

Proteus Quarterly Update

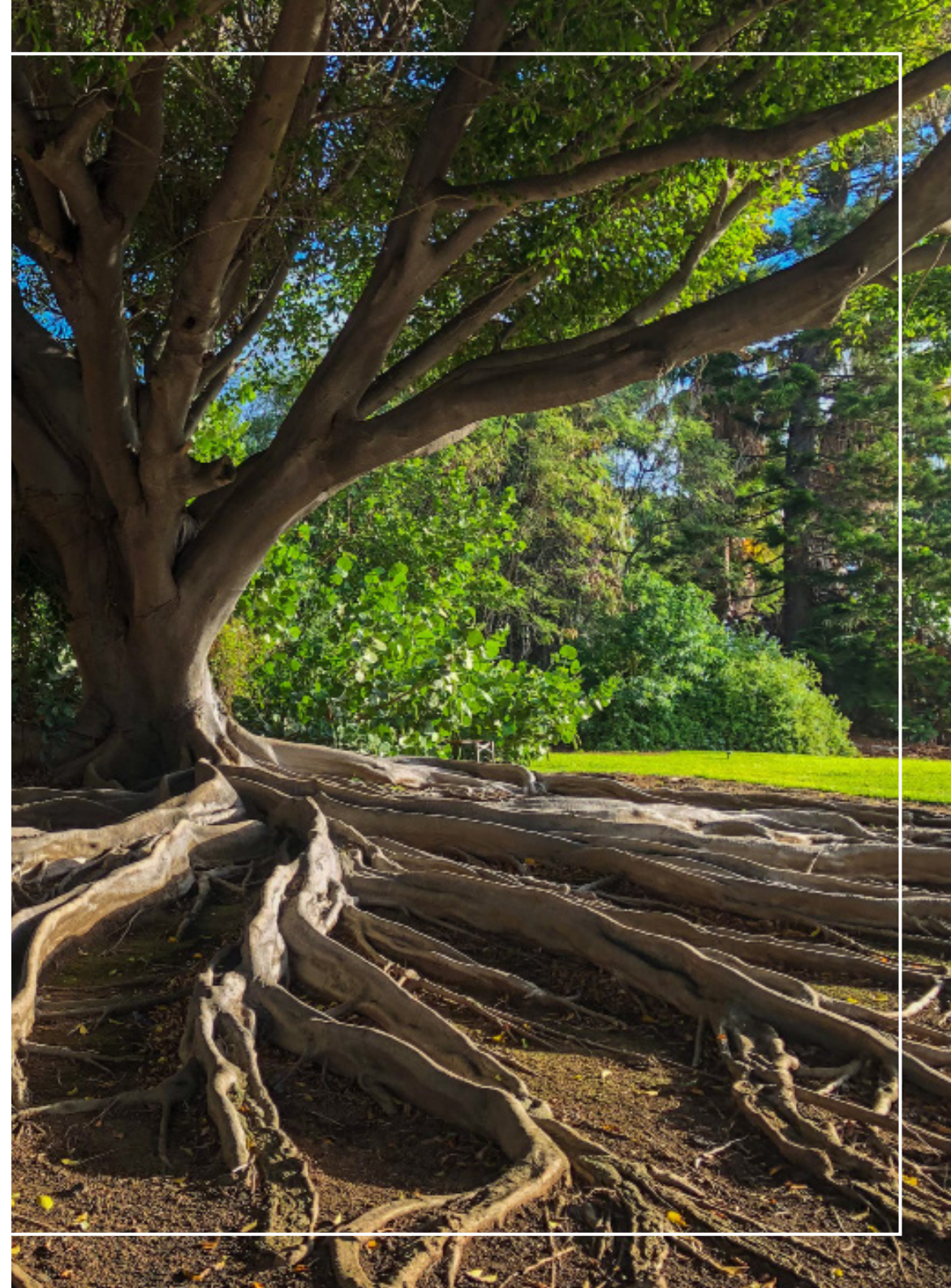
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1.1 Highlights

TNFD v1.0

TNFD released the [finalised disclosure framework](#) on 18 September 2023 at the New York Stock Exchange as part of New York Climate Week. Businesses and investors can now use TNFD to assess and report on their relationship with nature.

- The framework sets out a detailed, but voluntary, process to help the private and finance sectors review and report on nature-related risks and opportunities and integrate findings into business and financial planning.
- The [full suite of publications](#) includes the Final Recommendations, Additional Guidance and Discussion Papers. The Final Recommendations will remain unchanged, while guidance will be updated from expert feedback and general consultation periods.
- Proteus Partners are encouraged to give input into the [discussion paper on proposed sector disclosure metrics](#) which is in draft for market consultation whose period will end 29 February 2024.
- [UNEP-WCMC](#) acts as one of the 19 TNFD knowledge partners.

 Access the [TNFD Framework](#)

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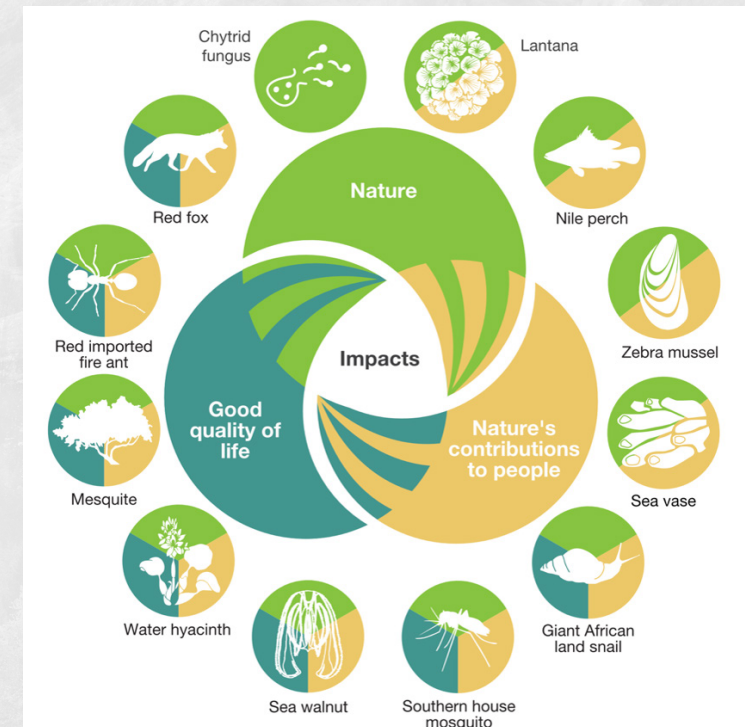
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1.2 Highlights

IPBES-10

The tenth session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES 10) was held in Bonn, Germany, from 28 August to 2 September 2023.

- The Plenary approved the 'Thematic Assessment Report on Invasive Alien Species and their Control'.
- The report found that the global economic cost of invasive alien species exceeded \$423 billion annually in 2019 which quadrupled every decade since 1970.
- The report notes that businesses have a role in addressing the issue of biological invasions by engaging different sectors in their prevention and management.
- UNEP-WCMC co-hosts the technical support unit (TSU) and provides a co-chair, author, and fellow to the Business & Biodiversity Assessment. The First author meeting took place in Colombia, Bogota 18-22 September, 2023.



 Access the [thematic assessment report](#)

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1.3 Highlights

Climate Week NYC (New York City)

This event was held from September 17th to 24th, alongside several United Nations high-level meetings and events, including the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the Climate Ambition Summit, and the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit.

- This event marked a significant shift, with a strong emphasis on incorporating nature and social aspects at the heart of the discussions and solutions.
- The UN Global Compact announced the **Think Lab on Nature and Biodiversity** on its Leaders Summit. It aims to shape business thought leadership and identify innovative nature positive business solutions. It will be coordinated in partnership with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and UNEP-WCMC, with the recruitment of corporate participants beginning in early 2024.
- The upcoming UNFCCC COP 28 will build upon discussions from the Climate Week NYC on topics like climate adaptation, finance, NbS and community-led approaches, providing avenues for strong integrated action on nature and climate.

 Access the [Proteus update on Nature@Climate Week NYC](#)

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1.4 Highlights

Ipieca P2P BES workshop 2023

The Ipieca Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services Peer to Peer training workshop took place between 18 – 21 September 2023 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- The event brought together 60 participants for participatory training on BES issues and management practices related to the energy sector.
- The aims of the workshop were to:
 - Build the business case for BES management.
 - Share knowledge and case studies from Ipieca-IOGP BESWG members.
 - Improve awareness of latest best practises.
 - Expand participant networks.



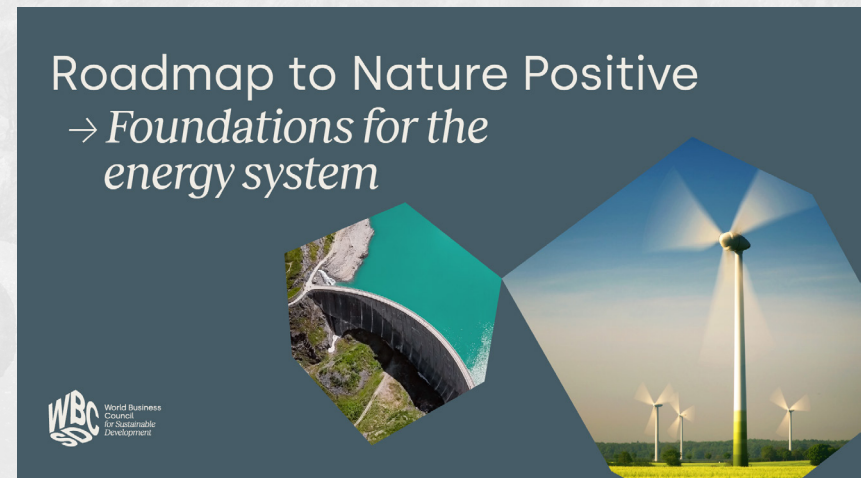
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1.5 Highlights

Roadmaps to Nature Positive

Business for Nature, the World Economic Forum and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development have developed new guidance for 12 sectors.

- The sector-specific action roadmaps build on the ACT-D high-level business actions on nature.
- The overviews summarise potential key impacts and dependencies on nature and set out priority actions relevant for the sector.
- UNEP-WCMC and several Proteus Partners were consulted on and contributed to the [Energy sector action roadmap](#). This roadmap covers direct operations and the supply chains of two sectors – Oil & Gas, and Utilities.
- The Proteus Annual Meeting provided further opportunities for Partners to discuss sector transitions related to the roadmaps.



 Access the [sector action roadmaps](#)

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2 Partnership Updates

Training and Technical Assistance in 2023

Ongoing support to Proteus Partners.

In 2023 so far, Proteus has provided training and technical assistance support to Partners:

- Proteus has delivered 10 training sessions with over 350 Proteus Partner participants trained in biodiversity and the use of Proteus data and tools.
- New training module is being developed on The Value of Wetlands and existing training decks have been updated.
- Proteus Partners have accessed over 300 hours of technical assistance from UNEP-WCMC experts.
- Over 45 resolved data queries.
- Partners interested to access training or technical assistance until the end of Q1 2024 are encouraged to get in touch with us before the end of this year.

 Access the [Training and Technical Assistance fact sheets](#)

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3.1 Protected Areas

World Database on Protected Areas (WDPA)

Several data updates have been made to the WDPA, including:

- **Bermuda:** The Government of Bermuda's Department of Environmental and Natural Resources has provided data for five new protected areas, six Ramsar sites and updated tabular data for 11 protected areas.
- **Zimbabwe:** Complete update for Zimbabwe. 7 PAs were added, including 3 Conservancies, 3 Botanical Reserves and 2 Recreational Parks. Point data for 20 sites has been updated to polygon data.
- **Thailand:** Three new marine protected areas added.

Number of countries updated	9
Net increase in records	0
Percent of records updated or validated	0.7%



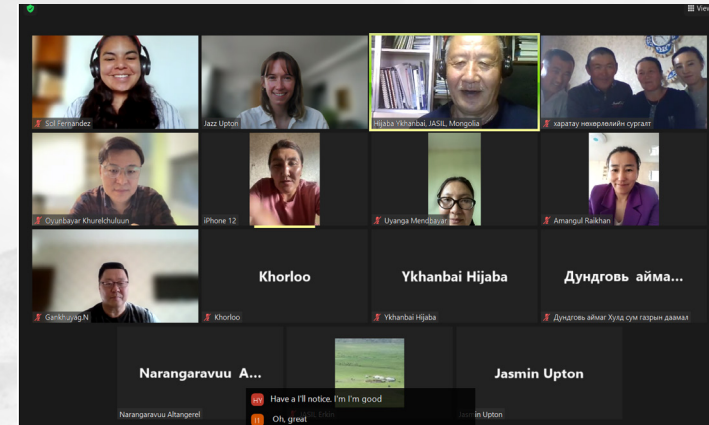
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3.2 Protected Areas

Protected Planet Initiative

Other updates: 2023 events and outputs

- UNEP-WCMC has been working with JASIL, an NGO in Mongolia, to support three ICCAs to report data to the ICCA Registry. This has involved translating all submission documents, and hosting an online training for communities on using the Mapeo for ICCAs app to map the boundary of their territories and report data. These are the first ICCAs to be reported for Mongolia.
- In September, UNEP-WCMC attended the Global Coordination Meeting for the BIOPAMA programme. Entering the project's final year, this was a chance to reflect on the successes and challenges, set priorities, and look at how Regional Observatories can be sustained beyond the BIOPAMA programme.



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4.1 Resources

Land Use Finance Impact Hub

The [Positive Impact Indicators Directory](#) has been overhauled and updated, with a new impact area added. These indicators are designed to help impact funds, and other investors and corporates, track the positive impacts of their investments in land use such as sustainable agriculture, restoration or forestry projects.

- Updates to the Directory went live in August 2023. The updates built on learnings from work with impact funds in the three years between the initial development of the indicators and the updates, and reflect changes in best practice in that period.
- The major changes were to:
 - Combine the impact areas of Climate Mitigation and Climate Adaptation into a new impact area called Climate Action.
 - Add a new impact area called Sustainable Production to capture indicators relating to agricultural yield and value chains.
 - Strengthen existing indicators within Biodiversity and Forests impact areas, and streamline them.
 - Add a stronger gender element to the Livelihoods impact area.

 Access the [Positive Impact Indicators Directory](#)

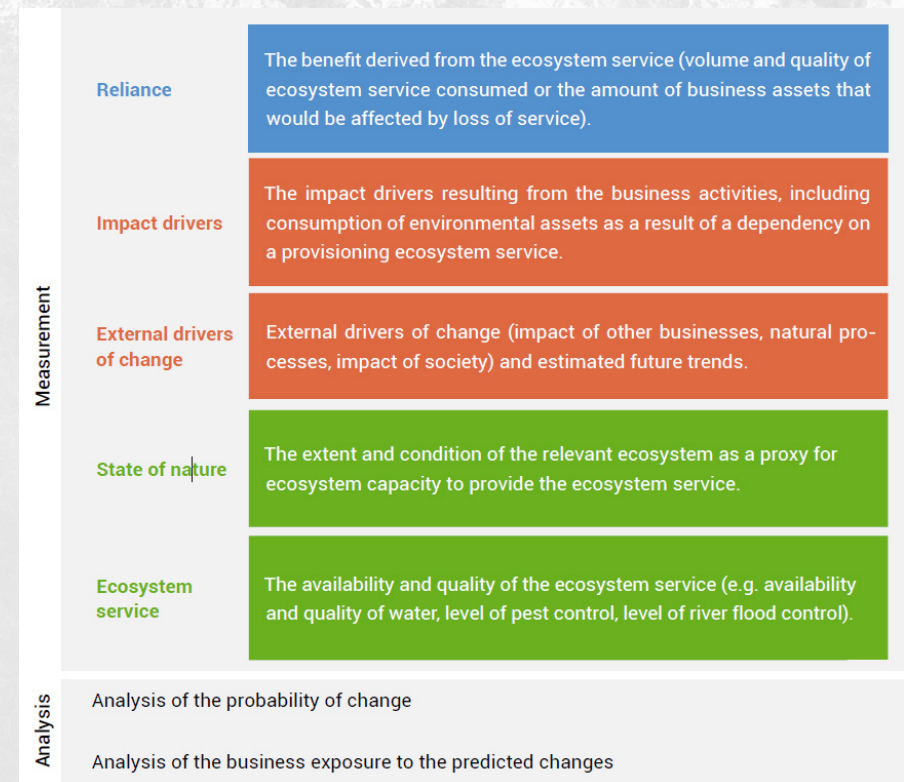


4.2 Resources

Data Forum on measuring business dependencies on nature

This data forum explored business dependencies on nature and how they can be measured.

- Measuring dependencies on nature is vital to understanding risks and opportunities. Disclosing dependencies is the heart of Target 15 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework and is a requirement of many voluntary and mandatory disclosure frameworks and standards.
- UNEP-WCMC’s new guidance, ‘[Towards a robust measurement of business dependencies on nature](#)’, outlines and explains the different components that a comprehensive measurement of business dependencies should cover.
- The new guidance complements existing work, including TNFD’s guidance and recommendations.



 Access the [recording and slides](#)

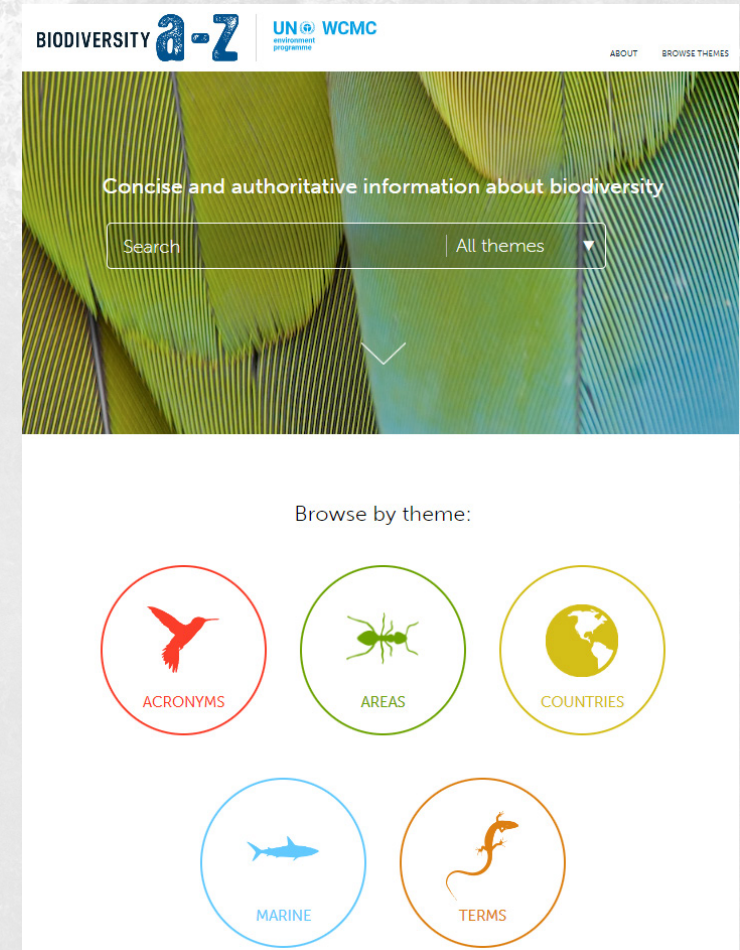


4.3 Resources

Biodiversity A-Z updates

The Biodiversity A-Z has received substantial updates based on the Convention on Biological Diversity's accompanying [glossary](#) for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

- 45 new terms have been added, including: customary sustainable use, disclose, headline indicator, seascape and value systems.
- 18 existing terms have been updated, including: dependencies, ecosystem integrity, nature's contributions to people and net gain.
- Please get in touch with the Proteus team if you have suggestions for new terms and acronyms you would like to see on Biodiversity A-Z.



 Access [Biodiversity A-Z](#)

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5 Publications

- **Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures.**
TNFD (2023) – [Available here](#)
- **Guidance on the identification and assessment of nature related issues: The LEAP approach.**
TNFD (2023) – [Available here](#)
- **Additional TNFD guidance: [getting started](#), [scenario analysis](#), [IPLCs and affected stakeholders](#), [SBTs for nature and biome guidance](#) among others.**
Discussion papers: [study on global nature-related public data facility](#), [draft sector disclosure metrics](#) and [approach to value chains](#)
TNFD (2023)
- **Earth beyond six of nine planetary boundaries.**
Katherine Richardson et al. (2023) – [Available here](#)
- **Making Nature Markets Work: Final Recommendations of the Taskforce on Nature Markets.**
TNFM (2023) – [Available here](#)
- **Inclusive Wealth Report 2023: Measuring Sustainability and Equity.**
United Nations Environment Programme (2023) – [Available here](#)
- **IPBES Invasive Alien Species Assessment.**
IPBES (2023) – [Available here](#)

6 Events

Proteus Partner Events

17 Oct. 2023 Data Forum on Ecosystem Services in Focus: Exploring Recent Developments in Global Spatial Data

26 Oct. 2023 Horizon Scan Webinar on Align recommendations and supply chain guidance

Q4 2023 Horizon Scan Webinar on the monitoring framework for the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Q4 2023 Data Forum on Updated Critical Habitat Layer

External Events

11 – 12 Oct 2023 European Business & Nature Summit 2023

11 – 13 Oct. 2023 IUCN Leaders Forum Geneva 2023

11 – 13 Oct. 2023 Global Intergovernmental Meeting on Minerals and Metals

30 Nov – 12 Dec 2023 UNFCCC COP28, Expo City, Dubai

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