



# ASEAN-UK COP26: Framing the Future for Nature and Climate

With both COP26 and the Convention on Biological Diversity COP in China, 2021 is set to be a critical year for nature and climate.

Natural systems are on the front-line of our fight against climate change, both because they are impacted by climate change, and because they provide us with vital tools to help us adapt to rising temperatures, and to lock up and store carbon.

## Join the ASEAN-UK COP26: Framing the Future for Nature and Climate event to:

- Understand the opportunities around raising ambition on nature-based solutions, climate and biodiversity in ASEAN
- Learn about best practices in nature-based solutions in the region, and how to scale-up
- Join **Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta** for a special Fireside Chat on the findings of the Dasgupta Review on the Economics of Biodiversity in ASEAN
- Hear a special video message to ASEAN from **Sir David Attenborough**

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## FEATURING:



**H.E. Kung Phoak**  
Deputy Secretary-General  
of ASEAN for the ASEAN  
Socio-Cultural Community



**Sir David Attenborough**  
COP26 People's Champion  
(video message)



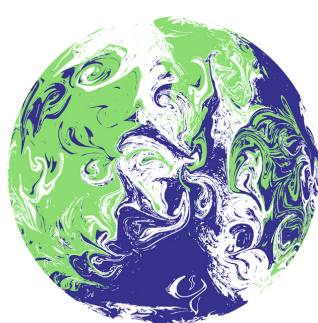
**Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta**  
University of Cambridge



**Dr Theresa Mundita Lim**  
Executive Director, ASEAN Centre  
for Biodiversity



**Daniel Pruce**  
UK Ambassador to the Philippines



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Event launch with screening of message from Sir David Attenborough to SE Asia

High-Level Opening Remarks (14:05 - 14:30)

- H.E. Kung Phoak (Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community)
- Dr Theresa Mundita Lim (Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
- Daniel Pruce (UK Ambassador to the Philippines)

Thematic Sessions to run in parallel (14:30 – 15:15)

<p><b>Protecting ASEAN’s Nature as a Carbon Sink and Resilience against Climate Impacts</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the imperative of protecting and restoring ASEAN’s intact forests and high integrity marine and coastal ecosystems given their value as carbon sinks and as protection and resilience against the impacts of climate change.</p> <p><i>Session to begin with scene-setter remarks:</i> <i>Professor Koh Lian Pin (Director, Centre for Nature-based Climate Solutions, National University of Singapore)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Willy Marthy (Senior Terrestrial Program Manager, Wildlife Conservation Society Indonesia)</li><li>• Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin (Executive Director of the Coral Triangle Initiative of Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF))</li><li>• Andrew Wyatt (Deputy Head Indo-Burma Group, IUCN Asia)</li><li>• Faizal Parish (Director - ASEAN Peatland Project, Global Environment Centre)</li></ul> <p><i>Moderated by Professor Koh Lian Pin</i></p>	<p><b>Reducing Emissions from unsustainable exploitation of Nature in ASEAN</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the imperative of reducing the GHG emissions from the destruction or unsustainable management of natural ecosystems in ASEAN, particularly driven by activities like agriculture, unregulated coastal fisheries and aquaculture, commodities trade.</p> <p><i>Session to begin with scene-setter remarks:</i> <i>Justin Adams (Executive Director, Tropical Forest Alliance)</i></p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Imelda Bacuda (Advisor, ASEAN Climate Resilience Network)</li><li>• Essam Yassin Mohammed (Global Lead for Climate and Sustainability, WorldFish Centre)</li><li>• Colin Moore (Regional Carbon Advisor, Wildlife Conservation Society)</li><li>• Jeni Pareira (Sustainable Landscape Program Manager, Wildlife Conservation Society)</li></ul> <p><i>Moderated by Justin Adams</i></p>
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10 minute break

Thematic session attendees re-convene for panel reflections (15:25 – 16:00)

Panel reflections from thematic session moderators (10min)  
Reflections from ASEAN Member States (20min)

Increasing financial flows to nature-based solutions in ASEAN (16:00 – 16:45)

Accounting for our natural assets, and climate-related risks to those assets, is paramount for a nature-positive economy. This session will explore the need to integrate nature-related risks and benefits into all financial discussions, across all sectors, and at all levels, with a specific feature on the Taskforce for Nature-related Financial Disclosures.

*Session to begin with scene-setter remarks:*  
Kavita Prakash-Mani (CEO, Mandai Nature)

Potential Speakers:

- Andrew Mitchell (Founder & Senior Adviser, Natural Capital Finance Alliance & Global Canopy)
- Gim Huay Neo (Managing Director for Enterprise Development and Managing Director for Sustainability, Temasek)
- Sunny Verghese (CEO and Founder of Olam International and Chair of the World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD))

*Moderated by Kavita Prakash-Mani*

Reflections from ASEAN Member States (20min)

Fireside Chat: The Economics of Biodiversity (16:45 – 17:15)

Short QA discussion between Professor Sir Partha Dasgupta (University of Cambridge) and Demetrio L. Ignacio (Former ASOEN Chair of the Philippines), to discuss the findings of the report and their applicability in the ASEAN-context, building on ACB’s event series.

Closing reflections (17:15 – 17:30)

- Dr Theresa Mundita Lim (Executive Director, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity)
- Ken O’Flaherty (COP26 Ambassador to Asia Pacific and South Asia)