

## **W-11 Updating the North American Botanic Garden Strategy for Plant Conservation – Reestablishing the network and developing a plan of action**

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**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Target audience:** North American botanic garden professionals who have been and/or wish to be engaged in the update of the North American Botanic Garden Strategy for Plant Conservation.

### **Objectives:**

- Review the GSPC update process to date and describe implications for a North American update;
- Gather a network of key institutions and professionals to engage in the North American Strategy Update;
- Develop a draft update governance and action plan;
- Develop a draft timeline and goals for the update process.

**Abstract:** The most recent update to the North America Botanic Garden Strategy for Plant Conservation (North American Strategy) was published in 2016 following the 2011 renewal of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC) with revised 2020 targets. With a post-2020 renewal of the GSPC moving forward, it is an opportune moment to build a network and plan of action for an updated North American Strategy. Each iteration of the Strategy has both deepened and broadened the network of partners who contributed to the previous strategy. This workshop would continue that trajectory by gathering key partners from across North America's botanic gardens to develop an iterative and consultative process that takes advantage of the many new networks that have formed in recent years to service plant conservation goals. For example, regional networks, such as the North American Alpine Strategy and BGCi Caribbean and

Central American Botanic Gardens Network, as well as taxonomic networks, such as the Global Conservation Consortia (GCCs), create exciting nodes of collaboration that can enable incorporation of new knowledge and expanded partnership networks into the North American Strategy update process. This workshop will help kick off the North American Strategy update by inviting a diverse pool of deeply engaged professionals and institutions to help cocreate the process goals, structure, and action plan so that the eventual updated strategy is inclusive, useful and maximally impactful.