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### THIRD MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY

Nagoya, Japan, 22-23 March 2012

## ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. In its decision X/22, the tenth meeting of Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity endorsed a “Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2010”,<sup>1</sup> encouraging Parties to cooperate with subnational and local governments towards the achievement of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.<sup>2</sup> Decision X/22 also welcomed the initiative of the City of Montpellier (as one of the cities of the Advisory Committee of Cities of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity – a collaborative partnership in support of the Plan of Action chaired by the Secretariat of the Convention) to host the First Meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity 2011-2010, in January 2011.<sup>3</sup> The meeting was attended by 38 participants representing, primarily through the participation of the international local government network – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), more than 2,100 cities and regions worldwide.

2. The meeting in Montpellier was followed up by the Second Meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action, in September 2011, in Bonn. In Bonn, discussion progressed on the development of responses - by local governments, subnational governments, academia and international organizations including United Nations agencies - to the Plan of Action. The event also provided the opportunity for the Advisory Committee of Cities of the Global Partnership to meet. Also in Bonn, delegates of the City of Nagoya, hosts of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties and of the City Biodiversity Summit, in October 2010, expressed their willingness to host a third meeting of the Global Partnership and its Advisory Committee of Cities to continue discussion on response plans and strategies and to contribute to the preparation for another City Summit in 2012. This suggestion was supported by delegates in Bonn and resulted in the organization of the Third Meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action, led by the City of Nagoya.

3. The specific objectives of this workshop are:

(a) To continue profiling local governments’ commitment to supporting the Plan of Action and drawing attention to the need for collaboration between levels of government;

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/planofaction.shtml>.

<sup>2</sup> Decision X/2, annex.

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=IPA-SNGCOLA-01>.

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(b) To better define the concrete actions to be taken by local government in response to the Plan of Action;

(c) To prepare for the City Biodiversity Summit side event at the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, drawing on the experience of the previous hosts;

(d) To raise awareness about The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study and the potential of ecosystem valuation as a tool to mainstream biodiversity;

(e) To provide an opportunity for the Advisory Committee of Cities to meet, discuss, and advise on the activities of the Global Partnership.

4. Local government delegates, who are members of the Global Partnership, as well as others, who have been intensely involved, were invited to attend the workshop. They include the cities of Bonn, Curitiba, Mexico City, Montpellier, Montréal, and Singapore, in addition to the host Nagoya; as well as a number of organizations and institutions, both internationally and in Japan. Upon request by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, its national focal point for India nominated senior representatives at both the national level and from the State of Andhra Pradesh to attend considering the relevance of the event to the upcoming Conference of the Parties and City Summit. Delegates from developing countries will receive a daily subsistence allowance from the Secretariat thanks to support from the Japanese government.

5. Participants will be officials and experts who are responsible for, or involved in, biodiversity management at the local level including the integration of biodiversity into local development strategies and planning processes.

6. An information note containing details of the logistical arrangements, including travel, visa, accommodation and other issues related to the workshop, is available on the Secretariat website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=IPA-SNGCOLA-03>. The languages of the workshop will be English and Japanese.

7. The event will take place at the annex hall of Nagoya International Center in Nagoya, Japan. Registration of participants will start on site at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, 22 March, 2012.

## II. BACKGROUND

8. In July 2006, the request of member cities of the international local government network, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), led to the establishment of an initiative to support local governments in the improvement of biodiversity management, thereby facilitating their contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. This high-profile initiative – Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB)<sup>4</sup> – began with 21 local governments from around the world and as it has grown has supported global recognition that local governments can contribute, and are contributing significantly, to achieving national biodiversity targets and therefore international biodiversity targets.

9. In March 2007, the City of Curitiba organized and sponsored a meeting on "Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target."<sup>5</sup> The meeting resulted in the adoption of the Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity, mandating that the Mayor of Curitiba (Brazil), the Mayor of Montréal (Canada), the Mayor of Bonn (Germany) and the Mayor of Nagoya (Japan) act as a Steering Committee of a Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity (now "Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity") to develop synergies between existing associations to carry a strong message and follow-up through concrete projects, awareness campaigns and exchange of best practices.

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.iclei.org/lab>.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.unep.org/urban\\_environment/events/citiesbiodiversity.asp](http://www.unep.org/urban_environment/events/citiesbiodiversity.asp).

10. The tenth meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Nagoya in 2010, was again complemented by a parallel event, the “City Biodiversity Summit” – the largest of the parallel events, attended by more than 600 delegates from more than 200 local authorities from around the world. The hosts, the Mayor of Nagoya and the Governor of Aichi Prefecture, addressed the high-level segment of the Conference of the Parties, expressing the need for mutual support to achieve the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

11. It should be noted that Parties to the Convention are encouraged to submit information on their progress and their commitment to support subnational and local governments for the fifth national report and before the next meeting of the Conference of Parties, to be held in India, in October 2012, in parallel with a summit on local authorities and biodiversity (paragraph 1 of decision X/22, notification SCBD/STTM/OH/cr/76469).

## **ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP**

12. In the opening plenary session, delegates will be welcomed by representatives of the City of Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, and the Ministry of the Environment of Japan. Thereafter, an opening statement will be presented on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Mr. Bráulio Ferreira de Souza Dias.

## **ITEM 2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

### ***1.1. Election of officers***

13. The Mayor of Nagoya, Mr. Takashi Kawamura, as co-host of the meeting, will be invited to chair.

### ***1.2. Adoption of the agenda***

14. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/IPA/SNGCOLA/3/1) will be presented to the panel for consideration and adoption. A tentative programme of work is available as annex I.

### ***1.3. Organization of work***

15. Following the opening statements, a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity will briefly present the objectives and expected results of the workshop.

16. The presentations will set the context for the assessment of goals and objectives by the participants. Interactive planning sessions will enable participants to exchange experiences and guided discussions will encourage participants to agree on common goals as we head toward the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

17. A list of official documents of the workshop and a list of background documents and relevant decisions of the Conference of the Parties can be found in annex II.

## **ITEM 3. PROGRESS WITH THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY**

18. Workshop participants will be briefed by a representative of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on progress that has been made by national governments towards implementing the Plan of Action.

## **ITEM 4. LOCAL SUPPORT FOR THE PLAN OF ACTION**

19. Participants will be briefed on progress that has been made by local and subnational governments, and the agencies supporting them, towards supporting the implementation of the Plan of Action. A

proposal for a coordinated response by local governments and others to the Plan of Action will be discussed.

#### **ITEM 5. THE CITY BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT: PAST AND FUTURE**

20. Representatives will be present from the city of Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture and Japan as hosts of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the associated local government side event as discussed above. Also present will be senior representatives from India and the State of Andhra Pradesh, hosts of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and the proposed follow-up City Biodiversity Summit. This meeting will enable a discussion about experiences of the past events and recommendations for the upcoming ones.

#### **ITEM 6. THE ECONOMICS OF ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY (TEEB) STUDY AS A TOOL FOR IMPLEMENTING AND COMPLEMENTING THE PLAN OF ACTION**

21. The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) study is a major international initiative to draw attention to the global economic benefits of biodiversity, to highlight the growing costs of biodiversity loss and ecosystem degradation, and to draw together expertise from the fields of science, economics and policy to enable practical actions moving forward.

22. TEEB for Local and Regional Policymakers is intended to be a useful advisory tool for local and regional policymakers, administrators and managers. The information in this report will also be of interest to organisations such as NGOs, regulatory bodies, permitting agencies and the judicial system. It explores and gives practical guidance on how to deal with the challenge of biodiversity loss at a local and regional level. It examines what local governments can do with respect to natural resource use and management, maintaining and supporting biodiversity, local and regional urban and spatial design, as well as market-based approaches, such as payment for ecosystem services (PES).

23. Local Governments for Sustainability's Cities Biodiversity Center (ICLEI) and TEEB for Local and Regional Policymakers have partnered to create the TEEB Manual for Cities.<sup>6</sup> This publication builds upon the TEEB reports, tailoring information specifically for cities, drawing on ICLEI and IUCN's Local Action for Biodiversity Pioneer Project. The manual highlights how a focus on ecosystem services and their valuation can create direct benefits for cities. It also provides stepwise guidance on how to do this illustrated by in-depth case studies.

24. TEEB will be presented by a staff member of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity with extensive experience with this study, in particular the TEEB Manual for Cities, and the opportunities for using TEEB as a tool for implementing and complementing the Plan of Action discussed.

#### **ITEM 7. MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CITIES OF THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP ON LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY**

25. During lunch on the first day of the workshop, members of the Advisory Committee of Cities of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity will meet to discuss their role and the progress made by the Global Partnership since the previous meeting in Bonn. An additional lunchtime discussion will be dedicated to allowing additional discussion on the hosting of the next City Biodiversity Summit.

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<sup>6</sup> [http://www.teebweb.org/Portals/25/Documents/TEEB\\_Manual\\_for\\_Cities\\_Ecosystem\\_Services\\_for\\_Urban\\_management\\_FINAL\\_2011.pdf](http://www.teebweb.org/Portals/25/Documents/TEEB_Manual_for_Cities_Ecosystem_Services_for_Urban_management_FINAL_2011.pdf).

**ITEM 8. DEVELOPMENT OF RESPONSE STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT THE PLAN OF ACTION**

26. Following the introductions of the progress with the Plan of Action and intentions to respond to it from the point of view of local governments, delegates will be given time to work together to contribute to the design of a response to the Plan of Action by local governments. These discussions will provide important guidance for the response strategy, which will be led by ICLEI.

**ITEM 9. OTHER MATTERS**

27. Under this item, a resource person from ICLEI will present an important publication that is under development to guide the production of local biodiversity strategies and action plans (LBSAPs) to complement the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs). It is intended that eventually every local government worldwide operates according to a customized LBSAP in line with their relevant NBSAP, and feeding into the framework provided by an overarching response to the Plan of Action.

**ITEM 10. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE WORKSHOP**

28. Under this item, organizers of the workshop will tie together the main elements and conclusions of the workshop as a reminder to delegates of how the topics covered are inter-related. Actions will be suggested and participants will be briefed on upcoming relevant events on the global calendar.

*Annex I*

**PROPOSED ORGANIZATION OF WORK:**

<b>Thursday, 22 March</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Registration and get-together in Annex Hall, Nagoya International Center
OPENING SESSION	
<b>9 a.m.</b>	Welcome ( <i>5min. x 3 speakers</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- City of Nagoya</li> <li>- Aichi Prefecture</li> <li>- Ministry of the Environment, Japan</li> </ul>
<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	Opening on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the CBD ( <i>Atsuhiko Yoshinaka – Global Coordinator, CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Progress with the Plan of Action ( <i>Oliver Hillel, CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>9.45 a.m.</b>	Questions and clarification
<b>10 a.m.</b>	Local support for the Plan of Action (Russell Galt, ICLEI)
<b>10.15 a.m.</b>	Questions and clarification
SESSION 1	
<b>11 a.m.</b>	City Biodiversity Summits in parallel to COPs ( <i>Deputy Mayor – City of Nagoya</i> )
<b>11.15 a.m.</b>	Short inputs by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transportation and Tourism
<b>11.20 a.m.</b>	Questions and clarification
<b>11.30 a.m.</b>	Proposed City Biodiversity Summit for COP 11 ( <i>Speaker to be announced</i> )
<b>11.45 a.m.</b>	<i>Discussion</i>
<b>12.30 p.m.</b>	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including a meeting of the Advisory Committee of Cities of the Global Partnership, for invited delegates</li> </ul>
SESSION 2	
<b>2 p.m.</b>	TEEB as a tool to support the Plan of Action and valuation as a common theme at this workshop ( <i>Andre Mader – CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>2.15 p.m.</b>	Questions and clarification

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<b>2.30 p.m.</b>	Site visits to: - 3.15 p.m. Shirotori Japanese garden (guided tour) - 5.15 p.m. Noritake no Mori (welcome centre and souvenir shop)
<b>5.45 p.m.</b>	COP 10 gavel awarding ceremony
<b>6.30 p.m.</b>	Welcome reception at “Restaurant Kiln” - Including a short speech by an Indian representative
<b>8.45 p.m.</b>	Return to Castle Plaza Hotel (Nagoya station)
<b>Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	
SESSION 3	
<b>9 a.m.</b>	Guidelines for Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans ( <i>Andre Mader – CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>9.15 a.m.</b>	Questions and clarification
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	Development of a response to support the Plan of Action ( <i>Russell Galt - ICLEI</i> )
<b>9.50 a.m.</b>	Questions and clarification
SESSION 4	
<b>10.50 a.m.</b>	Facilitated breakaway discussion groups
<b>12.25 p.m.</b>	Lunch at “TOH TEN KOH Nagoya” restaurant (25 <sup>th</sup> floor, Nagoya International Center). - Please bring a meal ticket (in your name tag case) - A designated table will host a meeting between, Nagoya, Indian representatives, ICLEI and the SCBD about COP 10 and city biodiversity summit
CLOSING SESSION	
<b>1.55 p.m.</b>	Summing up of recommendations by rapporteurs
<b>2.40 p.m.</b>	Discussion
<b>3.10 p.m.</b>	Summing up and tying together the elements of the workshop ( <i>Andre Mader – CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>3.25 p.m.</b>	Reminder of upcoming events; thanks to Nagoya for hosting ( <i>Oliver Hillel – CBD Secretariat</i> )
<b>3.45 p.m.</b>	Workshop ends

*Annex II*

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

***CBD Documents***

- Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities ([Decision IX/28](#))
- The Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets ([Decision X/2](#))
- Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity ([Decision X/22](#))
- Biodiversity Planning for States, Provinces, Cities and Other Local Authorities: How to Develop a Subnational Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan ([English](#))

***Other resources***

- [Cities, Biodiversity and Governance: Perspectives and Challenges of the Implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity at the City Level](#)
- [Cities and Biodiversity Outlook \(status\)](#)
- [Local Action for Biodiversity](#)
- [Global Partnership on Local and Sub-national Action for Biodiversity](#)
- [TEEB for Local and Regional Policy Makers Report](#)
- [TEEB Manual for Cities: Ecosystem Services in Urban Management](#)
- [User's Manual for the City Biodiversity Index](#)

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