

# WEOG Regional Consultation on the post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

Introductory session

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## THE ROLE AND CONTRIBUTION OF THE SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF  
**SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS  
& BIODIVERSITY**

The logo for ICLEI (International Council for Local Governments for Sustainability). It features the acronym 'I.C.L.E.I' in a teal serif font, with small yellow dots between the letters. Below the acronym, the words 'Local Governments for Sustainability' are written in a smaller teal sans-serif font, arranged in three lines. A thin teal line forms a partial square frame around the text.

**I.C.L.E.I**  
Local  
Governments  
for Sustainability

# Who are we?

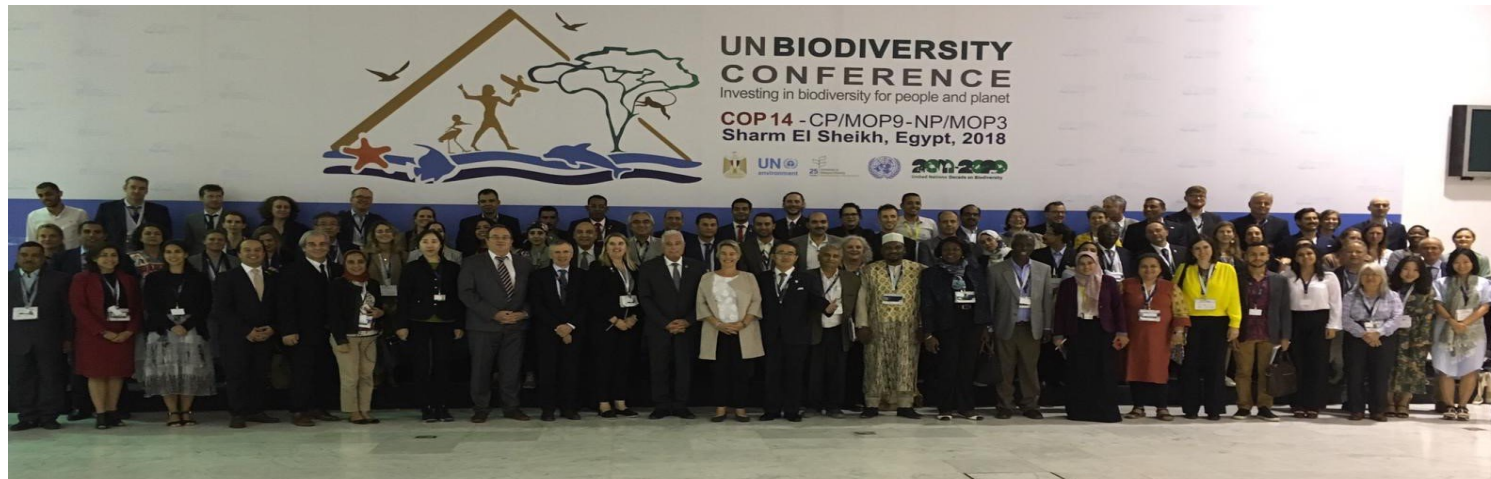
## How do we work?

nrg4SD  
(Network of Regional Governments  
for Sustainable Development)

&

ICLEI  
(Local Gouvernements for  
Sustainability)

- Close collaboration in the fields of climate change, biodiversity and sustainable development
  - Particularly following the mandates of the UN conventions and agendas
- Organization of the Global Biodiversity Summits of Cities and Subnational Governments, as official parallel events to the COP
  - 6th Summit at COP-14: Launch of a « Sharm El-Sheikh Communiqué for Local and Subnationals Action for Nature and People 2018 »







CWN is promoted by the SCBD as the platform for cities, local & subnational governments to leverage & report on their commitments to the Action Agenda & post 2020 global biodiversity framework process

Provides a shared global platform to strengthen collective action to mainstream nature into our cities and surrounding regions



# CitiesWithNature

Embarking on a journey to reconnect urban communities with nature



# An example of subnational initiative

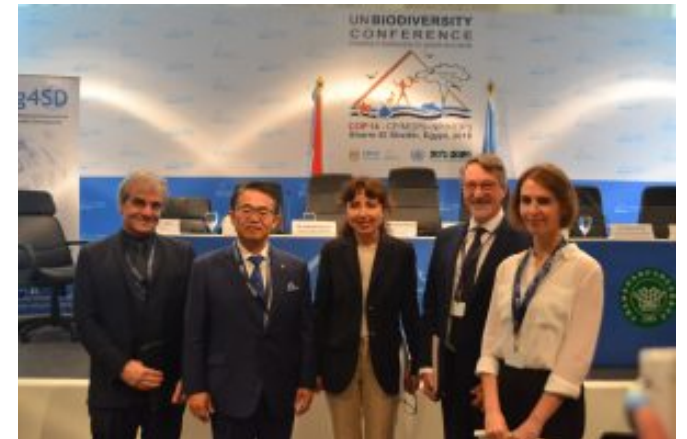
## Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments and Biodiversity (AC SNG)

- A permanent structure officially recognized by the CBD through Decision X/22 (COP-10)
- Coordinated by nrg4SD and the Government of Quebec
- Mission: to bring the voice of subnational governments to the agenda of the CBD
- Strategic goal for 2018-2020: consolidate the AC SNG as the platform that enables permanent dialogue with the Parties to the Convention towards a strong subnational participation in the post 2020 global biodiversity framework



**Subnational Coalition for  
Biodiversity Action**

**Subnational Coalition for Biodiversity  
Action - launched at COP14**



# Our role and contribution

## Answers to the question of the discussion paper

Question Q (c): How should ***issues related to*** subnational governments, cities and local authorities be reflected in the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework?

- « issues related to »: rather the importance of mainstreaming and vertical integration. Local and subnational governments are involved in most issues and content of the post-2020 framework.
  - We expect the new post-2020 global biodiversity framework **to clearly consider the importance of vertical mainstreaming and cooperation** with subnational governments, cities and local authorities as partners of the Parties.
- We suggest that each Party develop their **NBSAP with the support and involvement of subnational governments, cities and local authorities**, according to their respective mandates and jurisdictions. Each Party should also commit to encourage and support local and subnational governments to develop their own tools, strategies and action plans;
- The post-2020 global biodiversity framework should support, in a coherent manner, other frameworks and agendas which have a direct bearing on biodiversity, in particular the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. AC SNG /AC Cities to build consensus around a 2050 joint vision, in particular the objectives we are ready to commit to and how these are consistent and will support the other global agendas.

# Our role and contribution

- We also expect the CBD new post-2020 global biodiversity framework to clearly consider the importance on having global sources of technical cooperation and other resources oriented towards subnational governments, cities and local authorities' actions, needs and characteristics to implement the CBD.
- Based on the fact that a significant and growing number of subnational governments, cities and local authorities have been actively involved in international cooperation among themselves and their partners, we strongly suggest that the Parties support a renewed, expanded and/or updated version of the **“Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)”** endorsed at COP10 (Dec. X/22) and enhance the Parties' support to the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments for biodiversity.
- We thus ask that AC SNG and AC Cities to be formalized as the official voices of subnational governments, cities and local authorities for the CBD, by obtaining an official status in the negotiations under the CBD. As such, we invite the Parties to the CBD to nominate their subnational governments and cities as members of the AC SNG and AC Cities.
- We will continue presenting contributions and opinions – such as the EU Committee of the Regions 'Contribution of EU local and regional authorities to the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity'

# Let's raise the ambition bar - a few thoughts towards CoP15

- Consider Post-2020 GBF to be a framework for all levels of governance, incl. SNG and local governments (How to best aggregate technical and scientific contributions in national 'budgets', NBSAPs, reports, initiatives?)
- Share AC SNG / cities actions with your own subnational and local leaders for a permanent and active biodiversity dialogue beneficial for all, youth, private sector, women, etc.) (How to best ensure such a continuous dialogue?)
- Provide for sufficient, reliable, operational, targeted biodiversity financing to mainstream biodiversity governance and action (How to best provide local and subnational governments with access to UN and international community funding?)
- Consider a strong, complementary and coherent "commitment and challenge" for the Post-2020 GBF (Would Parties agree to double or triple a monetary self-commitment by local and subnational governments and private sector?)

# THANK YOU VERY MUCH !

For more information:

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