

UNESCO, The Canadian and UK National Commissions for UNESCO request the pleasure of your company at a hybrid COP15 side event.

**Sites for Sustainable Development: UNESCO sites at the forefront of innovative local solutions to the global biodiversity crisis**

This side event will illustrate how UNESCO designated sites -- biosphere reserves, global geoparks and world heritage sites -- are ideally positioned to implement the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, by virtue of their holistic and participatory approaches to governance and management, and membership of global networks that facilitate the sharing of innovative solutions and approaches.

**Speakers:**

**Laura Davies**, UK Ambassador to UNESCO

**Roda Muse**, Secretary General, Canadian Commission for UNESCO

**Eleanor Haine**, Advisor, Natural Sciences, Canadian Commission for UNESCO

**Panel:**

**Guy Debonnet**, Chief, Natural World Heritage Unit, UNESCO

**Jean-Philippe Messier**, Manicouagan-Uapishka Biosphere Reserve, Canada

**Meriem Bouamrane**, Chief of Section, MAB Research and Policy: Ecology and Biodiversity, UNESCO

**Adepoju Adeshola**, Chair of MAB ICC, Nigeria

**Kyla Judge**, Georgian Bay Biosphere, CCUNESCO Youth Advisory Group, Canada

**Barbara Engels**, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Germany

**Where:**

Room: Side-event 1, 512E

**Online:**

<https://cbd.interactio.com/pbks-mkfx-nyls>

**When:**

Thursday 15 November

13:15 – 14:45 EST