

# Pantanal Wetlands Conservation

*A tri-national commitment to protect the world's largest tropical wetland*

**Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 18:00p.m.-19:30p.m.**  
**Room My Son 2**

The Pantanal is the largest tropical wetland in the world and, with more than 4,700 plant and animal species, forms a critical economic and ecological component of Bolivia, Brazil, and Paraguay. These three countries make up the Trilateral Initiative for the Integrated and Sustainable Development of the Pantanal, taking bold next steps to create a joint strategy to secure a healthy and prosperous future for the Pantanal.

## **Program**

Welcome -*GEF Secretariat (tbc)*

Opening Remarks -*Rene Gómez-García, CAF*

Short video introduction of the Pantanal

Panel Discussion moderated by *Tom Lovejoy*

**Brazil** - *José Pedro de Oliveira Costa*, Secretary of Biodiversity,  
Ministry of Environment

**Paraguay** - *Ethel Yamili Estigarribia González*, Director, National  
Climate Change Office, Ministry of the Environment

**Bolivia** – *Cynthia Silva*, Viceminister of Biodiversity, Ministry of  
Environment and Water

Moderated discussion with the audience -*Tom Lovejoy*

Concluding remarks -*Sylvia Marin, WWF*

*Light Reception will Follow Event*

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