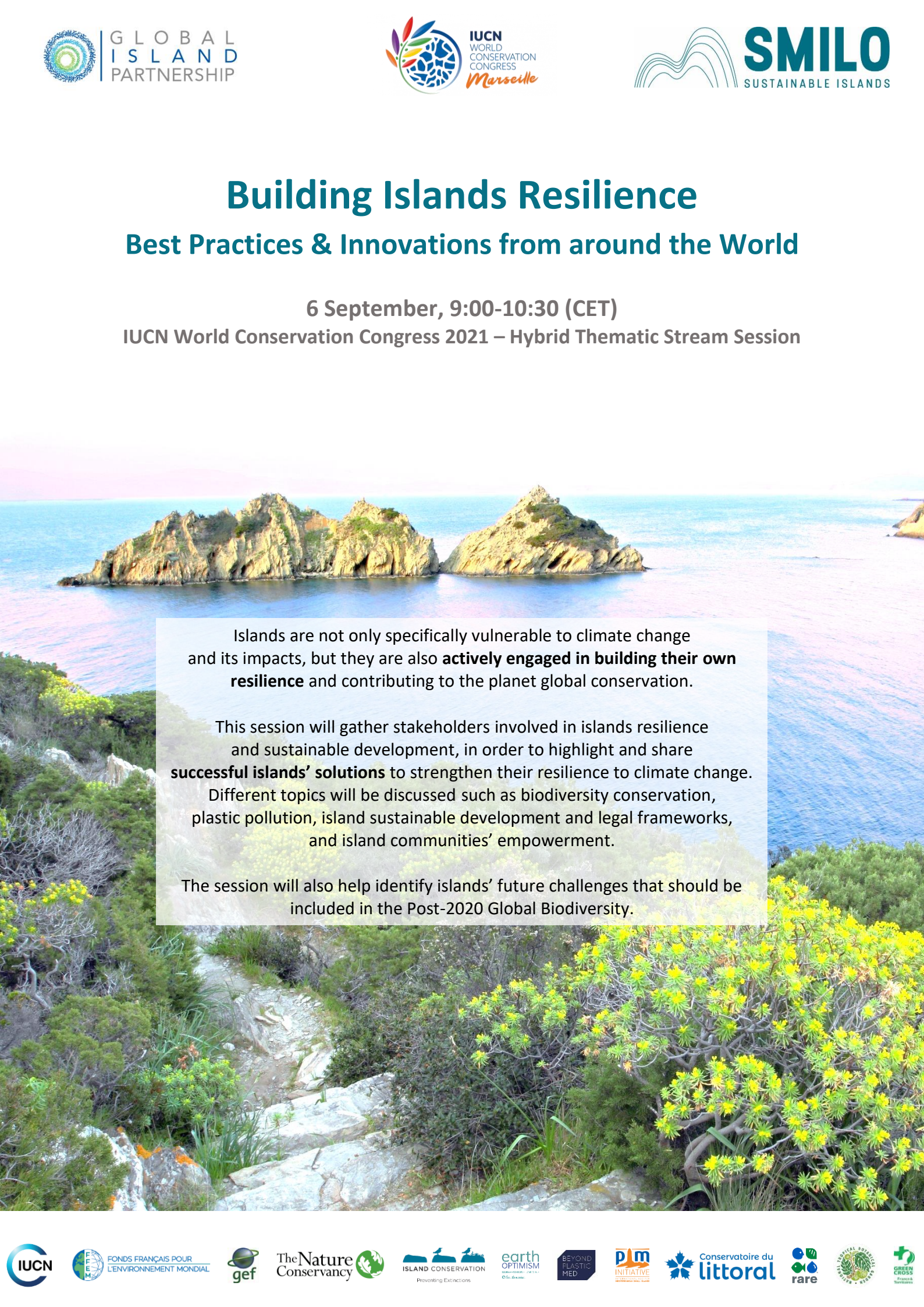


Building Islands Resilience

Best Practices & Innovations from around the World

6 September, 9:00-10:30 (CET)

IUCN World Conservation Congress 2021 – Hybrid Thematic Stream Session



Islands are not only specifically vulnerable to climate change and its impacts, but they are also **actively engaged in building their own resilience** and contributing to the planet global conservation.

This session will gather stakeholders involved in islands resilience and sustainable development, in order to highlight and share **successful islands' solutions** to strengthen their resilience to climate change. Different topics will be discussed such as biodiversity conservation, plastic pollution, island sustainable development and legal frameworks, and island communities' empowerment.

The session will also help identify islands' future challenges that should be included in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity.

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9:00 – Introduction

Welcome remarks & Introduction to the session	Kate BROWN, <i>Director of GLISPA</i>
Presentation of the agenda and logistics	Fabrice BERNARD, <i>Moderator, SMILO Board of Directors</i>
Inspiring statement on island resilience	Maina SAGE, <i>French Polynesia Deputy</i>
Global Biodiversity goals and Post-2020 Agenda	Radhika MURTI, <i>Global Ecosystem Management Programme, IUCN</i>

9:20 – Pop-up topic session

<u>Biodiversity conservation and invasive species control:</u> Ecosystem restoration and invasive species control in Mediterranean islands	Mathieu THEVENET, <i>Initiative PIM</i>
<u>Waste management on small islands:</u> Supporting plastic reduction on small islands Reducing and substituting plastic with local and reusable alternatives	Lucile COURTIAL, <i>BEMED</i> Sylvain PETIT, <i>SMILO</i>
<u>Island resilience: sustainable development and climate change adaptation</u>	Chipper WICHMAN, <i>Hawaii Delegation, President of National Tropical Botanical Garden</i>
<u>Policy frameworks for islands resilience</u>	Kaimana BINGHAM, <i>Aloha + Dashboard and Partnerships Manager, Hawaii Green Growth</i>
<u>Sustainable islands communities: governance and behaviour change</u>	Alfredo ARQUILLANO, <i>Mayor of San Francisco, Philippines</i>

9:45 – Interactive Q&A with speakers

Moderator: Fabrice BERNARD

10:15 – Wrap-up

Eleanor PHILIPPS, *Director of the Caribbean Program, The Nature Conservancy*

10:25 – Closing

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