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HYDERABAD INDIA 2012

# “Cities for Life”

## City & Sub-National Biodiversity Summit at CBD COP 11, Hyderabad, India

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3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on the implementation of the Plan of Action, a meeting of the Global Partnership on Local and Sub-National Action for Biodiversity and its Advisory Committee of Cities, Nagoya, Japan on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012



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**Summit Dates:** 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
(right before the High-Level Segment)

# Proposed Partners



***Government of India:*** Event host & facilitator



***Government of Andhra Pradesh & Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation:*** Co-host and co-facilitator



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***ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability:***  
Program coordinator and organizer



***Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity:***  
ES - Patron; Strategic and program support

**Endorsing Partners:**

- Global Partnership's Advisory Committee on Cities & Biodiversity
- City of Nagoya
- City of Bonn

# Proposed objectives <sup>(1)</sup>



- Review the implementation of the Plan of Action, taking stock of the main programmes that have emerged as a result of, or in support of, the Plan of Action including ICLEI's Local Action for Biodiversity and Cities in Biodiversity Hotspots Programmes, and the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity
- Review the implementation of strategies, by local government, sub-national government and others, in response to the Plan of Action
- Express intent and consensus on positions among political leaders at the local and sub-national levels in a declaration characterizing the Summit and advancing the *Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity*



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# Proposed objectives (2)



- Contribute to COP 11 through a show of local and sub-national level support for Parties' implementation of the CBD including a possible speaking opportunity for local and regional government at its high level segment
- Contribute to COP 11 through support for any COP decisions that may complement and build on existing COP decisions on cities and sub-national governments for biodiversity
- Launch important initiatives such as the *Cities and Biodiversity Outlook* publication and *Cities in Biodiversity Hotspots Programme*
- Provide a platform for the exchange of global local government expertise and experiences



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# Potential Roles of Key Partners (1)



- **Government of India (including host State & City):**

- Provide an appropriate venue for the event
- Enable the participation of high-level speakers and national experts at the event
- Facilitate a speaking opportunity for local and sub-national government representatives at the high-level segment
- Appoint a nodal person at the local level to facilitate coordination with the government as soon as possible (and explore the benefits of a Summit Committee)
- Provide local logistical support to delegates (venue, local travel)
- Overall support and facilitation of the Summit
- Approach potential donors to raise funds for the event



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# Potential Roles of Key Partners (3)



- **Secretariat of the CBD:**

- Staff will advise and support the development of the program
- Staff will actively pursue funding for the event in partnership with the hosts
- Staff will work with the hosts to secure a suitable venue
- Some funding will be provided to cover developing world delegates' flights and accommodation
- Support a speaking opportunity for local and sub-national government representatives at the high-level segment
- Facilitate the participation of high-level speakers including the Executive Secretary of the CBD and leading figures of other UN agencies
- Share the responsibility with the hosts for financing the event



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# Potential Roles of Key Partners (2)



- **ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability** (on provision that necessary resources secured for below):
  - ICLEI's international *Cities Biodiversity Center* and regional *South Asia Secretariat (ICLEI)* will partner to offer the human resources required to organize the summit
  - ICLEI, with inputs from global biodiversity experts will compile the conference program and coordinate input by various partners (approved by GoI)
  - ICLEI will handle logistics including the invitation, travel, accommodation, registration and attendance of delegates
  - ICLEI will choreograph the Summit proceedings and outputs
  - ICLEI will endeavour to support fund-raising efforts of CBD and GoI for the Summit



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# Potential Roles of Key Partners (4)



- **Endorsing Partners:**

- Host preparatory meetings towards the build up to the Summit at COP11 (Montpellier, Bonn, Nagoya)
- Provide suggestions and inputs towards the program, contents and declaration of the Summit
- Facilitate the attendance of their organization/agency/ city etc. through the most appropriate representative
- Raise awareness of the Summit among their members/stakeholders



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# Proposed Immediate Next Steps



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ACTIVITIES	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
Providing a suitable venue	<b>SCBD &amp; GoI</b>	(tbd)
Developing a detailed time bound action plan with budget	<b>ICLEI</b> SCBD, GoI, Endorsing Partners	1 <sup>st</sup> Draft by 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
Developing a draft program for the Summit	<b>ICLEI</b> SCBD, GoI, Endorsing Partners	1 <sup>st</sup> Draft by 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
Securing financial resources	<b>SCBD &amp; GoI</b>	Now – Oct 2012
Explore the benefits of constituting a Summit Committee	<b>GoI</b> ICLEI, SCBD	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2012 (tbc)
Refining roles of partners	<b>ICLEI</b> SCBD, GoI	1 <sup>st</sup> Draft by 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012