfast & Networking		Main Dining Hall	All Participants
7:30 - 8:30	Side Event: Leading a Diverse World: From Difference to Collective Strength	Maria Pandal & Juliane Zeidler, Yolanda Kakabadse, Loren Mayor, Tarsicio Granizo	Side Event "Tortuga" Room	All Participants
8:45 - 10:15	Leveraging policy for conservation impact	Policy: Andreas Lehnhoff & Maria Ines Rivadeneira (Panelists: Yolanda Kakabadse, Edwin Castellanos, Sergio Ciales, Patty Orantes, Tarsicio Granizo , Alejandro Pérez, Erik Heyl	Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Main Plenary "Jaguar" / Zoom Webinar Live Broadcast	
10:15 - 10:30	Coffee Break & Networking			
10:30 - 12:00	Leveraging finance for conservation impact	Financial architecture: Roberto Troya (Panelists: John Morton, Nik Sekhran, Mauricio Voivodic , Sandra Valenzuela, Julie Miller, Roberto Maldonado)		
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch & Networking		Main Dining Hall	All Participants
12:00 - 13:25	Closed Side Event during lunch: LAC FORUM	Maria José Villanueva (Chair)	Side Event "Tortuga" Room	LAC FORUM Country Directors
13:30 - 15:00	The power of collective action	Cate Kuhn, Kurt Holle & Maria Pandal	Hotel Casa Santo Domingo Main Plenary "Jaguar" / Zoom Webinar Live Broadcast	All Participants
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break & Networking			
15:30	** Collaboration activity hosted by WWF Mesoamerica **			
15:30 - 16:30	Circle of trust	All Participants		
18:15	Meet at Hotel Lobby by cafeteria (walk to Dinner Venue)			
18:30	Transportation available (dependant on weather conditions)			
19:00 - 20:30	Closing dinner at Casa Troccoli			

FRIDAY, October 2nd				
Time	Session	Lead	Location /Room	Participation
6:30 - 8:45	Breakfast & Networking		Main Dining Hall	all Participants
ALL DAY	Departures/Check out			