

Harnessing Nature-Based Solutions for a Sustainable Future

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The concept of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) is gaining global momentum as countries seek integrated approaches to tackle climate change, biodiversity loss, and sustainable development challenges. From restoring ecosystems to building climate resilience and driving green finance, NbS is reshaping how governments, businesses, and communities invest in a nature-positive future.

In Hong Kong, interest in NbS is also growing rapidly – driven by the city's commitment to climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and the pursuit of a liveable, resilient urban environment.

How can cities harness global knowledge and local opportunities to mainstream NbS into its policies, infrastructure, and finance systems?

Join us at HKUST for an inspiring session featuring Mr. Charles Karangwa, Global Head of Nature-based Solutions Centre at IUCN, who will share global insights and lessons from around the world.

The session will begin with a local context briefing by Ms. Kitty Tam, Programme Lead of Hong Kong 2050 is Now, followed by a keynote address by Mr. Karangwa and a moderated Q&A discussion led by HKUST's Prof. Christine Loh.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: 17 November 2025 (Monday)

Time: 10:00am – 12:00nn

Venue: Room 7336, Council Chamber, 7/F
(via lifts 13-15), Clear Water Bay Campus,
The Hong Kong University of Science and
Technology

Please register [HERE](#)



All are welcome.

PROGRAMME

Time	Session
10:00am	Arrival
10:10am	Welcome by HKUST
10:15am	Hong Kong's Emerging NbS Landscape By Ms. Kitty Tam (<i>Programme Lead, Hong Kong 2050 is Now</i>)
10:25am	Global Insights on Nature-Based Solutions By Mr. Charles Karangwa (<i>Global Head, Nature-based Solutions Centre, IUCN</i>)
11:15am	Moderated Q&A Led by Prof. Christine Loh (<i>Chief Development Strategist, Institute for the Environment, HKUST</i>)
11:55am	Closing

SPEAKERS



Charles Karangwa
Global Head, Nature-based Solutions Centre, IUCN
Mr. Karangwa leads IUCN’s global work on Nature-based Solutions and advises IUCN President and COP Climate Champions. He previously served as IUCN’s Regional Head of Land Systems in Africa and Country Representative for Rwanda and Kenya. With over 20 years’ experience bridging conservation, sustainable finance, and policy, he has worked extensively to accelerate ecosystem restoration and climate resilience.



Kitty Tam
Programme Lead, Hong Kong 2050 is Now
Ms. Tam leads strategic advocacy to accelerate climate action and promote a nature-positive Hong Kong. With a background in geography, business management, and environmental governance, she has worked on policy reforms and community initiatives addressing key environmental challenges.



Prof. Christine Loh, SBS, JP, OBE, Chevalier de l’Ordre National du Mérite
Chief Development Strategist, Institute for the Environment, HKUST
Professor Loh was the Under Secretary for the Environment in the HKSAR Government (2012–17), Special Consultant to the Chief Executive (2019–2020), and a Member of the Legislative Council (1992–2000). She founded Civic Exchange and has served on numerous boards and advisory committees. A lawyer by training and commodities trader by profession, she continues to teach, publish, and advise on sustainability and climate policy.