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**Press date: The world's majors consult about biodiversity and climate change**

Dear colleagues,

Half of the world's population now already lives in towns and cities. They thus play a special, indeed decisive part in the fight against the consequences of climate change, the maintenance of biological diversity, desertification, and poverty. On the one hand this role has led to ever closer levels of cooperation between the towns and cities themselves. On the other hand national governments and international institutions also recognise the significance of the towns and cities.

Due to the staging of the 9th UN convention on biological diversity (COP 9 – 19th until 30th May in Bonn) Bonn's lord major Bärbel Dieckmann, who is simultaneously chairwoman of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change (WMCCC), has invited representatives from cities all round the world to Bonn for a "Mayors' summit" based on the motto of "Local Action for Biodiversity".

At the press conference prior to the start of the convention on

**Monday, 26 May, 12.15 pm,**

**in the "Maritim" Conference Centre, Saal Reger,**

the following people will be at your disposal as discussion partners:

- Bärbel Dieckmann, mayor of the city of Bonn/Germany
- Dr. Ahmed Djoghlaif, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) of the UNO.
- Astrid Klug, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
- Obed Mlaba, Mayor of Durban/South Africa

The approx. 100 city representatives shall draft a resolution in the form of the "Bonn Call for Action", which they shall probably address to the minister segment of the COP 9 on 29 May.

The mayors' conference will be staged by the Bonn city council in cooperation with ICLEI, the global network of cities promoting conservation and sustained development, and the Servicestelle Kommunen in der Einen Welt/InWEnt (InWEnt Service Agency Communities in one world).


We would thus like to extend a warm welcome to the reporting session.

**This also applies to photographers!**

Yours faithfully,

Your Federal city of Bonn press office

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