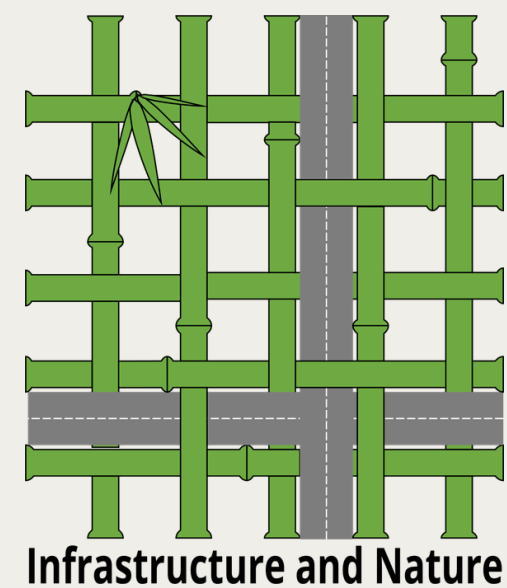




Building a Greener Tomorrow: A Road Map to Infrastructure Events

CBD COP17
19–30 October 2026

The Infrastructure and Nature Coalition has compiled a selection of events on infrastructure that will take place at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP17), held in Yerevan, Armenia, from 19–30 October 2026. By integrating biodiversity into every phase of the infrastructure life cycle, from early policy decisions through implementation, infrastructure can support resilient communities and ecosystems.

All times are listed in Armenia Time (AMT).

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MON

Biodiverse Cities: Landscape Designers Addressing the Crisis

13:30–14:30 | Upper Stage, Green Zone | Host: American Society of Landscape Architects
Reimagine cities as refuge for biodiversity. See how designers can make nature-critical urban infrastructure, with practical tools and frameworks.

Leveraging Movement Data to Mitigate the Impacts of Linear Infrastructure on Global Biodiversity

18:15–19:45 | Lastiver - Youth Group meeting room, Blue Zone | Host: CMS, UNEP-WCMC, SI, WWF, ADB, SGN
Discover how animal movement data and new open-access tools can turn wildlife insights into actionable guidance for sustainable infrastructure planning.

Investing in Nature, Investing in Our Future

18:15–19:45 | Jermuk - African States meeting room, Blue Zone | Host: MADS
Explore how investing in nature as essential infrastructure can drive sustainable development, strengthening resilience, well-being, and prosperity for present and future generations.

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TUES

High-Level Launch of the Yerevan Platform on Mountains and Freshwater Biodiversity The Water Towers of the World: a Global Dialogue on Mountain and Freshwater Biodiversity

18:15–19:45 | Lori - Meeting Room 4, Blue Zone | Host: COP17 Presidency
Mountain “water towers” are strategic natural infrastructure. Join the COP17 Presidency’s high-level dialogue and launch of the Yerevan Platform to protect mountain and freshwater biodiversity.

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WED

Mainstreaming Works! Lessons From CBD’s New Community of Practice on Nature and Infrastructure

09:00–09:45 | Business & Finance Hub, Blue Zone | Host: WWF, TNC
Join this session to learn proven ways countries and institutions are mainstreaming biodiversity into infrastructure, and help shape this growing community.

Mainstreaming Biodiversity Into the Procurement of Transport Infrastructure

10:00–10:45 | Business & Finance Hub, Blue Zone | Host: IISD, WWF
Help shape a blueprint for embedding biodiversity into transport infrastructure procurement. Share what works, key barriers, and the support procurement teams need.

National and Regional Implementation of Wildlife-Friendly Linear Transport Infrastructure

11:00–11:45 | Business & Finance Hub, Blue Zone | Host: CLLC, IUCN WCPA Connectivity Conservation Specialist Group
Discover progress in wildlife-friendly linear infrastructure, and how regional collaboratives and demonstration projects in Zambia and Costa Rica are scaling solutions.

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THU

Building Bridges: Linking Nature Outcomes to Infrastructure Investment

15:00–16:15 | MDB Pavilion, Blue Zone | Host: EBRD
Hear how MDBs and partners are building nature into infrastructure across its lifecycle, and what it takes to scale from pilots to mainstream investment

Wetlands as Natural Water Infrastructure for Delivery of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

18:15–19:35 | Ashtarak - NGOs Group meeting room, Blue Zone | Host: Ramsar convention on wetlands, IWMI, Wetlands International, Birdlife, IUCN, WWF
Wetlands are vital natural water infrastructure. Discover pathways to scale their conservation and restoration through better financing, cooperation, and knowledge sharing.

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FRI

Nature as Critical Infrastructure: A New Architecture for Private Capital Investment

18:15–19:30 | Workshop Room 1, Green Zone | Host: American Chamber of Commerce in Armenia
Explore how the clean energy transition can protect nature, aligning renewable investment and infrastructure with biodiversity through government, business, and finance collaboration.

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SAT

Nature Knows Best: Solving Human Challenges Through Biomimicry

10:00–11:30 | Workshop Room 2, Green Zone | Host: Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) Initiative
Learn about biomimicry and explore its connection to biodiversity conservation, highlighting how nature can inspire innovative solutions to environmental and societal challenges.

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SUN

Powering the Green Transition: Renewable Energy, Storage and Sustainable Business

16:45–17:30 | Upper Stage, Green Zone | Host: Union of Manufacturers and Businessmen of Armenia
This panel discussion will explore the role of renewable energy, energy storage, and innovative business solutions in accelerating the green transition and building a more sustainable and resilient economy.

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TUES

A New Resource for Protecting the Movements of Migratory Species: The Atlas of Ungulate Migration

10:00–11:00 | Upper Stage, Green Zone | Host: Global Initiative on Ungulate Migration
Migrations are being lost before they’re mapped. Discover the Atlas of Ungulate Migration, a science-based resource for keeping landscapes connected for migratory wildlife.

From Fragmentation to Connection: Biodiversity Solutions for Motorway Networks

14:45–15:15 | Upper Stage, Green Zone | Host: Milano Serravalle Milano Tangenziali
This session shows how highway infrastructure can become an active platform for biodiversity restoration, climate resilience, and public value.

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FRI

Maintaining, Enhancing, and Restoring Ecological Connectivity for Migratory Species Across Scales

13:15–14:45 | Spitak, Blue Zone | Host: CMS, EAAFP, CLLC, Bern Convention
Migratory species are declining. Discover how connecting habitats and using migration data can protect seasonal journeys and deliver on global biodiversity targets.