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Regional COP15: Let's talk biodiversity conservation in the Outaouais!

Key players in conservation in the Outaouais region meet to identify priority actions to be implemented to facilitate conservation in our region.



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It's time for action. The key actors of biodiversity conservation in the Outaouais are meeting to ensure their mobilization and the concertation of their efforts on a regional scale to facilitate conservation in the Outaouais.

This event, entitled "*From Global to Local: Implementing the Global Framework for Biodiversity in the Outaouais*", is made possible thanks to the financial support of the Government of Canada and is organized by the Conseil régional de l'environnement et du développement durable en Outaouais (CREDDO) and Sophie Chatel, Member of Parliament for Pontiac. This regional COP15 is also part of the [For a Green and Prosperous Outaouais](#) initiative. This event will take place at the Relais plein air du parc de la Gatineau and will bring together more than 70 nature and biodiversity conservation experts and representatives from municipal, provincial, and

federal governments who are already acting or wish to act to conserve 30% of our land and freshwater areas by 2030.

Sophie Chatel will also announce the Government of Canada's support for the Kitigan Zibi [Indigenous Guardians](#) and ACRE initiative under the [Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund](#).

"This regional COP15 is an opportunity for us to share our ideas and mutualize our resources to establish an action plan for the protection of nature and biodiversity in the Outaouais. To reach our goal of protecting 30% of our land and freshwater areas by 2030, we must act now!" - Sophie Chatel, MP for Pontiac

Highlights

- The event will take place at the Relais Plein Air in Gatineau Park on **November 22, 2022** from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.
- The Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, the Honourable Steven Guilbeault, will give a virtual address to participants.
- The presence of experts in nature conservation, as well as representatives from all levels of government.
- Inspiring conservation presentations.
- Stimulating exchanges to identify priority actions to be implemented so that our region contributes to the achievement of international targets resulting from the Global Framework for Biodiversity, as well as measures that governments should put in place to facilitate conservation efforts in the Outaouais.
- Concrete actions will be put on the public consultation platform of the *For a Green and Prosperous Outaouais* initiative, so stay tuned for these proposals in January!

About the Green and Prosperous Outaouais

Launched by Member of Parliament Sophie Chatel, *For a Green and Prosperous Outaouais* is the result of a great collaboration with leaders, entrepreneurs, farmers, community organizations and engaged citizens of the Outaouais in order to offer solutions and create, together, a green and prosperous Outaouais.

This unique and unifying project will result in a green book. This practical guide will focus on innovative solutions that will bring about change in the Outaouais and will help the region's stakeholders target their efforts to meet the challenges of the future and put us on the road to net zero.

We have already organized meetings on sustainable agriculture, green and circular economy, digital economy and new technologies, sustainable tourism, sustainable forestry and housing with key players in the Outaouais. Many ideas and solutions emerged from these discussions which we then detailed with experts. Today, we are meeting with the key players in the protection of nature and biodiversity!

To discover the concrete proposals emerging from For a Green and Prosperous Outaouais initiative, and to have your say, participate in our public consultation. The floor is yours!

Visit the website www.outaouaisvert.cocoriko.org

About the CREDDO

It is one of the 16 regional environmental councils spread throughout the regions of Quebec. As such, it is the privileged interlocutor of the Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs. Its main mandate is to ensure that the Outaouais' stakeholders work together on the region's environmental issues.

The CREDDO intervenes to promote the protection of natural environments in three main ways: by accompanying the municipalities and organizations concerned, by promoting their concerted efforts to achieve common objectives, and by raising their awareness of the value of these environments and the issues related to their sustainable management. The CREDDO also offers support services to landowners who wish to undertake a voluntary conservation process. In addition, it conducts knowledge acquisition work to inform the decision-making of regional stakeholders for effective biodiversity management.

Visit the website www.creddo.ca

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