

MINUTES
TELECONFERENCE CALL
GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON CITIES AND BIODIVERSITY
3 June 2009 9 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (Montreal Time)

***Participants:** Oliver Hillel; Chantal Robichaud; Chikara Hombo; Eduardo Guimaraes; Jose Andrequetto; Michèle Picard ; Elisa Calcaterra ; Tsuyoshi Ito ; Kazuhiro Yokoi; Andre Mader; Kobie Brand; Michie Kishigami; Susanne Nolden; Bonnie James; Karin Burhen; Terje Klock; Lars Ekker; Thomas Elmqvist (Lena Chan ; Toshitaka Takagi could not join due to technical difficulty)*

I. Opening –

II. ICLEI Urban Nature/World Congress

- Status of participants/invitations (**Mr Andre Mader**)
 - 30 to 40 (or more) participants are expected to attend Urban Nature
 - 400 to 500 participants are expected at the World Congress
 - Programme will be available to Global Partnership by 5 June
- Meeting of the Global Partnership (**Mr Andre Mader and All**)
 - The Global partnership meeting will take place on Sunday night at 20h after the Congress opening session. The objective of the meeting is to discuss an action plan on collaboration between all levels of government to better support local action on biodiversity, to be submitted at COP10. Some Parties (Canada, South Africa and Singapore) could be invited to join the Sunday night meeting.
 - Curitiba would like to participate in the meeting via teleconference or via online reporting
 - Due to high costs, online facilities are limited but the organizers suggest a combination of emails and web casts to facilitate the participation of everyone. Power point presentations and speeches will also be made available on the mail serve, short summaries for each session can be sent, and it will be possible to call interested parties from the conference sites.
- Cities' Exhibition (**OH**)
 - 2 GP banners will be exposed at Urban Nature and World Congress
 - Participants are invited to contact Mr Andre Mader for logistics needs (banners can be printed at a cost of 130\$)

III. Updates

1. Curitiba meeting and elements for a plan of action on Cities and Biodiversity
 - Updates (**Mr Eduardo Guimaraes, Mr Jose Andrequetto, Mr Oliver Hillel**)

- The Curitiba meeting's objectives are to develop elements of a plan of action on cities and biodiversity for COP10
- Background note to be discussed
- Discussions on how to invite Parties will take place in Edmonton and outcomes of the discussions will have to be shared with Eduardo (the CBD Executive Secretary will send a Notification to all parties to inform them of the activities on the road to Nagoya)
- Favoured dates of the Curitiba meeting are: 19-20 November 2009

2. Nagoya Biodiversity City Summit

- Updates (**Mr Kazuhiro Yokoi**)

- The name of the event will be reconsidered announced at a later stage
- Dates of the meeting are: 24-26 October 2010 (in order to send results to the COP10 High Level Segment)
- Other proposals made by the Executive Secretary are being discussed (with MOE) and a report on what can be and can not be done will be shared in due time
- The Secretariat will keep discussing COP10 preparations with MOE and Aichi-Nagoya COP10 CBD Promotion Committee (OH)
- The Executive Secretary expressed his gratitude after his visit to Japan and wishes to thank Aichi prefecture and the City of Nagoya for their warm welcome, and also for the greatly appreciated assistance of liaison officer Mr Chikara Hombo.(OH)

IV. Urban Social Ecological Atlas Project (**Mr Thomas Elmqvist**)

- Inputs

- Mr Thomas Elmqvist has been working with Ms Lena Chan on developing synergies to further develop the Singapore CBI and discussions will continue in Edmonton.
- The Atlas would be a way to store data and visualize results of the Singapore CBI and proposals will be presented in Edmonton
- Next hearing of the Mistra proposal is taking place on 15 June
- A first draft of the Singapore CBI manual of application has been distributed for enhancement and review. The scientific committee will have a first look at the manual and cities are asked to contribute to the index of feasibility of the CBI.

V. URBIS (OH)

- The Urban Biosphere Initiative and the road map to Shanghai and Nagoya, 2010

The inclusion of the concept of Urban Biosphere within the GP plan of action was discussed during Ms Alfsen's visit in Montreal in May 2009, with the CBD Secretariat and City of Montreal. Further discussions with other partners will take place in Edmonton.

VI. Input from Norwegian Directorate for Nature Management (Mr Lars Ekker)

The Nordic Project is an example of a way through which parties could be involved and take part in Decision IX/28

Mr Lars Ekker described the Nordic project:

- Financed by Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Finland and Denmark (Greenland is also involved)
- Involves 14 municipalities from 5 countries
- Cities report from concrete projects(35 at the end of 2009) and a final report is produced in March-April 2010
- Demonstrates the importance of local action in reaching the 2010 target
- Projects cover : restoration, conservation, information, invasive alien species, with a focus on results, all towards 2010 target
- Recommendations on how to succeed in implementing biodiversity projects are included in the reports

Mr Lars Ekker will send the link to projects to the Global Partnership

The Secretariat proposes to share the project with Nordic countries' national focal points and involve them in the discussions as this is a good example of a lesson learned/best practice in implementing Decision IX/28 –particularly in encouraging the development of LBSAPs in line with NBSAPs.

Ms Kobie Brand will share the project at ICLEI/LAB and would like to explore synergies with the Nordic Project team

VII. Varia

The date of the next teleconference will be discussed in Edmonton.

VIII. Closing of the teleconference