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**Breaking Updates and Insights from the 2024 UN Biodiversity Summit**

**Panelist Links and Bios**

Secretary Speaker Series: <https://resources.ca.gov/About-Us/Secretary-Speaker-Series>

**Wade Crowfoot, Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency**

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**Panelists:**

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- Cassaundra Pino, Policy Manager Native American Land Conservancy

- Tim Male, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center

**Cali to Cali: California at COP16 | 30x30 California**

<https://www.californianature.ca.gov/pages/cali-to-cali-california-at-cop16>

2024\_30x30\_Pathways\_Progress\_Report: <https://resources.ca.gov/-/media/CNRA-Website/Files/2024_30x30_Pathways_Progress_Report.pdf>

Conserved Areas Explorer:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/83b5c08cae8b47d3b7c623f2de1f0dcc>

Strengthing Tribal Partnerships: Tribal Nature-Based Solutions Program - <https://resources.ca.gov/Tribal-Nature-Based-Solutions-Program>

**Jiwah Abdulai, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Sierra Leone**

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Liberia and Sierra Leone Highlight Gola Rainforest Conservation at COP 16 – Liberia Environmental Protection Agency: <https://epa.gov.lr/liberia-and-sierra-leone-highlight-gola-rainforest-conservation-at-cop-16/>

**Renata Gomez, Biodiversity Program Manager, Regions4**

<https://regions4.org/>

At Regions4, we act, we connect, we transform. We act by staying close to the territories we serve, embodying transformative change on the ground. We connect regions to each other and to the UN, ensuring their voices are heard in global discussions. We transform by driving real, localized progress in climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development. We represent 50 regional governments from 22 countries across 4 continents. Join us on our inspiring journey in building a sustainable future for all.

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**Marie Ikemoto, Deputy Secretary of Climate Change and Conservation of Biodiversity, State of Rio de Janeiro**

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Possessing more than 15 years of experience in the environmental area. She is a Doctor in the Environment at the State University of Rio de Janeiro, a Master in Environmental Science at the Fluminense Federal University and a graduate in Biological Sciences (Bachelor's Degree) at the Fluminense Federal University. She has been a public servant at the State Institute of the Environment since 2010.

She has experience in managing public programs and projects; contract management; technical cooperation agreements; coordination and/or accompaniment of projects with international organizations (IDB, FAO, World Bank); coordination of work groups and participation in collegiate bodies. We have knowledge and adjustments to environmental public policy issues; biodiversity conservation; water resources management; territory management; climatic changes, ecosystem services; solutions based on nature, payment for environmental services; protection and recovery of hydrographic basins; geographic information systems; environmental studies; coastal management and disaster risk management.

**Cassandra Pino, Policy Manager, Native American Land Conservancy (*Acoma Pueblo)***

<https://www.nativeamericanland.org/>

Established in 1998, the Native American Land Conservancy (NALC), safeguards off-reservation sacred sites in California's ancestral territories. Evolving in response to ongoing development, NALC has become a vital force, now expanded to protect and restore sacred sites nationwide.

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**Tim Male, Executive Director, Environmental Policy Innovation Center**

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More about Tim: <https://www.policyinnovation.org/tim-male>

Tim founded the Environmental Policy Innovation Center in 2017. Prior to launching this startup, he served as an Associate Director at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Vice President for Conservation Policy at Defenders of Wildlife, Director at National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and Co-Director of agriculture policy at Environmental Defense Fund. He holds degrees in science from Yale University and the University of Hawaii. His writing has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Science magazine and a diversity of peer-reviewed journals. He has received a Marshall Memorial Fellowship and AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (declined). He also ran for office and won, serving three terms as a city councilmember and leading the successful effort for that city to become the first in the country to lower its voting age to 16.

[Role of Biodiversity Credits in Promoting Conservation Outcomes](https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-insights/biodiversity/biodiversity-credits/) - Biodiversity credits are a market-based mechanism designed to incentivize the protection and restoration of natural environments.