The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) seeks to establish an International Standard Committee (ISC) to guide the robust application of the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions, oversee proactive learning based on practitioner experience, and lead periodic revisions in line with ISEAL best practice guidance. The standard will undergo reviews every four years, with changes endorsed by the IUCN Council.

In fulfilment of its mandate, the ISC will liaise with the three other affiliate bodies of the Standard’s governance structure:

- **Science and Knowledge Committee** that is responsible for the scientific oversight of the Standard, providing the scientific and knowledge-based evidence behind their revisions, and setting and exploring a research agenda;
- **User Group** that drives the learning and feedback for evolving the Standard through lessons learnt from applications;
- **National/Regional Hubs** that support the adaptation of associated guidance for the Standard to the local context.

Membership of the ISC will be limited to 7 people and reflect the key constituencies of the User Group, such as indigenous people and community-based organisation, non-government entity, private sector and government representative. As much as possible, these representatives will be chosen also considering diversities of geography, gender and type of expertise, to ensure a well-balanced set of inputs and views.
In establishing the ISC, IUCN seeks nominations for a Chair of the ISC. The ISC Chair’s roles and responsibilities will include:

**Management**

1. Oversee and guide the implementation of the ISC’s mandate on the application and further development of the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions, taking into account inputs and contributions from the other affiliate bodies of the Standard’s governance structure (Scientific and Knowledge Committee, User Group and National/Regional Hubs).
2. Provide strategic, consistent and dynamic leadership to the ISC’s role in overseeing and safeguarding the quality of implementation of the Standard.
3. Coordinate, encourage and strengthen engagement among the components of the Standard’s governance structure, through regular meetings and follow up actions.
4. Work with a diverse group of stakeholders to ensure robust, credible, scientifically rigorous and context-specific input into the maintenance and periodic reviews of the Standard.
5. Understand, and where needed, mediate between the diverse interests of the representatives that serve on the ISC.
6. Periodically update and report back to IUCN Director General and Council.

**Communication**

7. Share information with, facilitate and moderate discussions between the Scientific and Knowledge Committee, the User Group and the National/Regional Hubs, and ensure that all relevant discussions’ outcomes and important updates are shared on the IUCN Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions’ website.
8. Regularly communicate with and update IUCN Secretariat and CEM on the work and decisions of the ISC.
9. Work closely with the IUCN Secretariat, provide leadership and support to processes involving decision-making on the Standard for IUCN Council meetings and procedures.
10. Maintain professional standards of conduct that enhance the ISC’s profile, standing, contribution and effectiveness.
11. Serve as the ISC’s senior representative at meetings and events at which the ISC is invited.
12. Represent NbS and the ISC at international fora on implementation of the NbS standard and ISC’s activities, as needed.

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13. Coordinate processes to identify strengths, gaps and shortfalls of NbS, in order to inform landmark reports and technical papers.
14. Gather and prioritise gaps and research needs by User Group and National/Regional Hubs, and as necessary, commission related scientific and evidence-based knowledge research and/or publications from the Scientific and Knowledge Committee.
15. Using the latest scientific and evidence-based knowledge and through other analytical work, develop recommendations for the approval of the IUCN Council to further revise and evolve the NbS standard.
Requirements:

- Experience in developing and/or implementing standard systems, preferably in the context of sustainable development-conservation nexus
- Established track record in authoring high quality publications
- Experience in chairing well-functioning multi-stakeholders’ platforms and processes
- 20 years of work experience in conservation or sustainable development, ideally working with transdisciplinary approaches

Term: 2 years

Remuneration: Voluntary, all direct costs related to the role (such as travel) will be compensated, subject to prior approval of IUCN Secretariat.

Commitment: It is anticipated that this role will require approximately an average of 60 hours per year.

Team: The position will work and liaise closely with the IUCN Secretariat. Technical support on the science, policy and implementation of the Standard as well as administrative support will be provided by the Secretariat, as needed by this role.