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## GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE CALL

17 August 2011

**DRAFT – MINUTES**

9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Montreal  
Time

**Conference called by:** SCBD  
**Facilitator:** Oliver Hillel  
**Participants:**

**Note taker:** Chantal Robichaud  
**Timekeeper:**

Florence Clap, Jose Antonio Puppim de Oliveira, Maruxa Cardama, Julien Custot, Florence Egal, Michelle Gauthier, Glen Hyman, Andrew Rudd, Sunandan Tiwari, Kobie Brand, Leanne Raymond, Shela Patrickson, Bonnie James, Véronique Bélanger, Kiruben Naicker, Muslim Anshari, Wendy Yap, Mariese Cargnin Muchailh, Lysias Vellozo da Costa Filho, Benoît Limoges, Nicolas Rialan, Stephen Granger, José Bernal Stoopan, Javier Riojas R., Arturo Rivera, Daniel Hodder, Chikara Hombo, Sayoko Koizumi, Toshitaka Takagi, Susanne Nolden, Lara de Lacerda Rodrigues, Eduardo Guimaraes, Marilza Dias, Uwe Friedel, Stefano Padulosi, Oliver Hillel, Andre Mader, Fabiana Spinelli, Chantal Robichaud.

### PREPARATION

#### Resource Materials made available prior to the teleconference

**CBO I: overview and new draft outline**

**Calendar of Events: updated version**

### SESSION

#### I. Opening

#### II. FAO contribution to GP on cities and biodiversity

Florence Egal, co-secretary of Food for Cities, FAO introduced the work of FAO on urban agriculture and the collaboration between CBD, FAO and Bioversity on related issues : linkages between nutrition, sustainable diets and urban consumerism/procurement, importance of biodiversity for nutrition and health, for cities resilience to economic crisis and natural disasters, and for an improved quality of life.

Mr Julien Custot talked about the Food for Cities network of 800 people working on urban biodiversity and of the existing partnership between CBD, ICLEI, FAO, amongst others. **Participants are invited to contribute to the current preparation of the network's position paper on food and agriculture**

**in cities** that will reflect positions of all partners involved. The paper will be presented in October at FAO; Earth Summit, Rio de Janeiro, 4-6 June 2012; Resilient Cities 2012, 11-13 May 2012; UN-Habitat World Urban Forum, Naples, first week of September 2012.

Oliver Hillel proposed to connect the Food for Cities Network to the Global Partnership and to present the position paper at CBD COP11 as well.

Michelle Gauthier introduced the work of FAO Forests and Trees for Healthy Cities, particularly in the context of the International Year of Forests, and of related activities for example the upcoming month of urban forestry (October ), their draft guidelines on urban forestry and newsletter, and their interest to further collaborate with the Global Partnership.

Oliver Hillel encouraged FAO to make use of the [Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity](#) in discussions with FAO delegations and partners.

Susanne Nolden will send an invitation to FAO to participate in the upcoming meeting of the Global Partnership in Bonn, and reminded participants of the Bonn 2011 Conference Water Food, Energy and Food Security Nexus to take place on 16-18 November in Bonn.

### **III. Cities and Biodiversity Outlook I (CBO I)**

A draft outline of the CBO was circulated in advance of the teleconference.

CBO I will comprise two documents: 1) a synopsis addressed to decision makers to be presented at COP11, and 2) a scientific compilation (based on GBO3). CBO-I is coordinated by the Stockholm Resilience Centre, CBD Secretariat, a UN task force and a scientific committee and will be edited by Elizabeth Pearson. **Comments on the outline are welcome. The Global Partnership will be invited to contribute and provide inputs such as case studies at various stages.**

Kiruben Naicker of South Africa called attention to the fact that his country will soon publish the first strategy for the involvement of sub-national and local authorities, and recommended that such progress be reported in the CBO I as well.

Cities that have been testing the CBI (including under IUCN guidance) are invited to send their results to Lena Chan, Singapore, who is compiling all the results in view of their publication in CBO I.

UN-HABITAT will contribute to the production of CBO I and requests that Rob McInnes (Ramsar) be included in the GP mailing list. Andrew Rudd reiterated the importance of using a 'neutral' approach when discussing the impacts of urbanization on biodiversity.

### **IV. ICLEI**

New CBC / ICLEI and UNU-IAS compilation of BSAP guidelines for local governments

With the expansion of ICLEI's biodiversity work, the previously named LAB office, based in Cape Town, South Africa, is now ICLEI's "Cities Biodiversity Center". The Center is working with a variety of partners on different implementation-oriented programmes that fit within the goals of the Plan of Action and the broader CBD Strategic Plan.

ICLEI and UNU-IAS have begun discussions on the joint publication of a much-needed guideline documents for local governments on the compilation of local biodiversity strategy and action plans (LBSAPs). Other members of the Global Partnership will be given the opportunity to contribute through review or other means.

### **V. Calendar**

Oliver Hillel, SCBD

Roadmap towards Hyderabad and its City/Sub-regional Summit (also sent in advance of teleconference):

- [Liveable Cities Forum](#), ICLEI-Canada, Environment Canada, 21-22 August 2011, Montreal (100 participants);
- [Montreal 2011 Ecocity World Summit](#), 22-26 August 2011, Montreal;
- [nrg4SD General Assembly](#), 29-31 August, Quebec City;
- Meeting of the Global Partnership, 4-6 September, Bonn. Please register! Also in parallel, meeting of the advisory committee on cities, and 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of ICLEI's Biodiversity chapter;
- [IUCN European Regional Conservation Forum](#), 6-9 September, Bonn;
- Conference "Biodiversity in Urban Environment", November 24<sup>th</sup> 2011 Lisbon, Portugal;
- Third Expert Workshop on the Development of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity, 11-12 October, Singapore (followed by an expert meeting on CBO-I on 13 October);
- Mediterranean NBSAP Workshop – Mediterranean Workshop on SNG, Cities and Local Authorities, 17-20 January, Montpellier, France. 21 Parties to CBD with selected Mediterranean cities will discuss integration of NBSAPs at the regional level. Programme will be prepared by the CBD Secretariat and ICLEI;
- Meeting of Cities for Biodiversity (Natureparif, Association des Maires des Grandes Villes de France and IETF), 24 January, Paris;
- 1st Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Sub-National Governments, 14-16 February 2012, Curitiba. Programme will be defined in partnership with CBD Secretariat and nrg4SD;
- Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cities, 21-23 March 2012, Nagoya. Participants are invited to send their comments on the above dates to Chikara Hombo;
- [ICLEI World Congress](#), 29 May-1 June 2012, Belo Horizonte;

Notification to parties:

- August: on the roadmap to COP 11 and list of meetings including Bonn. Participants will be invited to comment the draft.
- 2012: to invite parties to nominate local representatives in preparation for CBD WGRI and SBSTTA/inputs to CBD newsletter) to be published at COP11).

## **VI. Varia and other updates from participants**

*Additional comments:*

- There is a momentum to involve 'lusophone' partners in the GP: CBD NFP for Portugal is collaborating with the GP, Curitiba and Parana are GP leaders, FAO works with Portuguese speaking African countries and the new DG of FAO (Mr Graciano) is from Brazil.
- Bioversity is invited to join the Global Partnership. As a contribution to CBO-I, Stefano Padulosi (Bioversity) will provide a case study on urban gardens in Rome.
- Jose Bernal Stopen (Mexico City) is inviting participants to send their comments on an urban Biodiversity exhibition to feature in various cities around the world

*Suggestion of a new name for the Global Partnership:*

Final discussions on the new name will be taking place via email, in time for Bonn to prepare a plate to be presented at the GP meeting in Bonn (week of 22 August).

## **VII. Closing of the teleconference**

**ANNEX I**Last Update:  
20-Sep-2011**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY  
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