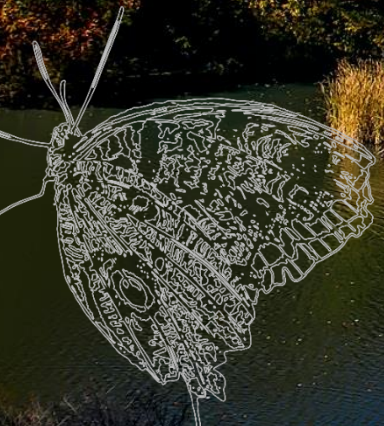





# CitiesWithNature

**Changing Cities: Reshaping our future  
through CitiesWithNature**





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Can cities' behaviors  
be influenced? How?

Which stakeholders  
would be involved?

Why is this important?





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## FOUNDING PARTNERS



## SUPPORTING PARTNERS



Cities4Forests



ECO CITY BUILDERS



NATIONAL PARK CITY FOUNDATION\*





# RegionsWithNature

## RegionsWithNature PARTNERS

RegionsWithNature is a partnership initiative that is being developed by a number of founding partners, including:





# Communicating with cities

How do we influence governments at the local and subnational level to implement policies and take bold actions that protect global biodiversity and reconnect communities with nature?

- One of the key priorities of communication with city governments is **providing educational resources** to ensure cities are equipped with the knowledge and understanding of natural resources and ecosystems required to ensure that these issues are included in the city's goals and planning.
- Another important role of communication is **keeping city officials updated of best practices and lessons learned** about these topics.
- Communication also plays an important role in **connecting cities with partners and experts** - facilitating much-needed collaboration across all levels of government to achieve nature goals.



# CitiesWithNature & RegionsWithNature NUMBERS

271

Cities & regions from



67

Countries



# CitiesWithNature AROUND THE WORLD





# CitiesWithNature communication tools

CitiesWithNature uses a range of communication tools to facilitate **knowledge sharing** and **capacity building** within local governments to create an enabling environment for biodiversity and nature to be included in city and town planning.

## Monitoring and reporting tools

**Action Platform** - actions are linked with SDGs and GBF targets to ensure they feed into national plans

**City Biodiversity Index** - to establish a baseline for biodiversity in your city to enable your city to make commitments and set targets on the Action Platform

**Nature Pathway** - guiding cities step by step to promote nature



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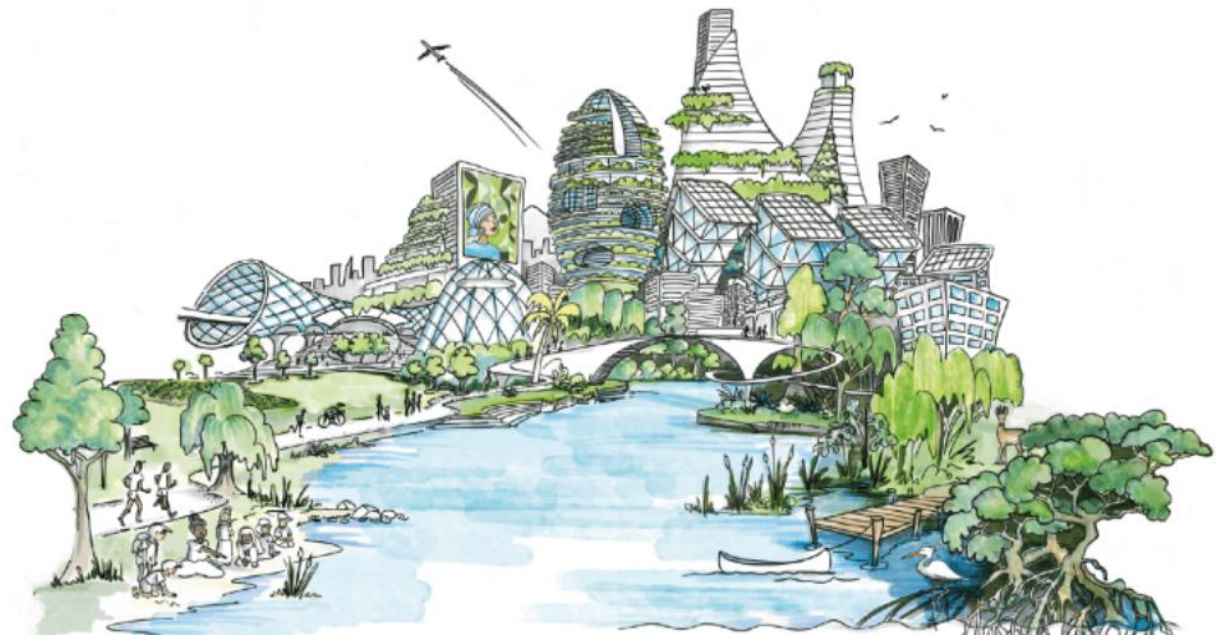
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## How is your city taking **action** for nature?

What cities do for nature really matters. For healthier, happier and more resilient cities. For people and nature nearby and far away. On this Action Platform you can showcase your city's actions and plans, understand how they contribute to global nature goals and easily track your city's achievements.

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# City Biodiversity Index

## What is the City Biodiversity Index?

The City Biodiversity Index (CBI) - also known as the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity (SI) - is a self-assessment tool for cities to evaluate and monitor the progress of their biodiversity conservation efforts against their own individual baselines. Based on the original [handbook](#), the tool has been digitized by CitiesWithNature, to promote and enable cities to undertake their monitoring and reporting on biodiversity and nature.







## The Nature Pathway

- A guide for mainstreaming nature in local government
- Comprehensive method
- Based on decades of ICLEI experience



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# CitiesWithNature communication tools

Through its monitoring and reporting function, CitiesWithNature also plays a **role in mobilizing the subnational and local governments Major Group** by leading and providing support to **critical advocacy events** such as this year's Summit, taking place over the next two days, and its associated Pavilion, the first of its kind at a Biodiversity COP.



7<sup>th</sup> Summit for  
Subnational Governments  
& Cities

-Taking Action for Biodiversity-



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# CitiesWithNature communication tools

## Educational tools

**Tools & Resources** - empower cities with scientifically robust and current data

**Communities of Practice** - connecting cities to learn from one another, predominantly through chat function; also connecting with researchers, practitioners

**Guides** - science-based, easy-to-understand and accessible resources on specific topics relevant to cities

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## Tools and resources

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## Transforming Biodiversity Governance

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This book argues that transformative biodiversity governance means prioritizing ecocentric, compassionate and just sustainable development. This involves implementing five governance approaches - integrative, inclusive, adaptive, transdisciplinary and anticipatory governance - in conjunction and focused on the underlying causes of biodiversity loss and unsustainability. Transforming Biodiversity Governance is an invaluable source for academics, policy makers and practitioners working in biodiversity and sustainability governance.

Category themes

[Biodiversity, ecosystems & built environment](#), [Governance & management](#)

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# Coastal community of practice

On this Community of Practice, coastal cities can find access to and engage with all relevant news, tools and resources, guides and forums to share, learn and inspire.



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## Choose your guide to get started



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# CitiesWithNature communication tools

## Information dissemination & behavior change tools

**Webinars** - empowering cities with the knowledge of how to use Action Platform (monitoring and reporting)

**Targeted campaigns** - Urban October, Act for nature - key messaging that aligns with GBF targets and global biodiversity and nature goals; these campaigns are specifically aimed at behavioral change and include a call for action from cities to do monitoring and reporting, while also encouraging communities to promote action for biodiversity within their cities

**Buzz newsletter and other updates** - keeping cities updated with current events, news and important information

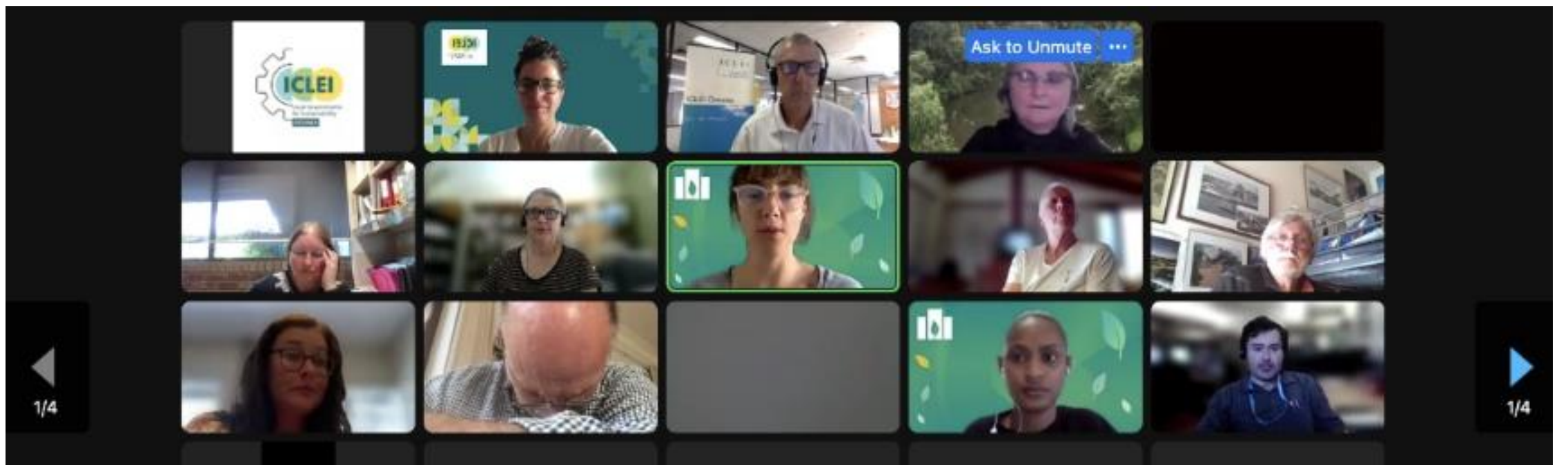
**Proactive support from the ICLEI team** - in particular providing support to use the Action Platform



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# UPDATES

FEATURED



08 November 2022

## CitiesWithNature Action Platform webinars huge success in reaching and inspiring cities globally

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## LATEST UPDATES

21 October 2022

**Significant recognition for cities and subnational governments at COP 15: Announcing the 7th Summit for Subnational Governments and Cities and its associated Pavilion**

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**CitiesWithNature Action Platform: Demonstration webinars have kicked off**

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**Blue Flag partners with CitiesWithNature initiative**

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**ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center**

10h

Yesterday the [#SNGandCitiesPavilionCOP15](#) opened with [@MTL\\_Ville](#) Day!

Sessions focused on [#urbangreening](#) of [#cities](#) & [#districts](#), incl parks, streets, alleys, protected areas, community gardens \$ regional parks.

Concrete actions at the local level are critical to biodiversity 🌿

6 10 Twitter



# CitiesWithNature communication tools

Profile awards



Nature Pathway awards



Tools & Resources Hub awards



Action Platform awards



## Rewarding behavior change

**City Profiles** to receive credit and celebrate cities' commitments - this includes badges, rankings according to commitments, certificates for signing up, and downloadable pdfs containing all commitments that have been made to showcase progress

**Regular profiling** of cities' actions on social media, website and newsletter



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# Cities leaderboard

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**City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality**  
Western Cape • South Africa

12 commitments

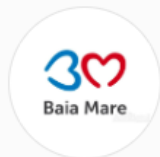
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**City of San Antonio, TX**  
Texas • United States

9 commitments

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**City of Baia Mare**  
Maramures • Romania

5 commitments

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## City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

Western Cape, South Africa

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## About City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

City Profile

Cape Town is South Africa's legislative capital and second largest economy. It is a vibrant, multi-cultural, growing City. Cape Town is considered the most biodiverse city globally given our position within the smallest yet richest floral kingdom, and diverse coastline. Cape Town is home to two World Heritage Sites: Cape Floristic Region (Table Mountain National Park and Kirstenbosch) and Robben Island, both with rich natural and cultural value.



## Geordin Hill-Lewis, Mayor of City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality

Head of Government

Cape Town is proud to be a Pioneer City in ICLEI's CWN programme, reflecting our long-term relationship with ICLEI, especially as a home to ICLEI Africa and the Cities



# Tools to connect researchers, practitioners and cities

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