Why: Financial Innovation for biodiversity conservation is perhaps the most important goal of Environmental Funds (EF). In Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and Asia, EFs have to face important challenges to reach local, national, regional and global goals related to Sustainable Development and Climate Change as well. EFs can provide leadership on these topics, supporting the public and private sectors in a common agenda towards these multiple purposes. Continuous innovation and learning is part of how to reach these critical objectives.

What: A two-day workshop for EFs, exploring innovative tools to enhance their ability to finance biodiversity conservation. The workshop will use presentations, case studies, and facilitated group discussions to share innovations and learnings for several mechanisms.

The workshop will focus a half-day intensive session on each of the following financing mechanisms:
- Biodiversity Offsets
- Impact Investing & Enterprise Incubators
- Financing Protected Areas through Tourism
- A fourth topic to be determined by the participants

In each session, we will look at the big picture as well as the practicalities of implementation, explore what conditions and design features need to be present for different financing mechanisms to be effective, compare implementation in different situations, and learn from successes as well as failures. Peer-to-peer learning will be an important part of the workshop.

Who: As part of the 2018 RedLAC Assembly of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Environmental Funds (RedLAC), The Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) in coordination with REDLAC and the hosts: Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas (FUNDESNAP) and Fundación para la Conservación del Bosque Chiquitano (FCBC). EFs from the Consortium of African Funds for the Environment (CAFÉ) and the Asia Pacific Conservation Trust Fund Network (APNET) will also participate.

Presenters: David Meyers, Katy Mathias and other guest speakers to be determined
**When/Where:** October 27-28, 2018, Radisson Hotel, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, in conjunction with the 2018 RedLAC Assembly

**Goals:** Participants will

- Gain an improved conceptual and practical understanding of innovative and complementary tools for financing biodiversity conservation
- Share their own experiences in using a mix of financing tools to fund biodiversity
- Learn how peers are using specific financing mechanisms, and what conditions are necessary to employ each mechanism

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