

Dear Donor Council Members,

In preparation for our upcoming 32nd CEPF Donor Council Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 6 February, in Arlington, VA, please find the meeting documents below.

The meeting will take place at [Conservation International](#).

I would appreciate receiving confirmation of your attendance and whether you will be physically attending or participating through video conference.

It is my pleasure to invite all attending Donor Council members and Working Group members to a dinner on Monday 5 February, at 6.30 p.m. at [Le Mirch Restaurant](#) in Washington D.C. (1736 Connecticut Ave NW) as well as to a lunch on Tuesday 6 February, at 12 p.m. at [Jaleo](#), near the Conservation International office in Arlington. Please let [Céline Desbrosses](#) know if you intend to attend the dinner and/or lunch and if you have any dietary restrictions.

I look forward to our forthcoming discussion!

Best regards,

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Olivier Langrand
Executive Director

Documents and Executive Director's Report for the February 2018 Donor Council Meeting

**32nd Meeting of the
Donor Council
Washington, D.C.
Tuesday, 6 February 2018
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. ET**



Links to Meeting Documents

1. [Preliminary List of Attendees](#)
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Rio Peruaçu, Januária in the Cerrado Biodiversity Hotspot. © André Dib/WWF-Brasil

Executive Director's Report

AT A GLANCE

• Hotspot strategies implemented	24
• Countries and territories covered	92
• Partners supported	2,216
• Grants committed	\$220 million
• Amount leveraged by those grants	\$371 million
• Protected areas created [hectares]	14.5 million
• Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) with strengthened management and protection [hectares]	41.7 million
• Biodiversity management strengthened in production landscapes [hectares]	6.4 million
• IUCN Red-listed species benefited	1,200

UPDATES FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Grants and Contracts Unit

In the fall of 2017 the director of grants management for CEPF moved to a global grants and contracts role within Conservation International, and after a competitive hiring process, Senior Grants Manager Antonia Cermak-Terzian was promoted to the director role. Antonia is currently managing Grants Managers Deborah Miller and Florencia Renedo, as well as Grants Coordinator Carline Borek. Antonia is working to backfill two other grants manager positions: one to replace her own previous position, and one to replace Grants Manager Skylar Hurwitz, who left CEPF to move abroad with his wife.

Actions Since the RIT Exchange

Since the May 2017 RIT Exchange in Athens, Greece, numerous action points have been or are being addressed. Most prevalent are those pertaining to communications and capacity building. Notable efforts undertaken by the Secretariat to respond to RIT concerns and requests are monthly conference calls with RIT managers on key topics identified at the exchange as needing clarification or discussion; twice-monthly email updates from the Secretariat on new developments, tools, staff and other items; a new website to facilitate communication and sharing between RITs; prioritization of topics for RIT capacity building; and delivery of trainings on key topics. RIT staff have been extremely receptive to the opportunities provided, and have welcomed the increased engagement with the Secretariat.

New Hires and Recent Promotions

CEPF recently welcomed Grants Managers Deborah Miller and Florencia Renedo as well as Grant Coordinator Carline Borek.

Senior Grants Manager Antonia Cermak-Terzian has been promoted to grants management director; Finance Manager Bradford Castro has been promoted to senior finance manager; Finance Coordinator Nicole Zach has been promoted to senior finance coordinator; and Communications Manager Marsea Nelson has been promoted to senior communications manager.

CEPF UPCOMING TRAVEL SCHEDULE

We hope you will consider joining CEPF during an upcoming field visit. These trips provide an opportunity for you to meet our grantees and learn more about CEPF in the field.



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HOTSPOT HIGHLIGHTS



Members of the regional implementation team for CEPF's second investment in the Mediterranean Basin Biodiversity Hotspot. © Conservation International

In November, CEPF Secretariat staff joined the Mediterranean Basin Regional Implementation Team in Rochefort, France, for a training and strategy meeting. In early December, the first call for proposals under CEPF's second investment was launched.

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