

## **Minutes for the meeting on the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity in Singapore, 3 July 2010**

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- I. Opening
- II. CBI
  - Overview from Lena of workshop and comments from others
    - Lena described the process at the workshop and briefly described how the Index has changed
    - Lena mentioned “the way forward (deadlines)”. Applications of the Index were also discussed.
    - Oliver mentioned usefulness of additional experts and others such as Indonesian representative and CI representative who can help with RAP on the CBI; annex and website with additional info on the CBI. Parties will be informed of the CBI through information note of the CBI; CBI to be part of CBD indicator framework and mentioned in the Strategic Plan
    - Oliver mentioned the discussion of whether scoring is necessary; recognition that currently does compare apples and oranges; self evaluation tool agreed but natural inclination to compete; decision to test both scoring and non-scoring systems; mentioned not listing number of species – using as descriptor at the moment; suggestions to include sustainability, urban agriculture, green business
- III. Updates:
  - 1. City Biodiversity Summit
    - Mr Ito (updates on the invitation)
      - Invitations were sent to 170 overseas cities, 20 overseas cities have confirmed their participation, including Sydney, Entebbe, etc.
      - More than 100 Japanese cities have confirmed their participation. Over 20 mayors from Japanese cities will attend the summit.
    - Other updates and discussion
      - Andre: A core meeting on the city summit was attended by Mr Kato, Mr Ito, Mr Hombo, Oliver Hillel, Andre Mader
      - Andre: The meeting above discussed mostly session descriptions and to some extent speakers

- No change in the focus but titles and descriptions were made clearer
  - Identified the need for some flexibility in the program as we discover where best speakers, experts and facilitators might be accommodated later and additional speakers
  - Probably only need translators for English and Japanese
- Andre: Tuesday as deadline for invitations to be sent out with draft programme. New information is that this will be delayed to Monday 12 July.
  - Oliver: those attending the City Summit need to actively pursue participation through registration
  - Michele asked about degree of changes → Andre explained and Oliver added an example of moving speakers
  - Karin asked about blank session; Chikara said others would be extended into it; Oliver said this is not decided yet but we can't dedicate an entire session to urban wetlands as Karin suggested ; Thomas mentioned that some of the speakers in his session will address this
  - Oliver reiterated need for cities to register as soon as possible; funding availability will be more clear mid-July
  - Ito: The following will be invited: 60 international cities, 100 Japanese cities, 30 international organisations; max capacity 500 people

## 2. Coordination towards COP10

- Discussion on the exhibition booth space in Shirotori area, and others
  - OH: CBD and Canada to share a exhibition booth in Shirotori area; UN-Habitat has applied for a space; ICLEI has applied for a space of with 20m<sup>2</sup>; it has been requested that the three are all in close proximity to each other; Rio Conventions Pavilion is being worked on (short explanation of how it is repeated at subsequent Conventions); ICLEI has been invited to submit issue paper in collaboration with the SCBD; there will also be a CEPA Fair and it is planned that cities will talk about how COPs have played a CEPA role; ICLEI side event on 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Michele: asked about space for comm. materials; Oliver said CBD/GP happy to display city materials
  - Karin added that they would be happy to open their space onto ICLEI's to create a larger area, with additional exhibition space
  - Jose: UNU-IAS has applied for 40m<sup>2</sup> applied but also not sure how layout will be: Jose offered their space also as discussion area where LG could be included
  - Karin asked when the next Global Partnership newsletter will be out; OH said not yet begun but need to look into it as soon as back in Montréal

- Michele: asked about LG representation at HLS. Mr Ito said they'd approached Japanese government and it seems that only Aichi Prefecture and City of Nagoya will be able to attend. OH explained wide range of stakeholders made this request therefore we might not be able to do as we did in Bonn with several mayors. Suggested that we organise a process through which their report carries the message of the participants... included in the declaration that the representatives carry the message of the summit i.e. "here on behalf...";

#### IV. Varia

- No additional comments

#### V. Closing