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Global Climate Leaders to Convene at Nature Summit During UN Global Climate Week in Panama

Gathering leaders from 180+ nations attending UNFCCC's inaugural Global Climate Week, the Nature Summit will drive new climate finance commitments, launch nature-based initiatives, and deliver strategic partnerships critical to COP30 success.

Panama City, Panama [May 7, 2025] - In a landmark collaboration with Panama's Ministry of Environment, the Nature Summit will anchor the UN Global Climate Week in Panama from May 19–22. As a key platform convening leaders across government, business, and philanthropy, the Summit will drive high-stakes announcements and partnerships aimed at accelerating climate finance and nature-based solutions.

Positioned as a strategic catalyst on the road to COP30, the Nature Summit will showcase high-impact partnerships and policy milestones aimed at aligning global finance and economic systems with the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Summit will serve as a vital forum to mobilize stakeholders and develop impact-driven collaborations, during Global Climate Week.

"Panama is not just hosting the Nature Summit—we are setting the stage for a new economic era where nature is the most valuable asset class. With more than 50% of our oceans and 30% of our land protected, we are proving that conservation and investments can work hand in hand," said **Juan Carlos Navarro, Minister of Environment of Panama**. "At the Nature Summit we are forging partnerships that will define the next century—leveraging nature-based solutions to generate economic resilience, environmental stability, and long-term, sustainable prosperity."

Confirmed high-profile participants include:

- **Simon Stiell**, Executive Secretary, U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change

- **Juan Carlos Navarro**, Minister of Environment, Republic of Panama
- **Felipe Chapman**, Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Panama
- **Nigar Arpadarai**, High-Level Champion for COP29, Baku
- **Robert Mærsk Uggla**, Chairman, A.P. Møller-Mærsk Group
- **Joshua Tewksbury**, Executive Director, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

In addition to showcasing leadership across sectors, the Summit will feature thought leadership highlighting the interdependencies of trade and climate change, reinforcing the event's emphasis on building an integrated approach to global environmental and economic resilience.

"The Nature Summit is a strategic intervention to accelerate systemic change," stated **Sergio Fernández de Córdova, Executive Chairman of PVBLIC Foundation**. "Nature and conservation must equate to value creation. We can no longer afford solutions that fail to both protect nature and drive sustainable economic progress. Through high-level partnerships, investment pipelines, and initiatives like the Development Bank for Resilient Prosperity (DBRP), we will ensure that nature-based solutions receive the visibility and support they need to create lasting impact at scale."

Matt Tranchin, Chairman of Global Resilience Partners, continued by saying, "The inaugural Nature Summit is designed with the understanding that no single sector can solve the planetary crisis alone. By uniting the public sector, philanthropic institutions, civil society, and private enterprise, we are forging the partnerships necessary to scale the most effective solutions across the blue and green economies. This is the model for the future."

Panama has positioned itself as a regional and global epicenter for environmental diplomacy, hosting a landmark series of high-level convenings focused on nature and sustainability. This year alone, Panama is set to welcome critical negotiations on biodiversity and desertification in October and December, the Global Climate Week in May, and the Latin American and Caribbean regional meeting in June to build a roadmap ahead of the next round of Plastic Treaty talks in Geneva in August. By bringing together governments, civil society, scientists, and international partners, Panama is reaffirming its commitment to being a hub for bold climate action and global cooperation on the planet's most urgent environmental challenges.

The Nature Summit is organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Panama, the [PVBLIC Foundation](#), and [Global Resilience Partners](#), with [Roar Media](#) supporting global engagement as the Official Communications Agency Partner and [SDG News](#) serving as the Official Media Partner.

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