



# **BLUE CARBON COASTAL WETLANDS IN CLIMATE ACTION**

*Taking Stock of Nature-Based Solutions in Practice*

**FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER  
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SE ROOM 6, BLUE ZONE, DUBAI**

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# PROGRAMME

Lessons learnt in implementing and updating countries' commitments to the conservation and restoration of coastal mangrove, seagrass and saltmarsh ecosystems, within national and subnational action on climate supported by global partnerships.

## WELCOMING REMARKS

### **PANEL 1: INTEGRATING BLUE CARBON INTO NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION: THE VALUE OF PARTNERSHIPS**

### **PANEL 2: CREATING AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR BLUE CARBON ACTION**

## CLOSING REMARKS

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