



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

International Conference CBC2026: “Connecting Biodiversity, Climate, and Human Behaviour” September 21-24, 2026, Leipzig, Germany

Thematic focus

Biodiversity loss and **climate change** rank among the greatest threats to our planet and humanity. Growing public awareness and mounting scientific evidence reveal that these crises are deeply intertwined and shaped by human activity. Yet, the interdisciplinary field exploring the **Connections between Biodiversity and Climate** and the role of human behaviour therein (CBC) is still emerging. The **CBC2026** conference will bring together leading experts from biodiversity, climate, and behavioural sciences — and beyond — to ignite dialogue, foster collaborations, and advance this vital scientific frontier. CBC2026 will offer keynotes, parallel and poster sessions, a panel discussion, (optional) thematic excursions, and a contest for two awards (“Best Young Scientist Presentation”, “Best Poster”).

Thematic Sessions

- S1: Stability, Ecosystem Functioning, and CBC
- S2: Biodiversity Buffers for Climate Extremes
- S3: Climate Impact Attribution
- S4: Biodiversity and the Water Cycle
- S5: Future Forests for People
- S6: The Future of Natural Capital
- S7: Sustainable Land Use for Climate-smart Systems
- S8: Cities in Times of CBC
- S9: Routes to Human Agency in CBC
- S10: The Development of Human Attitudes to CBC: the Psychology of Meat Eating
- S11: Data Science and Remote Sensing for CBC Research
- S12: New Modeling Approaches to Integrate CBC
- S13: New Spatial Theories for CBC Research: Dealing with Heterogeneity and Scale
- S14: Open Themes

Further information, esp. on the Abstract Submission

- Via the CBC2026 Conference Website: www.cbc-conference.org
- Deadline for Abstract Submission: **April 14, 2026**
- Scientific inquiries: cbc2026-orga@ufz.de
- Organizational inquiries: cbc2026@fu-confirm.de



The Organizers

The **CBC2026** conference is initiated by a **scientific consortium (named “Breathing Nature”)** of **Central-German research institutions**: (i) Leipzig University (LU), (ii) Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), (iii) Leibniz Institute for Tropospheric Research (TPOPOS), (iv) Halle Institute for Economic Research (IWH), (v) Max Planck Institutes for Biogeochemistry (MPI-BGC) and Evolutionary Anthropology (MPI-EVA), and (vi) Julius Kühn Institute for Forest Protection (JKI-WS). The conference is co-organized by UFZ and LU, with support from numerous international experts.