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Aihe: Greetings from Yuhong and the Second NbS Conference in Beijing

Dear Salla,

I hope everything is going well with you, and that you have been enjoying your much-deserved summer vacation. As I briefly mentioned to you before, the Second International Conference on Nature-based Solutions (NbS): Addressing Climate Change will be held at Peking University in Beijing, China, on **September 19–20, 2026**. Peking Univ. is one of the most renowned universities in China, and Beijing is a good place to visit in Autumn. Laura will be coming to the conference, too.

In addition, there will be five keynote speakers. Prof. **Riccardo Valentini** (Director of the Division of Climate Impact at the Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change, the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for his activities in climate modelling within the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)), Prof. **Hong He** (Director of the Institute of Urban Environment, Chinese Academy of Sciences; Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering), Prof. **Hehua Zhu** (Distinguished Professor at Tongji University; Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering), Mr. **Charles Karangwa** or representative from IUCN, Prof. **Nathalie SEDDON** (Professor of Biodiversity and Founding Director of the Nature-based Solutions Initiative in the Department of Biology at the University of Oxford), Prof. **Charles WALDHEIM** (John E. Irving Professor of Landscape Architecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design; AIA, ASLA (Hon.), FAAR).

If you are interested in coming to the Conference, please let me know. It would be great to meet you and some old friends from UNaLab again. The conference website is shown below:

<https://nbs.pku.edu.cn/index.htm>

Best Regards,

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Subject: VS: Greetings from Yuhong and the Second NbS Conference in Beijing

Dear Yuhong,

Thank you for your message. I hope you have been doing well and that your summer has been relaxing and enjoyable.

Thank you very much for your kind invitation and for sharing the information about the conference. It sounds like an excellent event, and the speaker lineup is truly impressive. It looks promising that I will also be able to attend the conference. I am very happy about this opportunity, as it would be a great chance to learn about the latest developments in nature-based solutions and climate change research. I would also be delighted to meet you again and reconnect with old friends and colleagues from the UNaLab project.

Beijing in autumn sounds wonderful, and I am looking forward to the possibility of visiting Peking University.

Thank you again, looking forward to seeing you in Beijing in September.

Best regards,

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Aihe: Re: Greetings from Yuhong and the Second NbS Conference in Beijing

Dear Salla,

Thank you very much for your response. I am excited to hear from you and learn that you are planning to attend the conference. You may consider spending 1-2 more days in Beijing to visit some NbS sites. They are quite nice.

I look forward to seeing you soon. If you have any questions or needs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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Dear Yuhong,

Thank you for your message and for the suggestion to visit NbS sites in Beijing. That would be a valuable learning opportunity for me. May I ask whether you are referring to the site visit included in the conference programme "Day three: field trip around Beijing", or whether you are suggesting staying in Beijing for an additional 1–2 days after the conference to visit further NbS sites? I would be very interested in learning from Chinese experiences and best practices in the planning, implementation, and management of nature-based solutions.

Thank you very much, and I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Best regards,

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Dear Salla,

Thanks for your message. On Day three, Prof. Zhifang Wang will organise some field trips in and around Beijing. However, since Beijing is big, if your schedule is not too tight, I think you could spare 1-2 more days to visit some additional NbS sites. We can give you some suggestions.

Best Regards,

Yuhong