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CONSERVATION Council of NATIONS

ICCF is extending its collaboration in its most ambitious undertaking yet by supporting the formation and launch of the "Conservation Council of Nations" (CCN) within its organizational structure, comprised of nation members. The CCN provides a unique opportunity for all nations that believe in the critical importance of conservation and the link between good natural resource management and sustainable economic growth to join ICCF's collaboration of like-minded corporate and NGO partners to help forge bold new solutions.

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in the United States Congress, through CCN partner embassies in Washington and with their parliaments at home, and relying on the strength and diversity of ICCF's broad partner base, the CCN has an unprecedented opportunity to become an active global force in conservation.

Recognizing that there is far too little inter-parliamentary networking and collaboration on regional and global conservation issues, ICCF – which has a history of achieving nonpartisan consensus on conservation issues within the United States Congress – will work with the CCN and its partner nations to create and expand inter-parliamentary dialogue on critical conservation issues on a bilateral and multilateral basis and to assist Council nations in developing and supporting conservation "caucuses" within their own congresses and parliaments.

ICCF envisions the CCN as a collaboration of like-minded diplomatic and legislative leaders that will advance a "good stewardship" agenda while bringing nations and national leaders together informally to build personal bonds between leaders that will transcend nations and party politics to achieve ambitious goals together.

