



Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity

Barigüi Park Complex, Paraná State, Brazil 6-7 January 2010

“The fight for life on Earth will be won or lost in cities. The hearts of citizens must be won. Local authorities have a major role to play, as global change starts at the local level.”

Ahmed Djoghlaif
CBD Executive Secretary

The meeting aims to:

- Prepare the draft CBD Plan of Action on Urban Biodiversity.
- Discuss experience gained in piloting the City Biodiversity Index (CBI).
- Prepare the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name)
- Discuss Cities’ Celebration of the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity

The report of the meeting will be presented on 8 January during the celebrations the International Year for Biodiversity (IYB) 2010.

The results will also be presented to the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) in Nagoya, Japan, 24-26 October 2010.

DAY 1: Wednesday 6 January	
9:00-10:30	Opening of the meeting, overview of the objectives of the meeting
11:00-12:30	Preparation of the draft CBD Plan of Action on Urban Biodiversity
14:00-15:15	Preparation of the draft CBD Plan of Action on Urban Biodiversity
15:45-17:00	Experience gained in piloting the City Biodiversity Index (CBI)
17:00	Closing of Day 1
17:00-18:30	Meeting of the Steering Committee
DAY 2: Thursday 7 January	
9:00-10:30	Preparation of the Aichi-Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit
11:00-12:30	Preparation of the Aichi-Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit
14:00-15:15	Celebrating the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity
15:45-17:00	Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting
17:00	Closing of Day 2



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Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity

Following the initiative of Mayor Richa to hold a meeting in March 2007 in Curitiba, Brazil, a task force on cities and local authorities was established with the Secretariat of the CBD, ICLEI and its Local Action for Biodiversity programme, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, IUCN’s Countdown 2010, UNESCO, URBIO, academic institutes as well as the cities of Curitiba, Bonn, Nagoya, Montreal and the City State of Singapore.

The Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity aims to support cities in the sustainable management of their biodiversity resources, to assist cities to implement practices that support national, regional and international strategies, plans, and agendas on biodiversity, and to learn from existing initiatives. At COP9 in Bonn, Germany, in May 2008, a first Decision on cities and local authorities was adopted. The Global Partnership is the main implementing platform for this decision.



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Celebration of the Start of the International Year of Biodiversity 2010

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2010 International Year of Biodiversity

The Government of Brazil and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) : 17 years of commitments

Following the adoption of the CBD at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, the Government of Brazil and its Environment Ministry have been fully involved in the CBD activities and supportive of its objectives. In 2006, the Government of Brazil hosted the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the CBD in Curitiba City. Brazil presided over that meeting and served as president of the COP through to 2008. During its presidency, in 2007, Curitiba convened a meeting on "Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target". Now, as part of the "triple presidency" – the present, previous and future COP presidencies – Brazil is working closely with the Governments of Germany and Japan, hosts of COP9 and COP10 respectively.

Brazil is honoured to host a high level event to celebrate the start of the "International Year of Biodiversity 2010" and contribute to the global reflection on achievements to safeguard biodiversity made so far, and on the urgency of the challenges for the future.

8 January 2010 Celebration of the Start of the International Year of Biodiversity

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Message of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
3. Video message of the Executive Director, UNEP
4. Statement by the High Level Representative of the Government of Brazil
5. Welcome remarks by the Mayor of Curitiba
6. Statement by the IYB Ambassadors
7. Statement by the representative of COP-9
8. Statement by the representative of COP-10 (Japan)
9. Concluding remarks by the CBD Executive Secretary