

**MINUTES**  
**TELECONFERENCE CALL**  
**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY**  
**28 April 2009 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Montreal Time)**

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- I. Opening –
- II. The Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity  
- Guideline (Lena Chan)

The preparation of the guidelines is taking longer than expected but it is partly due to the fact that the team is making sure that the indicators are valid and respond to cities' needs. Data from LAB cities can be used to evaluate what elements can be measured and to assess the various levels of difficulty encountered by cities in gathering data.

Cities and partners are invited to provide Lena with comments on the availability of data and feasibility of the proposed outline of the index before the first week of June in order for Singapore to present the first draft of the guidelines at Urban Nature (12- 13 June 2009). On behalf of Lena Chan, the SCBD has sent a template of a table to Steering Committee cities, ICLEI-LAB and CD 2010, requesting them to provide feedback to Lena as soon as possible.

The guidelines will be sent to Peter Werner, Nancy Holman, Thomas Elmqvist, Andre Mader, Elisa Calcaterra and Oliver Hillel for initial peer review, and then to all partners.

-Steering Committees' and Brussels' participation in CBI testing, (Andre Mader and Steering Committee)

- Nagoya: Nagoya proposes to make the CBI usable by all cities and to include factors such as culture and climate into the CBI. Nagoya is looking forward to seeing the CBI as part of the Action Plan of the Global Partnership and to receiving the Guidelines from Singapore in view of the testing phase.
- Montreal: Montreal will provide a report on the assessment of the usability of the CBI next week
- Bonn: Due to the fact that biodiversity team is working on the Biodiversity Action plan, Bonn will be willing to participate at a later stage
- Brussels will not be able to test the CBI due to a lack of resources
- ASEAN: the Chair of the Working Group on Environmentally Sustainable Cities (AWGESC) has shown interest in testing the CBI
- Others: Singapore mentioned that Cities in China and Australia might get involved in the testing phase as well.

### III. Cities Publication & Case Studies

- Outline of the publication project by ICLEI/LAB and the Global Partnership (Andre Mader and OH)

ICLEI/LAB and SCBD are defining the terms of collaboration in order to prepare a series of publications on Cities and Biodiversity, in two volumes.

1<sup>st</sup> Volume: 'How to' guide on collaboration between cities and local authorities in view of protecting urban biodiversity. Composed of 9 chapters prepared by ICLEI/LAB, addressed mainly to city government decision makers. Includes a foreword from SCBD, ICLEI and IUCN. To be introduced/circulated, in its first version, at Urban Nature and launched with the second volume.

2<sup>nd</sup> Volume: 'How to' guide on how various levels of governments and institutions can collaborate in view of supporting the work of cities and local authorities in the field of biodiversity. Coordinated by the Secretariat, prepared in collaboration with partners and addressed mainly at national governments, UN agencies, development agencies and banks, other donors, international and regional organizations. To be launched at COP10/the Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit.

A proposal is currently being drafted in view of mobilizing resources and will be shared with all for comments and suggestions in the next two weeks.

### IV. ICLEI

1. ICLEI Urban Nature 2009 and World Congress
  - Status of participants/invitations (Andre Mader)

Objectives : 100 participants. The number of pre-registrations is increasing; more information on the number of participants will be shared soon.

Revised programme will be distributed

- Participation of Environment Canada (Bonnie James)

Canada is working with Montreal and other cities and provinces following up on the last CBD WGRI where Canada held a side event with Mexico at cooperation mechanisms between federal, provincial and indigenous and local communities. The forum in Edmonton will be a good opportunity to work more closely with Canadian cities and to develop examples of collaboration between all levels of governments in view of the next CBD National Report (ex. Winnipeg, Whistler). It will also be an occasion where all levels can discuss partnerships and raise awareness across Canada about the importance of involving cities in protecting biodiversity.

- CBI session (Lena Chan) one and a half hour will be attributed to discuss the CBI on Saturday 13 June at lunch time. Items on the agenda:
  1. Discuss the capacities of cities at using the CBI

## 2. Present the draft guidelines for testing the CBI

- Exhibition space (possible Global Partnership exhibit)(Andre Mader)

The Secretariat is in contact with Bonn (a call will be placed on 6 May at 2pm, Bonn time) to explore possibilities to use and update the material exhibited at the Bonn Summit and to send it to Edmonton. Financial support might be needed to update and send the material or to produce it in Edmonton. Other partners will be asked to produce panels using a similar template, for a cohesive presentation. Updates will be presented at the teleconference in early May.

- Possible meeting of the Global Partnership in Edmonton (Andre Mader and All)

A meeting will be organized for the members to meet. ICLEI/LAB will follow up.

## V. Updates

### 1. Curitiba meeting

- Date of the meeting, updates, IYB (Lara de Lacerda Santos Rodrigues)

The Curitiba meeting will take place on 18, 19 and 20 November 2009. It will correspond to the launch of a global event on Culture and Environment where 30 000 participants are expected to gather.

SCBD may be able to provide limited financial support to allow representatives from developing countries to attend. Amount to be defined post-Edmonton.

ICLEI/LAB and Curitiba will get in touch to discuss how to best involve a maximum of LAB cities in the meeting.

Concept note and programme will be revised and distributed for peer review before the next teleconference (June 3rd)

### 2. Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit, Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture

- Update (Kazuhiro Yokoi)

A new Mayor, former member of the House of Representatives, took office today: Mr. Takashi Kawamura

- Aichi Prefecture and City of Nagoya are advancing in the preparation of the Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit. Partners include CBD, IUCN, ICLEI, CD2010 and other relevant organizations
- Opportunity to support Asian Region on biodiversity to promote capacity-building and know-how
- There will be a pre-summit, at which Japanese cities will gather, with the Ministry of the Environment on 13 Nov 2009

- The summit will take place 25-27 October 2010. The host committee is planning that main discussion will be held in a few simultaneous subcommittee meetings.

## VI. Cooperation between local and national governments

*News from Spain: Introduction of the Federación Española de Municipios y Provincias (FEMP) and of the Red de Gobiernos Locales (Adrián Dorta Borges and Eduardo Pena)*

Oliver informed participants about the Red Mas Biodiversidad 2010, further information on the initiatives of the FEMP and RED will be shared with the Global Partnership as soon as available.

## VII. Activities on IDB 2009 (Chantal Robichaud, Kazuhiro Yokoi)

The Secretariat proposes to support the cities in organizing celebrations for the International Day for Biological Diversity (on the theme of Invasive Alien Species) in:

Making available a video message of the Executive Secretary Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif. The message will mention participating cities and the Global Partnership

Posting summaries of cities' activities on the IDB page:

<http://www.cbd.int/idb/2009/about/celebration/>

- Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee (Nagoya, Aichi) provided the Secretariat with a summary of activities which will be posted
- LAB will consult with LAB cities and send a summary
- Bonn will send a summary
- Singapore will send a summary
- Curitiba will send a summary

## VIII. Varia

The next teleconference will take place on **June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2009 at (AM, Montreal time)**.

## IX. Closing of the teleconference