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Why a Biodiversity Workshop on Cities?

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological
Diversity



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Purpose of the Workshop

- **To place subnational governments in the broader context to which they contribute**
- **To determine ways in which biodiversity-oriented collaboration between levels of government can be enhanced**
- **To consider scientific, technical and technological cooperation (STC) as a tool for collaboration between levels of government**

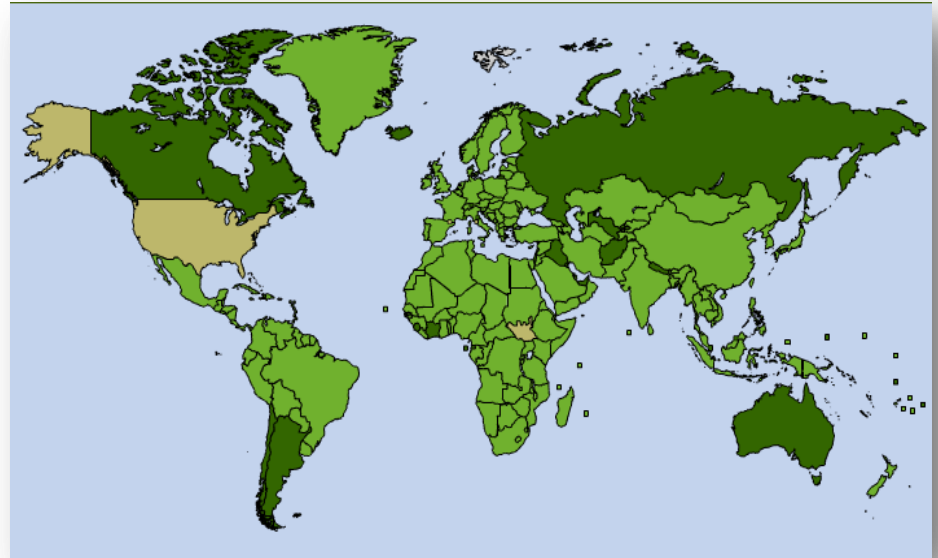


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The Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

- One of three Conventions to emerge from the Rio Summit in 1992
- Parties: 193 national governments and the EU
- Purpose: to guide Parties in stemming the tide of biodiversity loss





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Purpose and Objectives of the CBD

● Objectives:

1. The conservation of biological diversity
2. The sustainable use of the components of biological diversity
3. The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources



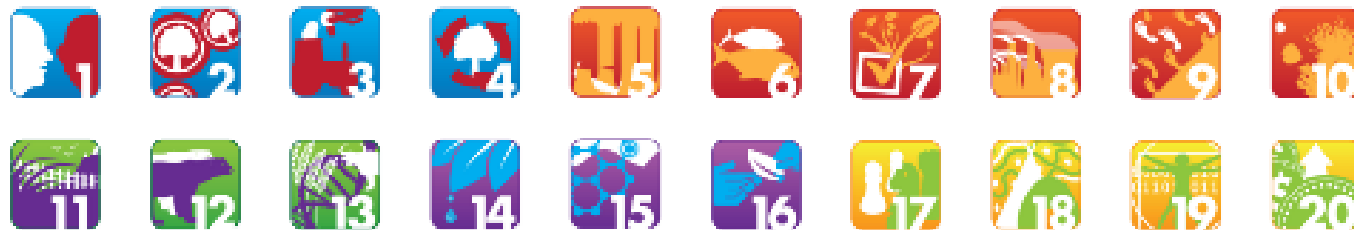


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Purpose and Objectives of the CBD

- **Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011 – 2020: framework for the Convention up to 2020**
- **Aichi Targets help to provide a clear vision of better future for biodiversity, linked with human development and wellbeing**





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CBD Mechanisms

- **Meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and COP decisions**
- **National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs)**
- **National Reports**





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Protocols of the CBD

● **Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety**

- Governs the movements of living modified organisms (LMOs) resulting from modern biotechnology.
- Adopted in 2000 as a supplementary agreement to the CBD and entered into force in 2003.

● **Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization**

- Sharing the benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources in a fair and equitable way.
- Adopted by Parties at COP 10
- Will enter into force 90 days after the date of deposit of the fiftieth instrument of ratification.



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Why a Workshop in China?

- **Increasing focus by the Parties on the importance of subnational governments in implementing the Strategic Plan**
- **Decisions IX/28; X/22; XI/8 suggest various actions including capacity building**
- **Government of China responded by reaching out regionally**

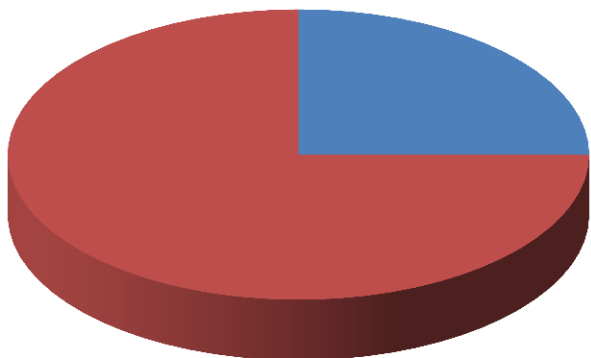
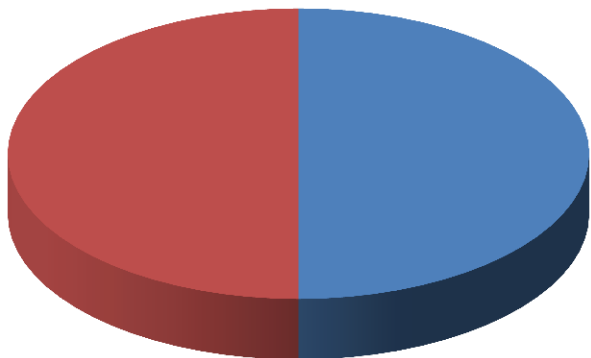
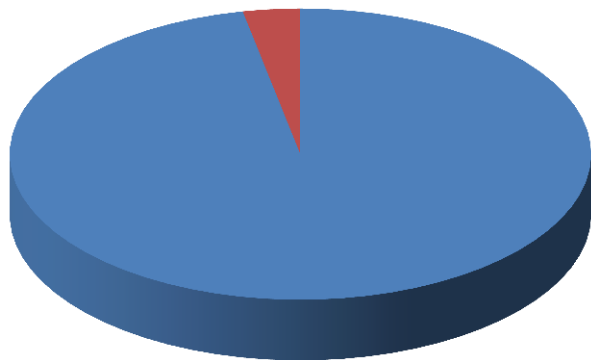




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United Nations Decade on Biodiversity



Why the focus on Cities?

- <3% land area
- >50% population
- 75% resources



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- Profound *effect* on ecosystems...
- ...Profound *reliance* on ecosystems for resilience

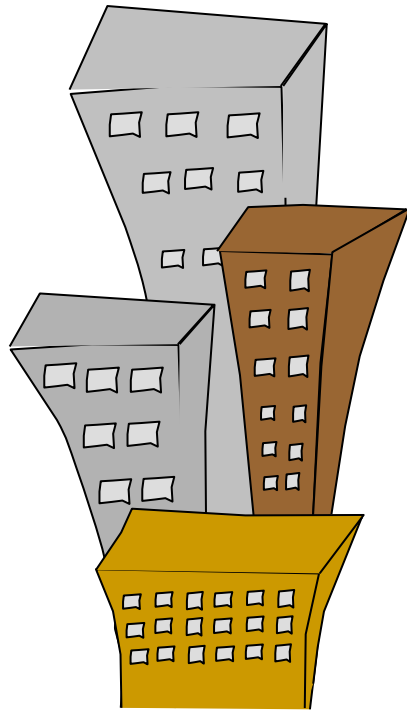




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Why the focus on Cities?



- Sphere of government closest to the people & closest to the ground
- International and national policy → local action
- Mandates for planning & service delivery → biodiversity impact
- Some are larger in geographical size than some nations