



UPCOMING WEBINAR

# Integrating biodiversity & urban development

Subnational Action towards 'harmony  
with nature & sustainable  
development'



Biodiversity Day, 22 May 2025



9AM EDT • 3PM SAST



Convention on  
Biological Diversity



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# Celebration of International Day for Biological Diversity 2025 “Harmony with nature and sustainable development”



## INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR BIODIVERSITY 2025

Harmony with nature and sustainable development





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With just over five years left to meet the **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Targets (KMGBF)** and **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, the theme of International Biodiversity Day is very fitting. The theme, "**Harmony with nature and sustainable development**", aims to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues, as well as the role of biodiversity as a global asset to future generations. Given the changing geopolitical landscape, there is a growing realization that **leadership is shifting towards local and subnational governments to bring about the transformative change needed to address biodiversity loss, resilience and sustainable development**. It is at these levels that tangible actions are being implemented to achieve global climate and biodiversity targets.





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## 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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Plan Urban Areas  
for Human Well-Being  
and Biodiversity

This webinar will explore the crucial role of local and subnational governments in driving the integration of biodiversity conservation in land use and spatial planning, specifically focussing on SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities); and its linkage to Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) Target 12, which aims to ensure biodiversity-inclusive urban development. As we approach the critical five-year window leading up to the 2030 deadline for achieving both the SDGs and the KMGBF targets, this session will emphasize the urgent need for accelerated, collective action at all levels of governance.



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We will explore how cities and subnational governments are uniquely positioned to not only restore, protect and conserve biodiversity, but also catalyze broader societal transformations through inclusive and sustainable urban development.

The session will highlight the importance of aligning development policies with biodiversity goals. In addition, the webinar will underscore the necessity of a whole-of-government approach and synergy and convergence among UN Conventions and processes.



## SPEAKERS



**Jacob Martin-Malus**

Assistant Deputy Minister for  
Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks,  
Quebec



## **SPEAKERS**



**Alderman Eddie Andrews**

Executive Deputy Mayor: Spatial  
Planning & Environment Portfolio  
Committee, City of Cape Town

## SPEAKERS



**Astrid Schomaker**

Executive Secretary,  
Convention on Biological  
Diversity



**MODERATOR**



**Kobie Brand**

Regional Director: ICLEI Africa  
and Deputy Secretary General:  
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