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r3.0 Bioregional Confluencing Community Calls

r3.0 Bioregional Confluencing Community Conference Reflections + Future Direction Exploration

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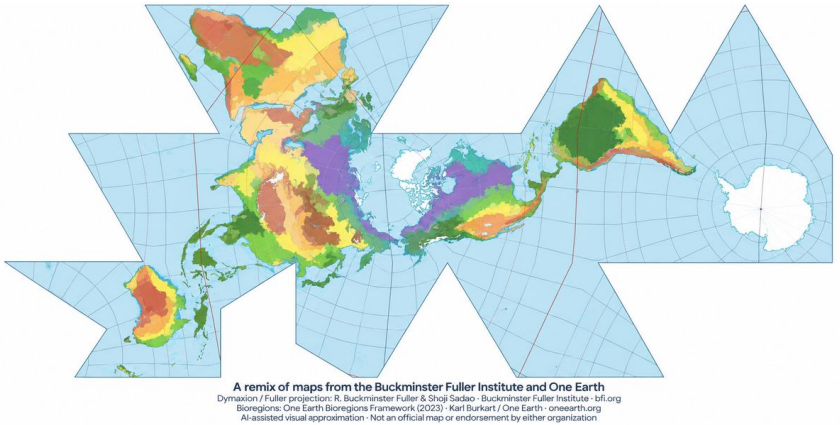

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Agenda

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- Welcome & Settle In
- Confluencing Community Updates
  - Confluence Expression of Interest + Conference Registration Process Improved
  - Confluencing Community Opening to Rolling Onboarding
  - Extend In-Person Gathering Throughout Year + Sync Open Dialogue Content
- Conference & Confluence Reflections
- Future Direction Exploration
- Lighting Updates: All Bioregional Groups Present
- Closing

Expression of Interest / Registration Process Improvements

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Kick-off Confluence Registration for r3.0 Conference

Opening February 1 →

r3-0.org posts Confluence Expression of Interest Form requesting necessary details

Details:
- Defines Confluence Levels, Sizes, Funding
- Intakes Confluence Info (Location, Focus, etc)
- Confirms Procedural understanding
- Signed commitment of deliverables

Launch r3.0 Confluencing Fund + **Conference Website (incl. Confluence tab)** **Monthly Confluencing Community Calls**

Requirements:
- Attend % of calls to stay up to date
- Potentially offer contribution (spotlight local activity)

DEADLINE 1 **Submit Expression of Interest to convene an in-person Confluence (in parallel with the r3.0 Conference) by MAY 31 to be eligible for funding from the Confluencing Fund (Level 1 & 2)**

Confluence Participant Registration

Requirements:
- minimally 1 Confluence Organizer
- minimally 5 participants

Through customized Conference registration links for each Confluence (specific URL/password).

DEADLINE 2 **Fulfill Above Minimum Participant Registration Requirements by JULY 31**

Finalization of Confluence Participation

Requirements:
- register remaining participants using the customized URL + password
- final confirmation to organize the Confluence during the Conference days

DEADLINE 3 **Participant Registration Cut-off date: August 31, defining fund eligibility level**

Following: • Conference log-in details sent to all Confluence Participants: 1 week / 1 day / 2 hours before Conference start • Fund allocation level confirmation + invoice details • Payment from r3.0 Confluencing Fund

r3.0 Conference

An annual online gathering hosted by r3.0, culminating the year's progress in bioregional development across 3 primary area – a major event weaving Bioregional Confluences together globally.

r3.0 Confluences

The ongoing community platform and ecosystem that connects people in places globally, resource and idea sharing for joint learning, including the r3.0 website, monthly community calls and the r3.0 Confluencing Fund.

In short: Conference = the event. Confluences = the community.

Confluencing Community Opening to Rolling Onboarding

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- **Why limit the Confluencing Community only to those who join through the Conference registration process?**
- **Why not open the Community at any time, to *any* bioregional group that wants to engage in shared learning?**
- **Indeed, why? We're experimenting with opening the Confluencing Community up to rolling onboarding of any bioregional group that wants to engage in mutual support and development.**
- **These new bioregional groups can participate in the monthly Confluencing Community Calls, regardless of whether they have hosted (or intend to in the future) an in-person gathering alongside the annual r3.0 Conference.**
- **These groups can gather in-person in the monthly opportunities outlined in the next slide. And in addition to learning, they can share their own experience with us.**

Extend In-Person Gathering + Sync Open Dialogue Content

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- **There seems to be something magical about how the Conference / Confluence format braids online content with in-person engagement & collective synthesis.**
- **Why limit this format to once a year? Why not apply it 3-4 times throughout the year?**
- **We want to experiment with this approach by braiding select monthly r3.0 Bioregional Open Dialogues with select Bioregional Confluencing Community Calls.**
- **The select Open Dialogues will focus on content determined by Confluencing Community desires and needs (via discussion on Calls & asynchronous surveys).**
- **The associated Confluencing Community Calls will play the same role as Reflections Sessions in the Conference, as an opportunity for shared processing & synthesis.**
- **Some Confluences may choose to meet in-person that month, further energizing the synergetics of this format.**

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2026 r3.0 Conference & Confluence Reflections

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r3.0 Bioregional Conference & Confluences

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- **Feedback**
  - **Confluence Expression of Interest + Conference Registration Process Improved**
  - **Confluencing Community Opening to Rolling Onboarding**
  - **Extend In-Person Gathering Throughout Year + Sync Open Dialogue Content**
- **Your ideas?**

Bioregional Open Dialogue 16 (Nov 30): *Hima Revival*

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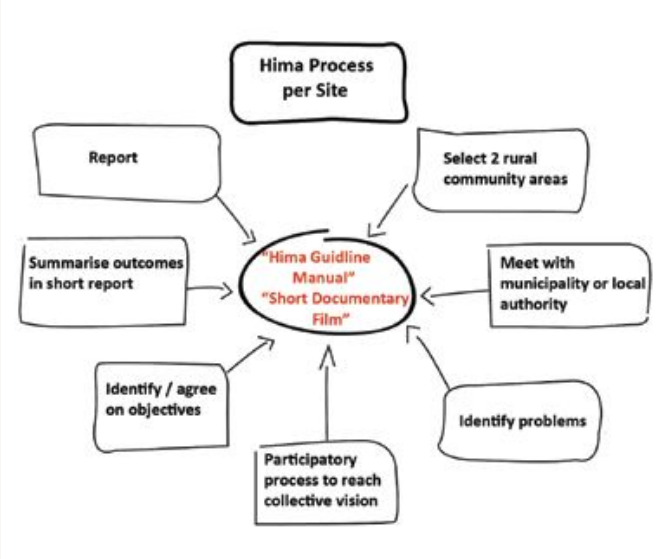

The Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon (SPNL) is reviving the ancient Arab Hima system, a community-based approach to conservation rooted in traditional knowledge and collective responsibility for natural resources. Revitalized since 2004, **Hima**—meaning protected land—balances biodiversity conservation with sustainable resource use, local livelihoods and cultural heritage. In Lebanon, it is now legally recognized as one of four categories of protected areas. Today, SPNL's Hima network spans more than 60 sites, covering approximately 7% of the country and helping connect habitats, protected areas and migratory bird flyways.

Hima Guideline Manual

Thank you!

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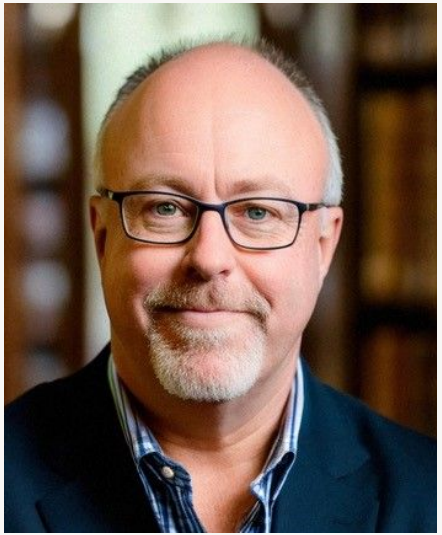

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