

Regional Workshop for East, South and Southeast Asia on Cities and Biodiversity

Qingdao, China • 21st -24th May, 2014

Programme (at May 16th)

Expected outcomes:

- i. Participating local governments become familiar with the CBD and the broader context of which they form part;
- ii. All participants have ideas for actions to improve the contribution of local governments to the CBD's implementation, in their countries;
- iii. Tools for Scientific, technical and technological cooperation are understood and made available for use;
- iv. Participants share examples of subnational implementation of the CBD, which are of interest and use to other participants.

Organization:

- Ministry of Environmental Protection, China: Ms. Zhujun Wang and Ms. Wan Xialin, Foreign Economic Cooperation Office.
- CBD Secretariat: Principal Officer Ms. Amy Fraenkel, Programme Officers Mr. Andre Mader, Mr. Lijie Cai and Mr. Oliver Hillel.

Wednesday, May 21 st	
<p>Session 1.1 (Conference Centre I)</p> <p><i>Opening</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by the Chinese Ministry of Environmental Protection</i></p> <p>09:00 - 10:40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening of the Workshop and celebration of International Day for Biodiversity (Including speech by the Executive Secretary). This will take place for both workshops simultaneously.
10:40 - 11:00	Tea break
<p>Session 1.2 (Conference Centre I)</p> <p><i>Setting the Scene</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i></p> <p>11:00 – 12:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop background, scope and output (Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD) An introduction to the CBD and to the workshop. Why Cities matter to the CBD. The impact of cities on biodiversity and the opportunities cities offer; cities’ reliance on biodiversity) • Review of the contribution of cities and other subnational governments to the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD) Examples of subnational implementation; short summary of what has been done about this in the context of the Convention (Decisions, collaborations, the Global partnership, COP etc.) • The “Singapore Index on Cities’ Biodiversity” (Ngiam Wen Jiang, Singapore National Parks Board) The Singapore Index is presented as a key tool for biodiversity assessment in cities
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
<p>Session 1.3 (Conference Centre II)</p> <p><i>Local Action</i></p> <p><i>Moderated by Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i></p> <p>13:45 – 15:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentation Introduction on China’s understanding of and position on biodiversity and cities and biodiversity in city planning and land use, with a focus on Shenzheng (Professor Li Junsheng, China Research Academy of Environmental Sciences) • Local Action Examples of what local governments are doing to mitigate biodiversity loss in the face of rapid urbanization; how can these measures achieve greatest success; which local departments’ support do they need in order to ensure success 1) Hong Kong 2) Baoxing County 3) Xi’an City

15:30 - 15:50	Tea break
Session 1.4 (Conference Centre II) <i>Local Action</i> <i>Moderated by Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 15:50 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory presentation What are main challenges that cities face in addressing biodiversity issues? How can local biodiversity assessment contribute to NBSAP development and reporting? (Dr. Chris Doll, United Nations University – Institute of Advanced Studies) • Group discussion Participants will be asked: (a) what they consider the 5 greatest challenges to a healthy city; (b) 5 ways in which biodiversity and ecosystems can help to address those challenges; and (c) how these biodiversity-based solutions can be implemented more broadly in their own cities (recommendations for specific plans and actions)

Thursday, May 22nd	
Session 2.1 (Conference Centre II) <i>Enabling the local contribution</i> <i>Moderated by Dr. Chris Doll, United Nations University</i> 09:00 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction by the moderator • Presentations What is being done to promote subnational implementation; which results they have seen so far; what is the vision for the future; which concrete steps can be taken to get there 1) Chongqing (China) 2) Pakistan 3) Philippines • Questions and Answers
10:30 - 10:50	Tea break
Session 2.2 (Conference Centre II) <i>Enabling the local contribution</i> <i>Moderated by Dr. Chris Doll, United Nations University</i> 10:50 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations What is being done to promote subnational implementation; which results they have seen so far; what is the vision for the future; which concrete steps can be taken to get there 4) Afghanistan 5) Lao 6) Nepal • Questions and Answers
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch

<p>Session 2.3 (Conference Centre II) <i>Enabling the local contribution</i> <i>Moderated by Amy Fraenkel – Director of Mainstreaming, Partnerships and Outreach, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 13:45 – 15:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming session – facilitated group-work Participants work together to discuss strategies for coordinating national and local biodiversity reporting and planning; and for ensuring that implementation follows planning. Questions may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which actions by cities contribute most to the implementation of the CBD? - Identify and list ways in which these contributions can be strengthened, to produce a set of recommendations
<p>15:30 - 15:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tea break</p>
<p>Session 2.4 (Conference Centre II) <i>Enabling the local contribution</i> <i>Moderated by Amy Fraenkel – Director of Mainstreaming, Partnerships and Outreach, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 15:50 – 17:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming session – facilitated group-work Continuation of the previous session, as well as a briefing about the following day’s joint session with STC participants and preparation for a report about Cities workshop to the joint session

Friday, May 23rd	
<p>Session 3.1 (Room IV) <i>Comparing notes</i> <i>Moderated by Oliver Hillel – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 09:00 - 10:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International delegates join others from the South-South and Technical Cooperation Workshop for cross-briefing Participants and facilitators from each workshop will report on their discussions. Facilitators will help to identify commonalities between the two workshops, and areas where each topic can be mainstreamed into the other. Participants of the Cities Workshop will be presented with project options to consider for strengthening cities’ contributions to implementation of the CBD
<p>10:30 - 10:50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Tea break</p>
<p>Session 3.2 (Room IV) <i>Comparing notes</i> <i>Moderated by Oliver Hillel – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 10:50 – 12:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International delegates join others from the South-South and Technical Cooperation Workshop for cross-briefing Continuation of previous session

12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
Session 3.3 (Room II) <i>Next steps</i> <i>Moderated by Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 13:45 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the next steps, in separate workshops again In groups, participants discuss how they plan to use the knowledge and experience gained during the workshop including the joint session, for inclusion in NBSAPs and National Reports to the CBD
15:30 - 15:50	Tea break
Session 3.4 (Room II) <i>Concluding</i> <i>Moderated by Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i> 15:50 – 17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations from the Workshop Report-back by groups and, where relevant, individuals, on how they plan to use the knowledge and experience gained during the workshop. These recommendations are to be presented to the relevant CBD national focal point and coordinators of NBSAPs and National Reports • Closure of the workshop (joint session) An outline of how this workshop will contribute to the summit for cities and subnational governments at COP 12 (Andre Mader – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD) Thanks and farewell (Amy Fraenkel – Director of Mainstreaming, Partnerships and Outreach, Secretariat of the CBD)

Saturday, May 24th	
09:00 – 15:00	Technical visit to the Qingdao Horticultural Expo 2014 (including lunch)
15:30 – 16:30 (Room VI) <i>Moderated by Oliver Hillel – Programme Officer, Secretariat of the CBD</i>	Focused follow up meeting to identify complementary opportunities from the Qingdao Expo.