

# MAYORS CONFERENCE LOCAL ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY

Parallel event to the Conference of the Parties to the UN-CBD  
Bonn, Germany, 26-27 May 2008



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## URBAN BIODIVERSITY ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA

**Key decision makers of leading local governments in urban biodiversity from around the globe are invited to convene and exchange their experiences and initiatives for Urban Biodiversity.**

This conference offers a unique opportunity for a select group of local leaders to showcase good practice and express collective commitments for extending "Local Action for Biodiversity". The conference also offers a chance to discuss national and international framework conditions needed to ensure Urban Biodiversity is protected, and to seek political and financial support for local action.

## LOCAL LEADERS MEET WITH INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

As the Mayors Conference is in parallel to the High Level Segment of the COP of the UN-CBD, local leaders can use this opportunity to have their voices heard in the international community through networking with key representatives from national governments and UN representatives. An intervention on behalf of local governments will be part of the High Level Segment.

Participants are invited by the Lady Mayor of Bonn Bärbel Dieckmann, representing both outstanding examples of leadership for bringing Urban Biodiversity into action, as well as those that are advancing.


## LOCAL ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY (LAB)

Local governments to an increasing extent cooperate globally to advance biodiversity at the local level. A special global initiative is the Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) Project launched in 2006 by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and IUCN, the World Conservation Union. Initiated by the Cities of Cape Town and eThekweni (Durban), the project forms the first step in a broader ICLEI Biodiversity Programme.

LAB is pioneering through coordinating the sharing of experiences, successes and challenges from a diverse group of participant cities around the world. LAB is also preparing for a next phase to include many more cities in these joint efforts. LAB cities will report on their activities and achievements. [www.iclei.org/lab](http://www.iclei.org/lab)



## DRAFT PROGRAMME AND THEMES

		<b>MAYORS CONFERENCE</b> <b>LOCAL ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY</b> Parallel event to the Conference of Parties to the UN-Convention on Biological Diversity			High Level Segment COP9 CBD	
Saturday 24	Sunday 25	Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30
Morning	Arrival of participants	Excursion	Opening	Biodiversity for Adaptation and Resilience Building <hr/> Local Strategies towards Biodiversity	Local Governments intervention at High-Level Segment	Closing Day
Afternoon		Excursion	Biodiversity for Eco- nomic Sustainability and Well-Being <hr/> Biodiversity and Municipal Services	Local Commitments and Contributions to International Biodiversity <hr/> Closing	Interaction with delegates to the CBD COP-9	

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## LANGUAGES

The main languages of the conference will be in English and Spanish. Whispering translation for other languages will be considered in exceptional cases.

## LOCATION AND VENUE

The Mayors Conference will run concurrent to the UN Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in the UN City of Bonn, Germany. The venue for the Mayors Conference is the Weltaal in the German Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt).

## LOGISTICS & REGISTRATION

For detailed information regarding all aspects of logistics for this event, particularly registration and accommodation, please refer to [www.iclei.org/biodiv-bonn2008](http://www.iclei.org/biodiv-bonn2008).

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHANGE

The Mayors Conference is the first local government gathering on the occasion of a United Nations Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Such a municipal conference organised in relation to an international event of nations follows a tradition of cooperation of Bonn and of ICLEI to convene local leaders on the occasion of a UN event. Similar and successful events in Bonn include Desertification (1999), Local Renewables (2004), and Early Warning (2006).

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