



Degrading peatlands contribute 5% of the total global anthropogenic emissions and increase disaster and climate risks. The side event will provide an opportunity for governments, institutions, stakeholders and partners to exchange and discuss other practical examples and approaches that are advancing efforts to protect peatlands from fires, loss and degradation .

Incentivizing traditional non-drainage uses of peatlands by local communities and maintaining intact coastal peatlands should be a priority for governments at all levels, policy makers, international organisations and public and private stakeholders.

Moderated by **Jan Peters**, Michael Succow Foundation, partners in the Greifswald Mire Centre

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Speakers:

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The need for local action to sustain peatlands globally

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