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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity will be held in the city of Curitiba, Brazil on 6 and 7 January 2010. The meeting is organized at the invitation of the Government of Brazil and the city of Curitiba. The organizers gratefully acknowledge that several of the participants will contribute to the meeting by providing information on their work in the context of cities and biodiversity.

2. The meeting aims to:

(a) Prepare a draft “Plan of Action on Biodiversity in the Context of the Convention on Biological Diversity Urban Biodiversity”, to be submitted to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties;

(b) Discuss the experience gained in piloting the City Biodiversity Index (CBI);

(c) Provide a platform of discussion for participants to agree on the roadmap to the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name);

(d) Give an opportunity for participants to plan their celebrations of the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB).

A report on the outcomes of this meeting will be presented on 8 January during the celebrations of the IYB 2010. The results of the meeting, in particular the plan of action on urban biodiversity, will also be presented to the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) in Nagoya, Japan, on 24-26 October 2010, and used as input for the preparation of the appropriate draft decisions for submission to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

3. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 January 2010, at the Barigui Park conference facilities, City of Curitiba, Brazil.

II. BACKGROUND

4. In March 2007, the city of Curitiba organized and sponsored a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target”. The meeting, organized by an Inter-Agency Task

Force on Cities and Biological Diversity (TF)¹, was attended by 70 participants from 24 cities and international organizations and resulted in the adoption of the Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity, which reaffirmed the cities' commitment to contribute to the implementation of the Convention and its 2010 biodiversity target. Through this document, participants mandated the Mayor of Curitiba (Brazil), the Mayor of Montreal (Canada), the Mayor of Bonn (Germany), and the Mayor of Nagoya (Japan) to act as a Steering Committee in order to develop synergies between existing associations and the ask Force, to carry a strong message, and to follow up through concrete projects, awareness campaigns, and exchange of best practices. The establishment of a Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity was proposed in Curitiba, and subsequently discussed in the Task Force, to support cities in the sustainable management of their biodiversity resources, to assist cities to implement practices that support national, regional and international strategies, plans, and agendas on biodiversity, and to bring together and learn from existing initiatives.

5. The Task Force and Steering Committee held regular teleconferences and worked on preparations for the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including contacts with Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and organization of several events that supported and informed Parties on the strategic importance of cities for the implementation of the Convention. Three events were held at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) The Erfurt Conference on Urban Biodiversity and Design, 21-24 May 2008, where 400 scientists, planners and other practitioners from around 50 countries summarized for the first time in a global context the current scientific and practical approaches of implementing the CBD in urban areas. Their views that urban biodiversity is a vital part of achieving the aims of the Convention on Biological Diversity are summarized in the Erfurt Declaration which is available at <http://www.fh-erfurt.de/urbio/httpdocs/content/ErfurtDeclaration.php>

(b) The Mayors Conference on Local Action for Biodiversity, where more than 150 participants (including 50 mayors from 30 countries), representing over 100 million urban dwellers met in Bonn on 26-27 May 2008, to underline the importance of urban biodiversity and exchange their experiences and initiatives on urban biodiversity. Participants included mayors Takehisa Matsubara of Nagoya, Amos Masondo of Johannesburg, Gerald Tremblay of Montreal, Carlos Alberto Richa of Curitiba and Bärbel Dieckmann of Bonn, and adopted the Bonn Call for Action, available at http://www.iclei.org/fileadmin/template/project_templates/LAB-bonn2008/user_upload/Press/BonnCall_FINAL_29May08.pdf.

(c) A side-event on cities and biodiversity on May 26, 2008, where the mayors of Montreal, Curitiba, Bonn, Nagoya and Durban, and Dr. Leong Chee Chiew, Chief Operating Officer of the Singapore National Parks Board, informed Parties and delegates on progress in the implementation of the Curitiba Declaration and results obtained through their biodiversity strategies and action plans. The videostream of the event is available at: http://unfccc.meta-fusion.com/kongresse/CBD2008_2/templ/ply_cbd.php?id_kongresssession=1113&player_mode=isdn_real

6. At the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention, under agenda item 4.13, Parties were invited to consider cities and biodiversity within the request to provide guidance to the Secretariat on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders. As a result of negotiations, decision IX/28 on cities and local authorities was adopted, inviting Parties to recognize the roles of cities and local authorities in national biodiversity

¹ The Task Force is composed of representatives of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), IUCN (through Countdown 2010), ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability (through the Local Action for Biodiversity project), the Government of Brazil and City-State of Singapore. The Task Force works in collaboration with the Steering Committee (City of Curitiba, City of Montreal, City of Bonn, City of Nagoya).

strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and to support cities to implement the goals of the Convention. In recognition of the critical role played by cities and local authorities in the Convention, the mayors of Curitiba, Nagoya, Bonn and Montreal addressed the high-level event of the Conference of the Parties on 29 May 2008. Their statements were followed by an intervention by Minister of National Development of Singapore, Mr. Mah Bow Tan, on an initiative to develop a City Biodiversity Index (CBI).

7. A wide range of participants has been invited to the meeting: the Task Force and Steering Committee, invited local authorities and city executives (ICLEI members, Brazilian and other Latin American cities and States, other networks), selected representatives from national Governments and ministries (Brazil, Canada, Japan, Germany, the United Kingdom, Finland, Spain, Singapore, South Africa, Mexico, other Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) participants' governments), representatives of the scientific community (Competence Network for Urban Ecology (CONTUREC), Urban Biosphere Network (URBIS), Urban Biodiversity and Design (URBIO), Stockholm Resilience Centre (SRC)), urban development and/or biodiversity experts and elected representatives selected by the Steering Committee. Some 70-80 participants are expected to attend.

8. To further develop the outcomes of the Curitiba meeting including the plan of action and the City Biodiversity Index, participants will be invited to contribute to the following activities throughout 2010 :

- 22-26 March 2010: World Urban Forum 5 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1 May-31 October 2010: EXPO 2010 Shanghai China
- 14-18 May 2010 : URBIS conference in Shanghai
- May 2010: ICLEI/LAB workshop in Shanghai
- 18-23 May 2010: URBIO 2010 in Nagoya, Japan
- July 2010: 2nd Expert Workshop on the City Biodiversity Index
- Meeting of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, on the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name), Nagoya, Japan, June/July 2010
- 30 June - 1 July 2010: World City Summit & Centre for Urban Greenery and Ecology (CUGE) Conference, Singapore
- 24-26 October 2010: City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name), Nagoya, Japan

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING, ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

2.1. Election of officers

9. After an opening ceremony and the customary introductory statements, the Group will be invited to elect a Chair based on proposals from the floor.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

10. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/CB/2/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption. A provisional programme is available below.

2.3. Organization of work

11. Under this item, the Group will consider the proposed organization of work for the meeting as contained below. The language of the meeting will be English.

ITEM 2. PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN OF ACTION ON BIODIVERSITY IN THE URBAN CONTEXT UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

12. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention will facilitate the session. Participants to the meeting will be invited to further develop the Plan of Action (on Biodiversity in the Urban Context under

the Convention on Biological Diversity) on the basis of a draft which will be circulated to participants before the meeting. A background note to the plan of action is currently available in annex II below.

13. A general session will introduce the main elements of the draft plan of action. Participants will be invited to organize into working groups in order to discuss those themes and take note of the information provided by the speakers and facilitators in view of developing the draft plan of action.

14. The plan of action will coincide with the timeline of the new Strategic Plan of the Convention for 2011-2020. It will also be examined at the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) to be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan on 25-26 October 2010.

15. Under this item, participants may wish to present, in short statements, examples of successful cooperation between national and local authorities, how national governments support local action, as well as legal and policy tools and incentives for cities and local communities to implement the Convention.

16. Participants may wish to take note of the information provided under this agenda item in order to discuss and prepare, within their respective working group, a statement to be brought into plenary for adoption. The adopted statements will be included in the draft Plan of Action and the meeting report to be submitted, by Parties, for adoption by the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

ITEM 3. EXPERIENCE GAINED IN PILOTING THE CITY BIODIVERSITY INDEX (CBI)

17. Under this agenda item, resource persons from Singapore will introduce current status of the test-bedding phase of the City Biodiversity Index (CBI).

18. Resource persons will provide an overview of the present challenges and opportunities related to use of the CBI. Participating experts, city representatives and country representatives will be invited to provide an overview of their experience in testing the CBI.

19. Participants are expected to take note of the information provided. The presentations will be followed by plenary discussions. The plenary discussions will be followed by a working group session with the aims of:

- (a) Facilitating the exchange of information and experience between countries;
- (b) Discussing the way forward.

20. The working groups will report back to plenary on their deliberations.

ITEM 4. PREPARATION OF THE CITY BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT (TENTATIVE NAME)

21. The City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) will take place from 24 to 26 October 2010 at the Aichi Prefecture, Nagoya, Japan. The Summit will be hosted by Aichi Prefecture, the City of Nagoya and Aichi-Nagoya CBD COP 10 Promotion Committee, with the support of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and ICLEI.

22. In line with decision IX/28 (Promoting engagement of cities and local authorities), the purpose of the summit is to:

- (a) Review and adopt the Plan of Action on Biodiversity in the Urban Context;
- (b) Review the City Biodiversity Index and promote the flexible use of the index according to local characteristics;

(c) Reiterate the importance of the role of cities and local authorities and review and adopt a political declaration on cities and biodiversity;

(d) Share experience and promote best practices on issues related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use at local and city levels.

23. The purpose of this session is to outline the preparation of the summit and discuss the process for detailing the agenda.

ITEM 5. CELEBRATING THE 2010 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY

24. The purpose of this session is to explore the possible links between cities and local authorities that will be organizing IYB activities and celebrations.

25. A representative of the Secretariat of the Convention will introduce the calendar of relevant IYB events and celebrations.

26. City representatives will provide an overview of their planned activities.

27. The presentations will be followed by a plenary discussion, and participants may agree on coordinated activities celebrating IYB.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT AND CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

28. The Chair will provide an overview of her/his conclusions, and her/his observations whether meeting objectives have been achieved.

29. Participants will be encouraged to provide feedback and evaluate the meeting.

30. Participants will be invited to consider and adopt the report of the meeting, on the basis of the draft report of the meeting to be prepared and presented by the Chair, and in view of its presentation at the City Biodiversity Summit (tentative name) in Nagoya, Japan, October 2010.

31. The meeting is expected to end at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 January 2010. A working dinner of the Steering Committee of Cities is planned for in the evening of Wednesday 6 January 2010. Celebrations to mark the start of the International Year of Biodiversity will take place on 8 January.

*Annex I***PROGRAMME OF WORK**

DAY 1: Wednesday 6 January	
9-10.30 a.m.	Opening of the meeting, organizational matters and overview of the objectives of the meeting
10.30 -11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. -12.30 p.m.	Preparation of the draft plan of action in the urban context under the Convention on Biological Diversity
12:30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2 p.m.-3.15 p.m.	Preparation of the draft CBD plan of action in the urban context under the Convention on Biological Diversity
3.15-3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45-5 p.m.	Experience gained in piloting the City Biodiversity Index (CBI)
5 p.m.	Closing of Day 1
DAY 2: Thursday 7 January	
9-10:30 a.m.	Preparation of the City Biodiversity Summit
10.30 -11 a.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
11 a.m. -12.30 p.m.	Preparation of the City Biodiversity Summit
12.30 – 2 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>
2-3.15 p.m.	Celebrating the 2010 International Year on Biodiversity
3.15 – 3.45 p.m.	<i>Coffee break</i>
3.45 - 5 p.m.	Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting
5 p.m.	Closing of Day 2

*Annex II***ENGAGING LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY****Background note on the Plan of Action in the Urban Context under the Convention on Biological Diversity 2010-2020**

1. The development of a draft plan of action will support Parties and partners in implementing paragraphs 3, 4, 5, and 6 of decision IX/28, as well as the new strategic plan of the Convention and the Nagoya post-2010 biodiversity targets, through four mutually supporting objectives:

- (a) Cities and local authorities (CLAs) and urban issues are considered in national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs);
- (b) Biodiversity issues are incorporated into urban planning and development, particularly on infrastructure;
- (c) Global platform for CLA partnerships is developed and funded;
- (d) There is broader engagement of cities and local authorities in implementing the Convention and better understanding of biodiversity issues by CLA.

1. Objectives of the Plan

The general objective of the Plan is to actively engage cities and local authorities in the implementation of the three objectives of the Convention and in particular during the implementation phase of the new strategic plan of the Convention and the Nagoya post-2010 biodiversity targets through the revision as appropriate and implementation of national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs) including as appropriate local biodiversity strategies and actions plans.

More specifically, the Plan aims to:

- (a) Engage cities and local authorities in the revision and implementation at local levels of the national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs);
- (b) Encourage the development as appropriate of local biodiversity strategies and actions plans (LBSAPs);
- (c) Establish a City Biodiversity Index (CBI);
- (d) Promote best practices, exchange of experiences and dissemination of lessons learned through a web-based portal, as part of the Clearing-House Mechanism under the Convention, with information regarding national-local collaboration, including references, web links, a database for case-studies, contacts of experts and sources of further research, for the international community as well as local governments themselves;
- (e) Establish a dialogue between cities and local authorities at international and regional levels through the establishment of a biodiversity and cities forum to be held back to back with the meetings of the Conference of the Parties.

2. Scope and timeline of the plan

- (a) The Plan of **Action** will coincide with the duration of the new **Strategic Plan** of the Convention 2010-2020;

(b) The Plan of Action 2010-2020 will be finalized at the meeting on cities and biodiversity to be held in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan on 25-26 October 2010 and submitted to the **high-level event** and adopted by the Conference of the Parties on 29 October 2010.

3. Major elements of the plan

(a) A first comprehensive plan for local action on biodiversity that brings together national and local governments around the world.

(b) Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity support the development/implementation of local biodiversity strategies and action plans (LBSAPs), that are consistent with NBSAPs.

(c) Parties, other Governments, regional and international development agencies and banks provide specific capacity-building and programmes on biodiversity for local officials responsible for their implementation and maintenance.

(d) Communication between national and local governments including reporting by local governments to national governments regarding their commitments and activities that will contribute to the targets and relevant work programmes of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

4. Activities & actions to be included in the plan

(a) Strengthening the Partnership (promotion of cooperation, strengthening local/national dialogue, supporting local action).

(b) Information sharing:

- Actual or virtual conferences, seminars, and workshops.
- Web-based platforms and networks.
- Clearing-House Mechanism (contacts of scientists and sources of further research).
- Databases (case-studies, best practices).
- Translation and exchange of publications.

(c) Capacity-building:

- Training programme for national focal points (support for the development/implementation of LBSAPs).
- Training programme for local government officials (urban planning, biodiversity-friendly urban development, urban biodiversity management, etc).
- Workshop on strengthening dialogue/cooperation between local and national governments.
- Exchange and technical collaboration mechanisms.

(d) Collaborative research projects (CONTUREC, URBIS and SRC would take a lead).

(e) Communication, education and public awareness (CEPA).

(f) Monitoring and evaluation processes - defining and identifying indicators (revision of the CBI), and developing reporting mechanism.

(g) Business practice (involvement of local business leaders into the Partnership).

(h) Development of scientific network (the network will constantly give advice and provide support).

5. Monitoring and reporting

- Meetings on cities and biodiversity will be organized in conjunction with the high-level event on the margins of the Conference of the Parties and report will be submitted to the Parties.

- Targets in line with the post-2010 strategy of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Local governments in the Partnership will be asked to report in a regular manner to their national focal point on their activities contributing to the implementation of the NBSAPs/ the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- The clearing-house mechanism under the Convention on Biological Diversity can be used as a platform for disseminating case-studies and best practices.
- The CBI could be revised in close cooperation with Singapore, in order to evaluate an item such as “How much a city contributes to the implementation of their country’s NBSAPs”.

6. *Process for development and validation of the plan*

Goal: Support the submission of a plan for local action on biodiversity to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, validated by meetings

- (a) First draft by the end of August, to be circulated to the members of the Steering Committee as well as the members of the Inter-agency Task Force.
- (b) First draft will be reviewed and discussed at the Curitiba meeting on the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity, possibly with supportive Declaration (January 2010).
- (c) Notification of the finalized draft will be sent to all Parties in early June and inviting them to include mayors and local authorities in their respective delegation.
- (d) A draft decision will be submitted in advance of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

7. *Adoption of the CBD plan of action on urban biodiversity*

- (a) Decision at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, proposed by the members of the steering committee.
- (b) Support from the City Summit, a parallel event to the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, (eg., The City Summit declaration and Mayors’ inputs at the high-level event of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties).
- (c) To support – A side event on the plan of action at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

8. *Roles and responsibilities*

Steering Committee

- (a) The Steering Committee shall coordinate and monitor the preparation and implementation of the Plan of Action on urban biodiversity, and propose events and activities related to the plan of action.
- (b) The Steering Committee to be chaired until 2012 by the Mayor of Nagoya shall also comprise the Mayor of Curitiba, Bonn and Montreal.
- (c) The Steering Committee shall meet as often as required and at least once a year.
- (d) The meetings of the Steering Committee shall be open to observers or special invitees.
- (e) The report of The Steering Committee shall be circulated to Parties.

Task Force

The Inter-agency Task Force will prepare and assist in the implementation of the Plan of Action.
