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Cities and Biodiversity Outlook

- A preview of the first global assessment

18 June, 14.30 - 15.30, Rio+20 Global Town Hall

The “Cities and Biodiversity Outlook” (CBO) will be the first global assessment of the links between urbanization, biodiversity and ecosystem services.

The CBO is produced by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) together with Stockholm Resilience Centre and with assistance of ICLEI. The CBO will serve as a reference for decision- and policymakers in the implementation of the UN Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011 - 2020.

By 2050 The world will have undergone the fastest and largest urban expansion in all of human history. An additional 3 billion people will inhabit the world’s cities and projected urban expansion will cover an area the size of Mongolia. This development will have a significant impact on natural habitats, wildlife and with that the provision of the very ecosystem services upon which humanity depends. However, cities can and will need to support the provision of ecosystem services - and human well-being.

Combining science and policy, scientists from around the world will analyze how urbanization and urban growth impacts biodiversity and ecosystems. Cities, local authorities and sub-national governments will have the opportunity to showcase their practices on sustainability and biodiversity.

The CBO will be published in two parts. The CBO Action and Policy will be available in October 2012. In it, policy-makers, planners and managers will find guidance from existing practices on how to incorporate sustainability and biodiversity in their agendas and policies. The second CBO publication, which will contain the underlying scientific analyses and assessments illustrating urbanization trends from around the world, will be published in 2013.

The CBO will deliver ten key messages from planners, policy-makers, practitioners and leading researchers from around the world in order to advance recommendations on how to create a resilient and sustainable future.

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Location: Rio+20 Global Town Hall

Date: Monday, 18 June, 2012

Time: 14.30 - 15.30

The session will provide an introduction to the CBO and a special advance preview of messages from the full report to be released at CBD COP 11 in Hyderabad, India, in October 2012. The CBD Executive Secretary Dr. Braulio Dias, the CBO Lead and Scientific Editor Professor Thomas Elmqvist and authors -including the author of the Rio de Janeiro city assessment- will share their thoughts on the CBO. In addition to that, the Executive Director of ICLEI South Asia Emani Kumar as well as regional and city government representatives will speak about the applications of the CBO in local governments' policies and action plans. A panel discussion and questions from the audience will follow the presentation.

Programme

Opening of the event - Dr. Braulio Dias, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction to the CBO - Professor Thomas Elmqvist, Stockholm Resilience Centre, CBO Lead and Scientific Editor

Local governments and the CBO - Emani Kumar, Executive Director ICLEI South Asia

Sub-national government applications of the CBO

Local applications of the CBO

City applications of the CBO - Cecilia Herzog, author of the CBO Rio de Janeiro city assessment, President of INVERDE

Greening of the urban landscape for building resilience and learning - Professor Marianne Krasny and Dr. Keith Tidball, Cornell University

Concluding remarks - Professor Thomas Elmqvist, Stockholm Resilience Centre, CBO Lead and Scientific Editor



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