

AGENDA

UK–Armenia Research Partnership for Nature Action

Friday 23 October 2026 | 12:00–13:30

COP17 Green Zone, Main Stage
Karen Demirchyan Sports and Concerts Complex, Yerevan

Study. Research. Connect. For Nature.



A COP17 Green Zone side event bringing together universities, researchers, students and policymakers from the UK and Armenia to strengthen collaboration on biodiversity, climate and nature, through joint research, student exchange, youth networks and policy engagement that last beyond COP17.

12:00 ● Opening remarks

H.E. Alexandra Cole, His Majesty's Ambassador to Armenia
Representatives of the Government of Armenia

12:10 ● Panel I • Science to Policy

Turning evidence into decisions for nature. How science can directly support biodiversity policy, negotiations and implementation.

Alen Gasparian Amirkhanyan MODERATOR

Director, AUA Acopian Center for the Environment; Chair, Bachelor in Environmental and Sustainability Sciences, AUA Akian College of Science and Engineering

Stuart Brocklehurst

Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Business Engagement and Innovation; Director, Green Futures Solutions, University of Exeter

Dr Tom Livermore

Head of Science Policy, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Dr Garabet Kazanjian

Assistant Professor, Water Expert and Project Manager, AUA Acopian Center for the Environment

Hannah Nicholas

CASCADE Programme Manager, University of Oxford

12:45 ● Panel II • Empowering the Next Generation

Youth leadership beyond COP17. How universities, youth networks and academic partnerships can empower the next generation of environmental leaders and foster long-term UK–Armenia collaboration.

Dr Dan Bloomfield MODERATOR

Biodiversity and Nature Recovery Manager, University of Exeter

Sargis Atayan

Student, Armenian State University of Economics

Isha Yadav

Master of Biology Student, University of Oxford

Viktorya Melikyan

Student, French University in Armenia

Bibek Raj Shrestha

PhD Researcher, University of East Anglia

13:10 ● Audience discussion

Interactive Q&A: questions and reflections from participants

13:25 ● Closing remarks

Key takeaways and opportunities for future engagement