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“From global to local ecosystem services: pathways to Nature-based Solutions inspired from Down Under”

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

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Breaking Barriers: Generating Solutions for Transformational Land Use Change

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Abstract:

Achieving transformational, nature- and climate-positive land use change requires overcoming complex and interconnected blockers. This session will take a collaborative problem-solving approach, bringing together diverse participants to explore social, cultural, economic, and technical barriers to change. Participants will work in small groups to identify key blockers affecting change and devise some actionable solutions that consider the local ecological, cultural, and economic realities stifling change.

Goals and objectives of the session:

Identify Barriers: Unpack key blockers to transformational land use change, categorized into thematic areas such as social, economic, and technical challenges.

Develop Solutions: Generate actionable strategies to address barriers raised in initial discussion, drawing from a diverse range of expertise and perspectives, including Indigenous and local knowledge where available.

Foster Collaboration: Build connections across disciplines, sectors, and value systems to leverage diversity of experience, networks and capabilities present at the conference.

Empower Action: Equip participants with research insights and the skills to research and address the blockers to change local to their respective locale.

Planned output / Deliverables:

A summary report detailing identified barriers and proposed solutions categorised by thematic focus areas. We will expand upon other key elements raised that weren't fully explored during the discussion.

Session format:

Introduction:

Brief framing of the session, including an overview of the objectives, thematic focus areas, and expected outcomes.

Group Problem-Solving:

Participants will be divided into small groups, each focusing on a specific type of blocker (e.g., social, cultural, economic, mindset, or technical/logistical). Groups will use a structured framework to:

- Identify key blockers.
- Brainstorm actionable solutions.
- Explore how solutions can be applied in real-world contexts.

Cross-Group Sharing:

Groups will reconvene to share findings, allowing for cross-pollination of ideas and discussion of common themes.

Conclusion:

Facilitation team will synthesise key themes and insights discovered during the cross-group sharing, discuss next steps, including potential applications of ideas and opportunities for collaboration discovered during the session if applicable.

Voluntary contributions accepted:

No, I only want to include abstracts from my own invited speakers

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