

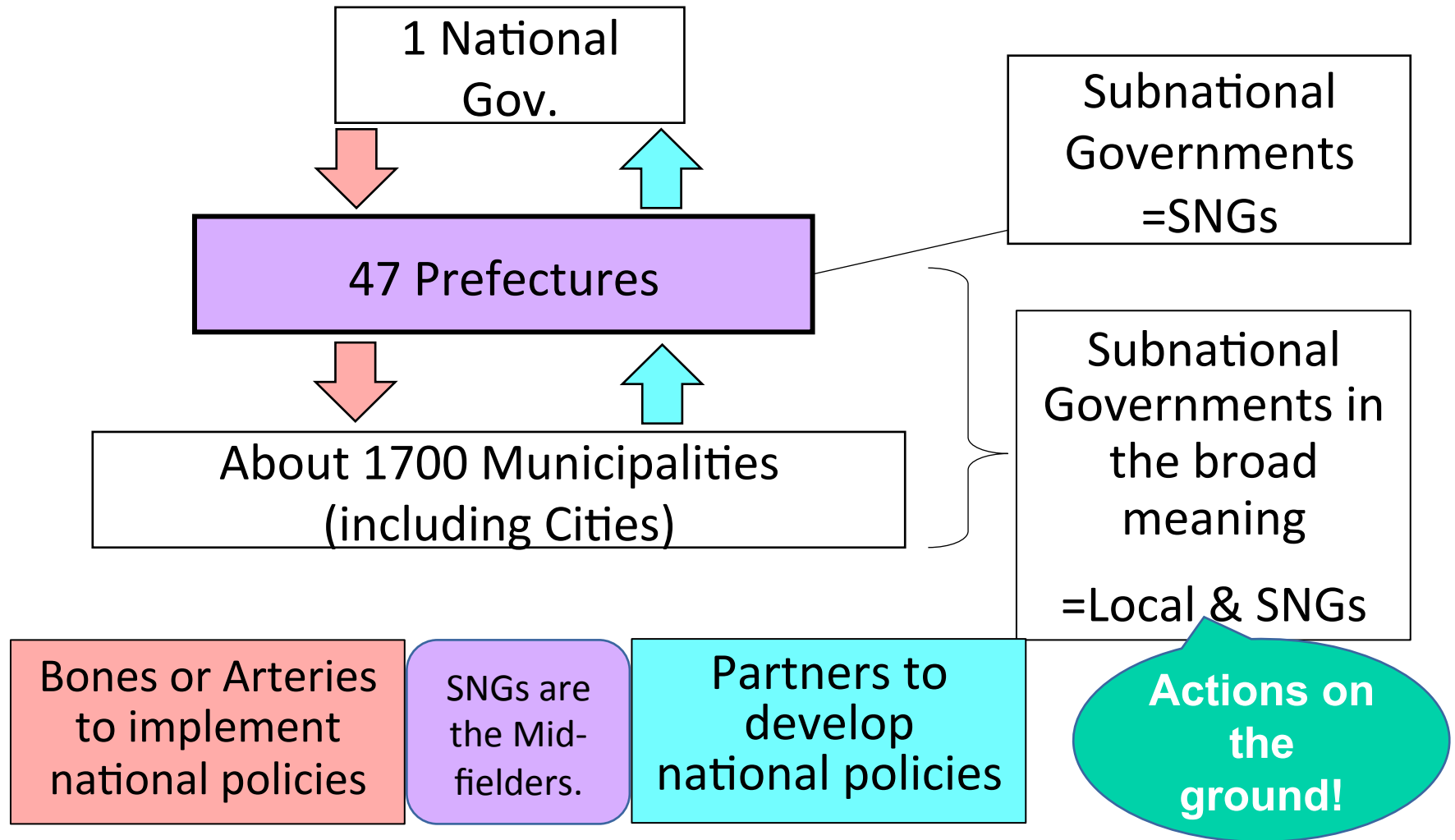


Roles of Subnational Governments with Respect for Biodiversity Toward 2020 and beyond



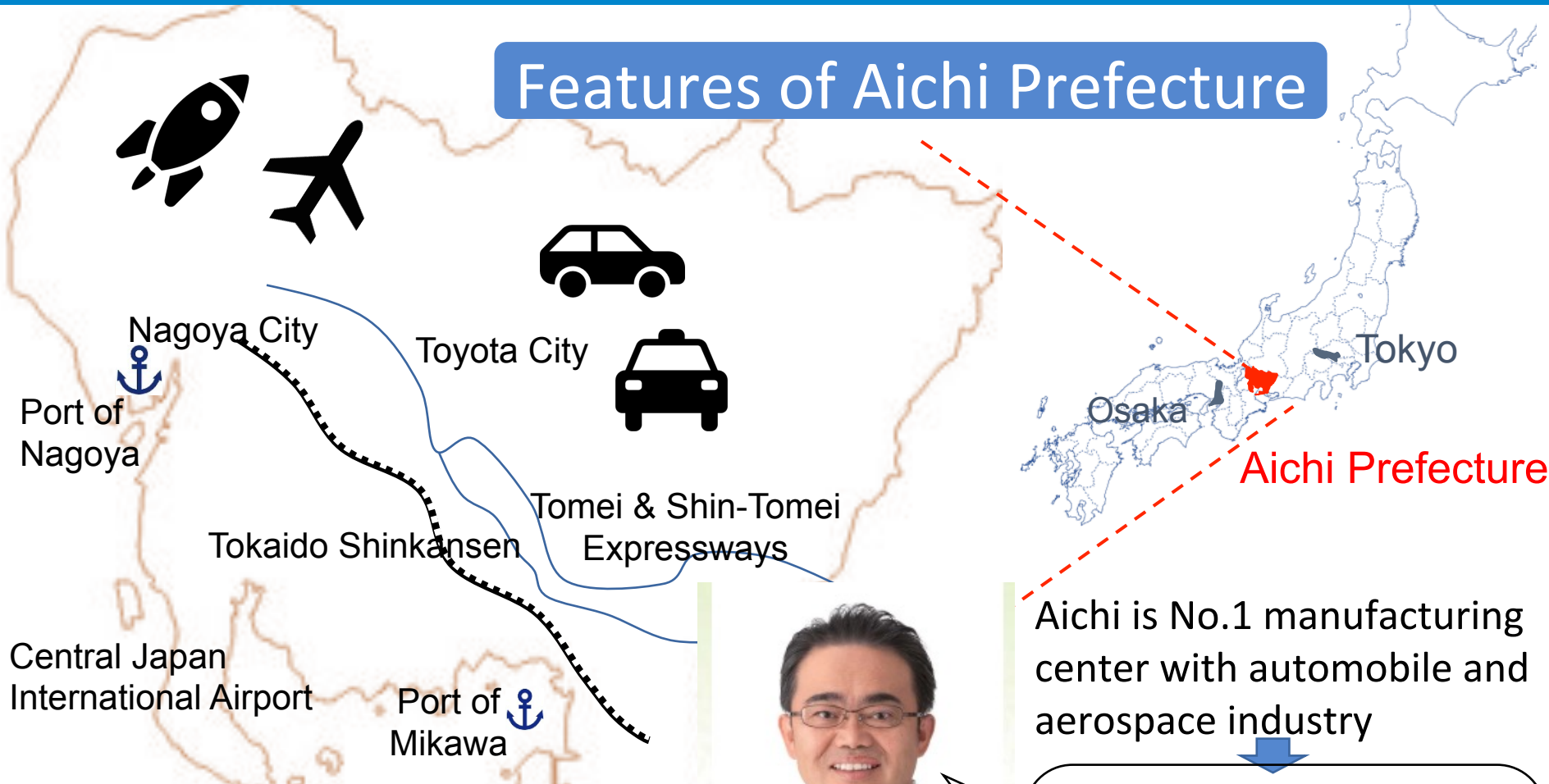
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What are the Subnational Governments?



Unique Initiative of a SNG: Aichi

Features of Aichi Prefecture



Aichi is No.1 manufacturing center with automobile and aerospace industry

Aichi is the frontrunner in industry. At the same time, I believe Aichi has to be the frontrunner in the environment.



AI CHI PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT

Hideaki Ohmura
Governor of Aichi Prefecture

	Aichi Prefecture	Japan	Share of Aichi
Population	7.51 million	126.95 million	5.9%
Area	1,990 sq mi	146,000 sq mi	1.4%
industrial output	US\$398.5 billion	US\$2676.7 billion	14.4%

As a steward of the landscape, “Reforestation”



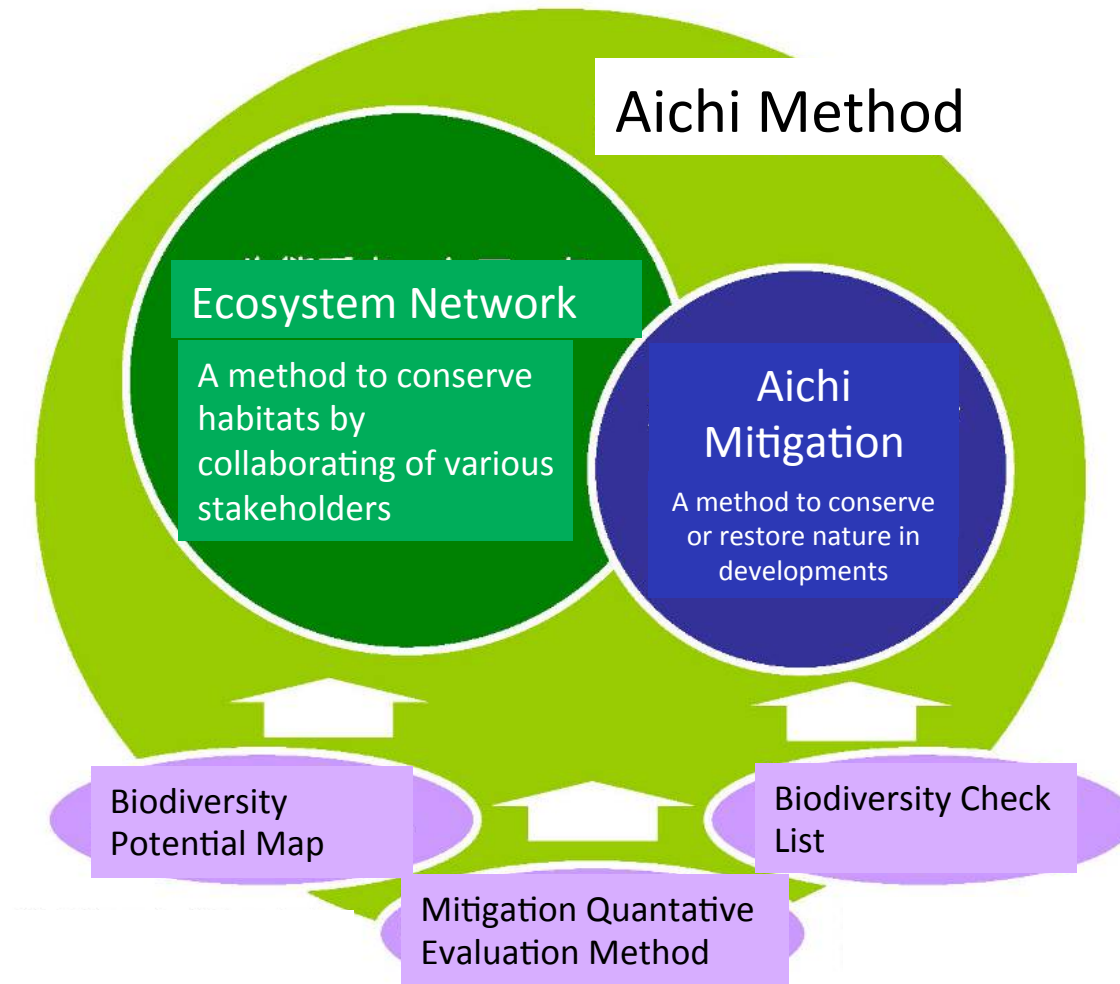
“Restoring Nature in Rivers”



Unique “Aichi Method” to promote collaboration

Aichi Biodiversity Strategy 2020 (March 2013)

advocates “Aichi Method” toward Co-existence of Economy and Environment.



“Aichi Mitigation”

Aichi prefectural government has established a **GUIDELINE to show how to mitigate** and been advising developers, who plan land developments larger than 1 hectare, to adopt mitigating methods before they start constructions.

Result of advising during 2013 and 2017

Reported Projects	Adopting advises	Adopted advises	
		Planting Native Species	87
1 1 7	9 1	Adopting Eco-friendly Methods	38
		Re-arranging green areas	18

Ecosystem Network Councils

Ecosystem Network Councils are;
Where various stakeholders collaborate to create or conserve
habitats for wild lives.



Ecosystem Network Councils Covering the Whole Territory

9 councils have been established by private companies, universities, NPOs and municipalities in 9 regions of Aichi.



Establishment of the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward Aichi Biodiversity Targets (GoLS)

A side event at COP11



for Cities & Subnational

2014 생물다양성 세계지방정부 정상회의



4th Biodiversity Summit at COP12



First Meeting of GoLS at COP13

Activities of the GoLS (COP13, SBSTTA21&22)



Side Event of at COP13



Side Event of at SBSTTA21



Meeting with the Executive Secretary at SBSTTA21

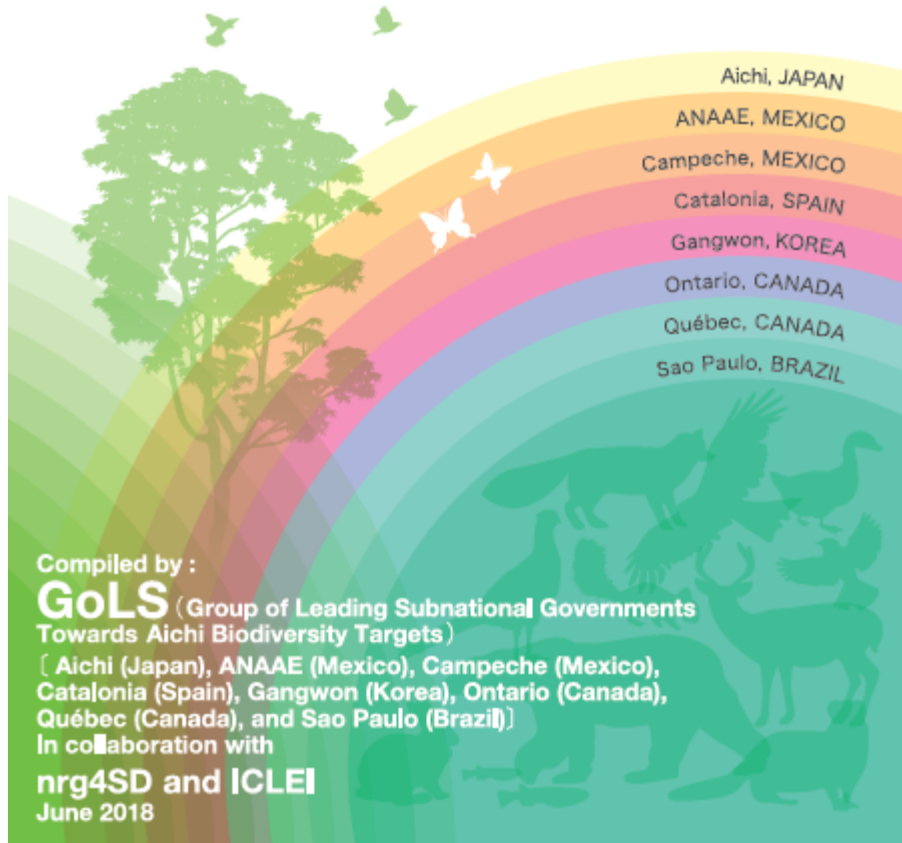


Side Event at SBSTTA22

Activities of the GoLS (SBI2)

SBI/2/INF/23


VOLUNTARY REPORT
ON THE CONTRIBUTION OF SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS
FOR THE STRATEGIC PLAN 2011-2020
 **AND AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**

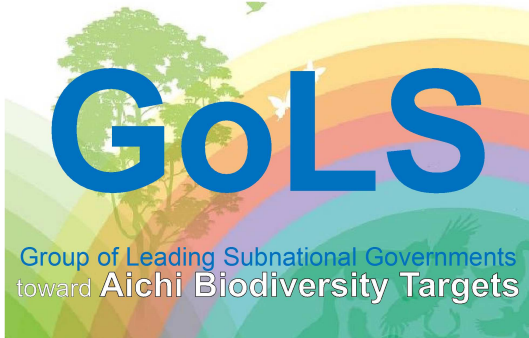


“... *Encourages*
Parties, as
appropriate, to
mention their effort
to engage and
collaborate with such
stakeholders for the
mainstreaming of
biodiversity in the
sixth national report;”
⇒ reflected in SBI-2
recommendation

Current Members of the GoLS



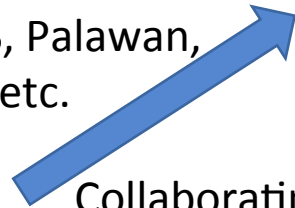
Groups of SNGs and their Inputs to COP14



Officially
Supporting



Members: Members of GoLS, Palawan,
Goias, Gosas, Basque, Wales etc.
Led by nrg4SD since 2016



Collaborating



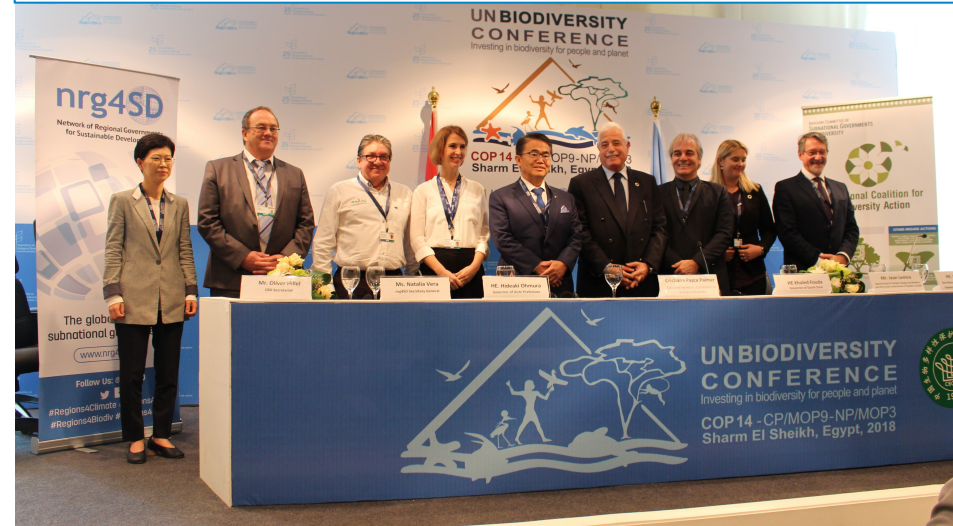
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Advisory Committee on SNGs for Biodiversity:

Official Channel to Deliver the
Voices of SNGs

-Rebuilt before COP14, now led by
nrg4SD & Quebec

-Launched “Subnational Coalition
for Biodiversity Action”

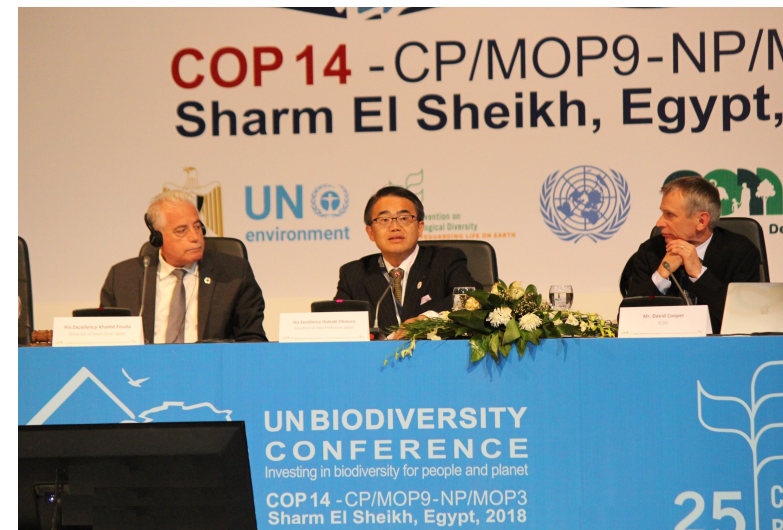


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New statement of GoLS “Role of subnational governments with respect to biodiversity towards 2020 and beyond” (COP/14/INF/38)

Opinion of the European Committee of the Regions “contribution of EU cities and regions to the CBD COP14 and the post 2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy” (COP/14/INF/39)

“Sharm El-Sheikh Communiqué for Local and Subnational Action for Nature and People 2018” of the 6th Biodiversity Summit for Local and Subnational Government (COP/14/INF/48)



Essence of SES Communique to COP14

Local and subnational governments, our networks and our partners, convening at ***6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments*** Call on Parties to:


- **strengthen the catalytic role** of all levels of government to contribute nature-based solutions,
- **accelerate and enable our full participation** in preparing National Biodiversity Strategies and associated action plans,
- **unlock available resources**, capacity building and knowledge transfer to support, mainstreaming biodiversity actions in our regions and our cities,
- **enable and promote the implementation of the previous COP decisions** related to local and subnational governments and to ensure the flow of decisions continues in future COPs,
- **increase efforts to collaborate with the other global governance processes** such as Rio, the New Urban Agenda, SDGs, and
- **support** the efforts of the UN Secretary General's **2019 UN Climate Summit's** work stream on nature-based solutions.

Initial View Aichi submitted in December 2018

Contribution of Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities to the scope and content of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework

1. Subnational governments, cities and other Local Authorities have been playing important roles in the implementation of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan on Biodiversity and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets, especially on mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors. Also, they are major promoters of the Sustainable Development Goals. Therefore, we expect the new **post-2020 strategic framework of the CBD to clearly consider the importance of vertical mainstreaming and cooperation with local and subnational governments as the partners of the Parties.**

2. We also suggest that **the spirit of the current target 17 of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets can be scaled up** by mentioning something like “each Party shall have developed national biodiversity strategies and action plans (BSAPs) with the full involvement of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities, and committed to encouraging and supporting local and subnational governments to develop their own BSAPs, with a view to letting at least all the immediate subnational governments in each Party establish their BSAP, by 2030 or possibly 2025, making efforts to enhance the capacity of local and subnational governments to achieve the post-2020 framework elements”.



3. Based on the fact that significant and growing numbers of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities have been actively involved in international cooperation among themselves and their partners, including under the Global Partnership of Local and Subnational Governments and the Advisory Committees of Cities and of Subnational Governments, we strongly suggest that the COP renew, expand and/or update the “Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020)” and enhance the Parties’ support to the Global Partnership of Local and Subnational Governments for Biodiversity.

Conclusions

- SNGs play critically important roles for Biodiversity, as stewards of the landscapes and catalyzers of collaboration on the ground among multi-stakeholders.
- SNGs think vertical coherence is very important and are willing to collaborate with the Parties within the territories.
- Some leading SNGs are willing to contribute to global process for CBD. Each regional workshop should have some SNGs as the participants like this world's first workshop.
- Once the Parties could engage SNGs as partners, not as objects, they could expand the horizon of their efforts for biodiversity.

Thank You for hearing.



For more information

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