Update on recent & forthcoming events

Speakers featuring at 10am and 3pm SAST:

Ms Ingrid Coetzee
Senior Programme Manager, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center

Ms Kobie Brand
ICLEI Deputy Secretary General, Global Director: ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, and Regional Director ICLEI Africa, Cape Town, South Africa
The Global Taskforce
2020 Local and Subnational Government Information Webinar Dates

Available on the Local and Subnational Government Engagement Platform

6th February 2020 at: 10am CAT and at 3pm CAT
26th March 2020 at: 10am CAT and at 3pm CAT
16th April 2020 at: 10am CAT and at 3pm CAT
14th May 2020 at: 10am CAT and at 3pm CAT
4th June 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm at CAT
23rd July 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm at CAT
20th August 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm at CAT
17th September 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm at CAT
8th October 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm at CAT
5th November 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm CAT
3rd December 2020 at: 10am CAT and 3pm CAT
AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Roadmap to COP15 update
3. Daring Cities report back: High-level event
4. Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming of Biodiversity update
5. Update on recent & upcoming events including LoCS4Africa 2020 Congress
6. Q&A and closing
Roadmap to COP15 update

Ms Ingrid Coetzee
Senior Manager, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions, ICLEI’s Cities Biodiversity Center
Roadmap: Global Biodiversity Framework

Sept

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Goals & Targets

Thematics: Sustainable Use

Thematics: Synergies, ABS

Implementation Support
Resource Mobilization
Capacity Development
Knowledge
...
Enabling Conditions
Responsibility & Transparency
Outreach and Awareness

Dec 2020 to Feb 2021

SBSTTA

Advice on
1. Numerical values
2. Indicators (Headline)
3. Availability of Baseline Information

SBI

Advice on GBF Language (principles)

CoP Decision with details

2021

OEWG

Draft

CoP

Co-Lead report

Co-Lead report

Dec 2020 to Feb 2021
Daring Cities report back: High-level event

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Daring Cities High-level session

ICLEI CITIES BIODIVERSITY CENTER

HIGH-LEVEL SESSION:
TOWARDS ADOPTING A RENEWED DECISION ON LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AT THE BIODIVERSITY COP

22 October 2020
16:00 – 17:30 UTC+2
Daring Cities High-level session

SESSION CHAIRS

HON. MS CHERYL JONES FUR  
Deputy Lord Mayor of Växjö  
Municipal Council, Sweden

MR BASILE VAN HAVRE  
Co-chair of the Open-Ended Working Group on the post-2020 GBF

CHAIR          CO-CHAIR

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Daring Cities High-level session

SESSION SPEAKERS

MR ZHANG XINSHENG
President of IUCN and Former Lord Mayor of Suzhou Metropolitan City

MR KEITH CONNAL
Deputy Director for the Natural Resources Division in the Scottish Government

MR HENRI-PAUL NORMANDIN
Director of International Relations, City of Montreal, on behalf of Mayor Valerie Plante
SESSION SPEAKERS

MR ROBY BIWER
Member of the ENVE commission at the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) & Member of Bettembourg Municipal Council, Luxembourg

MR SERGIO GRAF
Vice President of Regions4 for America and Secretary for the Environment and Territorial Development of Jalisco, Mexico

HIS EXCELLENCY HIDEAKI ŌMURA
Governor of Aichi Prefecture, Japan
Daring Cities High-level session

PROCEEDINGS

1. Opening address to Daring Cities from IUCN
2. Address on the Edinburgh Process and Edinburgh Declaration
3. Address on the call for a renewed dedicated CBD Decision on local and subnational governments
4. Statement of support by the EU Committee of Regions
5. Statement of support by REGIONS for Sustainable Development
6. Statement of support by Aichi Prefecture and the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
7. Exclusive insights into the negotiation process by the Co-chair
8. Closing dare to Daring Cities
Informal Advisory Group on Mainstreaming of Biodiversity update

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Senior Manager, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions, ICLEI’s Cities Biodiversity Center
Overview of GBF and LTAM status

- Set of 5 Goals and 20 GBF targets after Rome available as SBSTTA-24 input (zero draft adjusted)
- LTAM posted – for SBI-3 and WG-2020 3, to COP 15 (check elements in draft recommendations)
- Action Plan posted
- Proposed role of IAG to support/review implementation: experience with work so far of Informal Advisory Group/extended network, what to keep
- Links to Business Forum, Global Partnership on Business & Biodiversity, Action Agenda, review and reporting format
Synergies and entry points for mainstreaming (Global Biodiversity Framework)

- GBF could acknowledge “horizontal and vertical” mainstreaming at chapeau level
- Targets 13, 14, 15 and 17 are integral to mainstreaming
- Targets 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 19 and 20: strong mainstreaming components reflected in LTAM action areas; headline actions and proposed activities support each mainstreaming strategy/action plan
- Theory of Change can be finetuned to LTAM (links to Assessment + nexus reports IPBES)
Recent improvements

- Number and coherence of targets (from 15 targets to 5 action areas)
- Mobilizing “people everywhere” more consistently – proposal for preparatory webinar on civil society and presentation to Parties
- Propose that sectors engage via established and existing means:
  - COP 13 prioritized 4 “direct impact” sectors, COP 14, 5 others, indirect but impactful, COP 15 towards integration/ecological civilization
  - Finance and innovation arguably two more
  - Avoid prescriptiveness while allowing sectors to contribute, co-develop collaborative platform
**Strategy Area I: Mainstreaming biodiversity across government and policies**

**Action Area 1 - Ecosystem/biodiversity values into national and local planning & development processes, poverty reduction, climate accounts and strategies**

- **Assessment, valuation, and accounting tools and methodologies to inform decision-making**
- **Inter-ministerial policy coherence, cross sectoral and vertical collaboration**
- **Integrated territorial (land- and seascape) management, regulation and support to voluntary plans (mitigation hierarchy)**

**2. Fiscal, financial, systemic mainstreaming (incentives/subsidies)**

- **Prohibit/redirect/refrain from harmful incentives (SEAs)**
- **Promote positive incentives**
- **Develop green safeguards and promote nature-friendly innovation tools**
Strategy Area II: Integrate nature and biodiversity into business models, operations, and practices of key economic sectors, including the financial sector

3. Businesses decrease negative and increase net positive impacts on ecosystems, biodiversity and human health

Businesses apply an agreed set of biodiversity metrics, reporting and disclosure standards

Sustainable production practices (over-exploitation, pollution, business models, voluntary standards

Encourage and promote business commitments to biodiversity and partnerships

4. Financial institutions (biodiversity risk assessment policies and processes, dedicated finance)

Financial institutions apply an agreed set of biodiversity metrics, reporting and disclosure standards

Incorporate biodiversity loss in risk analyses, biodiversity benefits or co-benefits

Tools (green investments, impact/blended finance, parametric insurance, etc)

Partnerships to promote financial institutions’ commitments to biodiversity
Strategy Area III: Mainstreaming biodiversity across society

5. People everywhere have relevant information/awareness/capacities, take steps for sustainable consumption and lifestyles

Social, cultural, intrinsic, and traditional values of nature and biodiversity reflected in formal and informal education systems

Rights-holders and stakeholders supported, empowered and engaged by governments to participate in decision making

People everywhere adopt sustainable consumption and lifestyles
What else can give the LTAM “teeth”?

- How best to connect the LTAM to the National and sectoral processes?

- How to upscale existing tools, avoid duplication, strengthen the mainstreaming aspects of HLS, BF, GPBB, AA – what requests to Parties and to them?

- How to take better leverage support from recent initiatives such as BfN, FfN, Act4Nature, OP2B, Task Force on Financial Disclosures, FOAA, FOLU, WEF, etc, and other partners

- Need to better involve other players and rights-stakeholders, urban dwellers and SNGs, UN organizations, science/policy – IPBES, Future Earth
At SBI-3

- LTAM, RM, CB/KM, M&E, assessments, CEPA, etc. – toolbox of a coherent, ambitious, feasible GBF

- GBF, LTAM and those above to be kept under regular review

- “Dream scenario” for item 11 (+Edinburgh Proc.)
  - Vision of LTAM + Action Plans + of implementation review
  - Model of integrated action (Parties) in dialogue with
  - Non-Parties. i.e. subnational and local governments, business and finance, civil society (youth, women, employees, consumers, NGOs, CBOs and IPLCs): offers and needs from Parties
Update on recent & upcoming events including LoCS4Africa 2020 Congress

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Senior Manager, Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions, ICLEI’s Cities Biodiversity Center
Catalyzing Local Governments Action for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework: Local Governments Biodiversity Action

- Organised by the European Committee of the Regions with the South African Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries & ICLEI & Expertise France
- Held on 21 October
- Focused on the EU-SA Post-2020 dialogue that will enable the participating South African district municipalities and eight metros to engage with their EU counterparts on the role and contributions of local governments in achieving national and global biodiversity targets, and strategies for raising ambition and advancing uptake/implementation.
Highlights from Daring Cities 2020

- Virtual forum co-designed by ICLEI and the City of Bonn, Germany
- Held from 7 - 28 October 2020
- Brought together more than 4500 participants from over 150 countries
- Hosted nearly 100 technical and interactive workshops, setting out an action plan to tackle the climate emergency during the Covid-19 pandemic
- Speakers included Secretary-General Guterres, seven UN agency chiefs, eight national ministers and more than 150 Mayors, Governors, Councillors and other urban leaders.
- Watch all session recordings here: [https://daringcities.org/](https://daringcities.org/)
Key quote at Daring Cities:

António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations:

“I am urging Governments, businesses and cities to take six climate-positive actions as we work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. Invest in green jobs. Do not bail out polluting industries, especially coal. End fossil fuel subsidies and place a price on carbon. Take climate risks into account in all financial and policy decisions. Work together. And, most important, leave no one behind.”
Key quote at Daring Cities:

Valerie Plante, Mayor, City of Montreal, Canada; ICLEI Global Ambassador for Local Biodiversity:

“We are at a critical juncture in terms of commitments and actions that the international community must make in the area of biodiversity. COP 21 was a major step forward in the field of climate change. The upcoming COP 15 on biodiversity needs to be just as decisive a moment. The international community will in fact be called upon to adopt a new Global Biodiversity Framework. In this framework, all the players involved must make the kind of commitments that will lead to actions commensurate with the challenges that confront us”.
Highlights from Daring Cities 2020

- 13 October
- Financing Greener Cities of the Future: Resource Mobilisation for Nature-based Solutions at Daring Cities
- Focussing on resource mobilisation (key theme of the GBF)
- Speakers:
  - Tracey Cumming, Technical Advisor: UNDP BIOFIN
  - Katia Karousakis, Biodiversity Team Leader: OECD Environment Directorate
  - Mark Gough, CEO: Capitals Coalition
  - Kimberly Pope, Community and Project Lead Nature Action Agenda: WEF
  - Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Specialist: GEF
  - Moderator: Ms Ingrid Coetzee, Senior Programme Manager CBC, ICLEI
- Conversation on biodiversity finance continues at LoCS4Africa
LGMA October Webinars were held within the scope of Daring Cities 2020

20 October webinar, comprising of two Parts:

- Part-1 focused on the COP26 Roadmap and Multilevel Action,
- Part-2 focused on Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action Race-to.zero and Climate Action Pathways. This second session was recognised as the first public presentation of the 5 Thematic pathways (Built Environment, Waste and Consumption, Transport, Energy and Land Use) to "end-users" which in this case local and regional governments as well as the first regional consultations on these pathways.
Highlights from Daring Cities 2020

- 21 October
- Daring Cities Plenaries focused on Greening Redesign and Recovery including GAP Fund.
- In his live intervention, Japanese Minister of Environment Koizumi announced that he will work with other ministries to support the efforts of Japanese net zero cities and he was hoping that goals of cities and prefectures will help Japan to be more ambitious. He also announced that Japan will host a global net zero cities forum in early 2021 as part of Japan’s contribution to the UNFCCC Race-To-Zero Campaign.
- 5 days after this speech, Japanese Prime Minister announced Japan’s commitment to climate neutrality by 2050, which demonstrated that net zero cities and prefectures played a major role in raising the ambition of Japan’s national climate ambition.
Highlights from Daring Cities 2020

- 28 October
- Daring Cities 2020 concluded with the Outlook Plenary where UK COP26 President Designate Alok Sharma and Italian Minister of Environment Sergio Costa delivered their remarks amongst other high level speakers.
- Launched Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030) - a global partnership of actors with expertise in urban resilience, climate change and the SDGs & will provide a resilience roadmap for cities with defined commitments over time on how to improve local resilience.
- It will promote regional networks of partners with strong links and implementation experience so that cities are connected into a movement that can support implementation of resilience measures.
- All core partners demonstrated support to this global partnership, for operation from January 2021.
LoCS4Africa 2020 Congress

- Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LoCS4Africa) is an online forum for leaders to share strategies on climate action and financing in Africa
- From 3 - 12 November 2020
- Register here: https://locs4africa.iclei.org/

ICLEI Africa's LoCS4Africa 2020, in partnership with the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA), co-hosted by the Government of Rwanda, City of Kigali and The Rwandan Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA).

CoM SSA is co-funded by the European Union (EU) and the German Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ).
3 Nov: Financing for nature-based climate change adaptation

This session explored finance solutions for adaptation finance, with a specific focus on finance for projects that harness nature-based solutions for climate resilience. It unbundled the best practices for accessing these finance solutions as well as unpack recommended pathways and city experiences of integrating nature into local climate plans and into NDCs. The session aimed to support developing countries mobilise investment for nature-based climate adaptation more effectively.
9 Nov: Demystifying finance for disaster risk reduction

- This session will discuss innovative insurance products for improved risk (disaster and climate) management in cities that should be integrated in post-COVID-19 economic recovery. It will provide the space for a balanced dialogue around the potential for insurance and recognition of some of the limits and the unknowns. Lessons from leading African DRR-finance projects will also be shared.

11 Nov: When nature makes cents: The economic value of nature for climate

- This session will try to understand why it is so difficult to see the economic value of nature. It will explore what criteria and principles we need to adequately make the case for investing in nature for climate and to unpack best practice for adequately showcasing the return in investment for nature-based climate work. It will unpack the current barriers and opportunities to financing nature work in order to help make the business case for scalability and replicability.


- Join LoCS4Africa: [https://locs4africa.iclei.org/](https://locs4africa.iclei.org/)
Questions and Discussion
Stay Connected

CitiesWithNature is a first-of-its-kind initiative that:

- **Demonstrates** innovative ways of engaging cities and regions, partners and individuals on urban nature
- **Provides** a platform for knowledge sharing and learning on the critical importance of nature in urban life
- **Offers** a space for collective action at the local level to realise global impact
- **Invites** partners to come on board and shape the initiative going forward e.g. the development of a pathway on the critical importance of urban parks
- **Grows and strengthens** a virtual community of practice that is resilient to crises and is not dependent on physical space or in-person interaction
- **Facilitates** mainstreaming of nature in and around our cities to secure our increasingly urban future
Local and Subnational Advocacy for Nature Website

The voice of local and subnational governments in the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity & associated Conventions

Key upcoming advocacy moments

UN Summit on Biodiversity
September 22, 2020

The UN Summit on Biodiversity will convene under the theme “Energizing Action: Biodiversity for Sustainable Development.” The Secretary of the Committee on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Environment...
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