

CBD Plan of Action on Sub-national Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities Status and perspectives for implementation

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Global Partnership on Local and Sub-National Action for Biodiversity
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Goal: coordinated response from relevant stakeholders to the CBD Plan of Action on Sub-national Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities

Riding the wave - need to coordinate increasingly complex activities and different interests, and support UN Strategic Plan on Biodiversity 2011-2020

Evolution:

- COP 8 (Curitiba)**
- COP 9 (Bonn) Mayor's Conference, Bonn Declaration, Report to High-level Segment – Decision X/28**
- COP 10 (Nagoya) City Biodiversity Summit, Aichi/Nagoya Declaration, report to High-level Segment – Decision X/22**

Mayors' Conference, Bonn



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Cities and Biodiversity

Bonn Call for Action

Local governments offer true partnership for biodiversity.

Local governments stand for the well-being and the will of half of the world's population. They offer their experience and their influence to strengthen and promote implementation of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity within a global and multilevel partnership.

Biodiversity is the variety of life on earth, upon which the well-being of humankind is dependent. Local governments are key actors in conserving and managing biodiversity – both locally within their own administrations and globally, as resource consumption within urban areas affects ecosystems around the world.

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Decision X/22 (Sub-national Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities for Biodiversity)

Endorses Plan of Action, invites Parties to involve sub-national levels of government in NBSAPs and report on implementation, donors to support implementation, SCBD to produce CBO I and convene SNG and City Summits at COPs, report to Parties on the implementation of the Plan.

Mission: engage sub-national levels of government to achieve objectives of CBD and the Nagoya SP on Biodiversity 2011-2020

Goals by 2020:

- Relevant tools and capacity-building programmes for SNGs and Cities for all CBD Parties based on best practices, with traditional and innovative financial mechanisms**
- NBSAPs supported by sub-national and local strategies and action plans**
- CEPA programmes implemented at local level (IDB, UNDB, 1000 days for the planet, Green Wave, etc)**
- M&E systems (indicators at sub-national and local level based on 20 Aichi targets and on solid experience of the CBI)**



Structure:

- **Implementation by Parties**
- **Advisory Committees of Cities and Sub-National governments**
- **Global Partnership (name changed from “Cities and Biodiversity” to “Local and Sub-national Action for Biodiversity”)**

Monitoring and Evaluation:

- **Include PoA activities in 4th and 5th National Reports**
- **Apply CBI and other tools within the SP 2011-2020 Indicators Partnership**
- **City/SNG Summits parallel to COPs**



Financing:

- **Include work with SNGs and LAs in operational budgets**
- **Innovative partnerships with private sector, GEF, NGOs, development banks, cooperation agencies and other donors**
- **Cooperative approaches with climate change funds, PES, REDD+**
- **Environmental fiscal reforms, tax allocation models, incentives, etc**



What has been done?

- **Partnership SCBD and ICLEI – secondment of staff!**
- **Advisory Committee of Cities (Curitiba, Bonn, Nagoya, Montreal, Montpellier, Mexico City, Hyderabad, with ICLEI as technical support)**
- **CBO I – MOU with SU/SRC**
- **Advisory Committee of Sub-regional Governments, Curitiba, March 2012**
- **Parties engaged (Brazil, Singapore, South Africa, Mexico, Japan, Spain, Canada, France, Germany, Portugal, others)**
- **URBIO I (Erfurt) and II (Nagoya) - third global meeting in Hyderabad, India**
- **City Summits in Bonn (2008) and Nagoya (2010), plans for Hyderabad/Andhra Pradesh SNG and LA Summit (2012)**
- **SNGs and local authorities in the NBSAP review workshops**



How to continue to make this happen?

•Roadmap of meetings as milestones for projects and activities

- Singapore, Third CBI Expert meeting, CBO I updates, October 11-12, 2011**
- Curitiba, February 14-16, 2012: first meeting of an advisory committee for subnational governments**
- Nagoya, March 21-23, 2012: meeting of the Global Partnership on Local and Sub-national Governments for Biodiversity**
- Montpellier, January 17-20: Networking Mediterranean cities; synchronizing national and local priorities**
- Paris, January 24: French Cities**
- Lisbon November 2011: Lusophone Cities**

•Implementation Plans for:

Cities

SNGs

Specialists/academia (URBIO)

International Organizations (expansion of CBO I Task Force – coordination by UN-HABITAT)

Partnership ICLEI-UN HABITAT



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Further perspectives:

- **More UN engagement (UNWTO, others), economic commissions, etc.**
- **Involvement of donor community**
- **Strengthening of international networks of cities and SNGs**
- **Green infrastructure and the development community**
- **Mainstreaming biodiversity into urban planning, development and governance**
- **Coordination of Rio Conventions and BLG**
- **Encourage large-scale development of SNBSAPs and LBSAPs**
- **Encourage decentralised cooperation - links to Lifeweb**

THANK YOU!
DANKE SCHÖN!
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MUCHAS GRACIAS!
OBRIGADO!

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