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Local and Subnational Government Information Webinar Series

Cities and regions' solutions to global nature-related challenges

6 May 2021
10am & 3pm (SAST)
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In line with this year's International Day for Biological Diversity theme "we're part of the solution", this webinar aims to profile what actions cities & regions are taking to overcome nature-related challenges





Session chair



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2021 Webinar Dates



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2021 webinar dates

10am and 3pm (SAST, UTC+2):

- 4 February
- 4 March
- 1 April
- 6 May
- 3 June
- 1 July
- 5 August
- 2 September
- 7 October
- 4 November
- 2 December

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10am SAST

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Roadmap to COP15 & update of events
3. Speaker presentations:
 - Cape Town, South Africa
 - Delhi, India
 - Manchester, United Kingdom
 - Tirana, Albania
4. Q&A and closing





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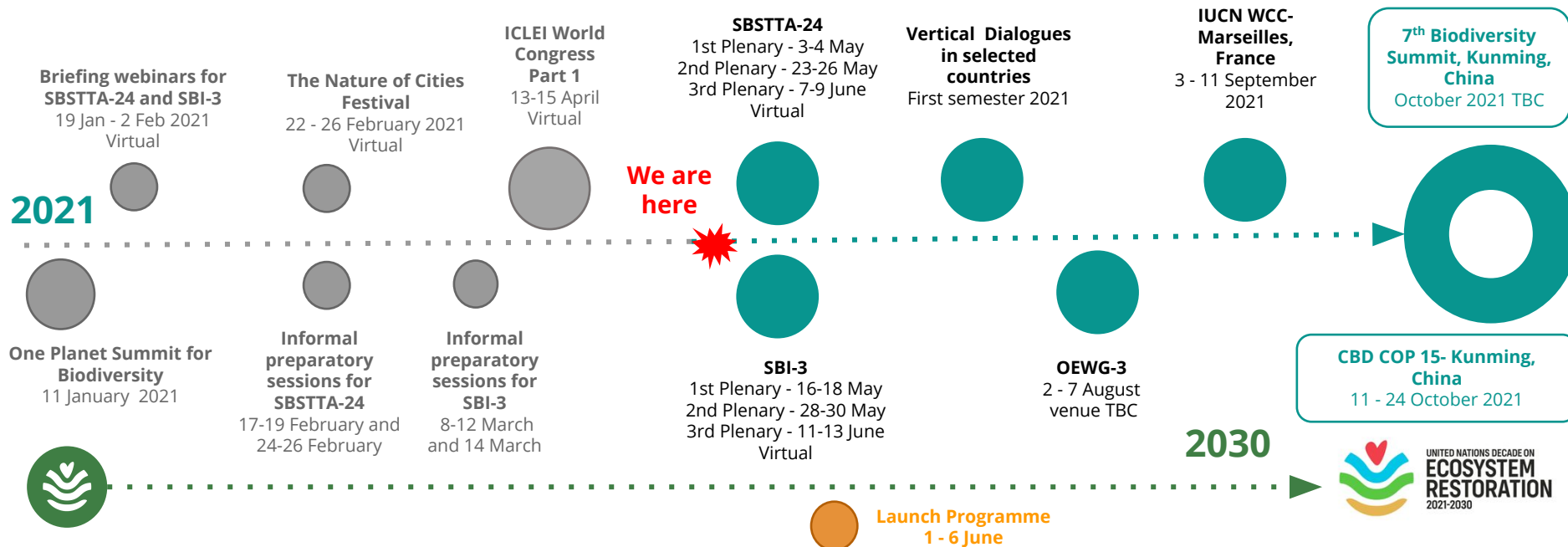
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3pm SAST

1. Welcome & introductions
2. Roadmap to COP15 & update of events
3. Speaker presentations:
 - Urbana, Illinois, USA
 - Urban Natural Asset project cities, Africa
 - San Antonio, Texas, USA
 - INTERACT-Bio in Belo Horizonte, Brazil
4. Q&A and closing



Local & Subnational Roadmap to COP 15



- **Edinburgh Declaration**

- Around 175 signatories and numbers growing rapidly – encourage all local & subnational governments to sign

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/edinburgh-declaration-on-post-2020-biodiversity-framework/>

- **Events:**

- International Biodiversity Forum ("Foro Internacional de Biodiversidad") : Living in harmony with nature - led by CONGOPE took place online in Ecuador from 19-22 April.
- SCBD online workshop - "The financial sector & the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework", 17-18 June.

- **Look out for ...**

- Action Agenda Newsletter on Biodiversity Commitments: Issue 1

<https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/newsletter.shtml>





Focus on SBSTTA 24 & SBI-3

- Formal meetings of the subsidiary bodies being held virtually currently - 3 May to 13 June 2021.
- Plenary sessions (3 hours) & contact groups (
- SBSTTA 24 agenda items = item 3 (post-2020 GBF); 9 (biodiversity & health); 10 (IAS)
- SBI-3 agenda items = 6 (resource mobilization & financial mechanism); 7 (capacity-building, technical and scientific cooperation, and technology transfer, communication, knowledge management & the clearing-house mechanism) ; 9 (mechanisms for reporting, assessment & review of implementation); and 11 (mainstreaming of biodiversity within and across sectors and other strategic actions to enhance implementation)
- Adoption of L-documents – deferred to a later date at a physical meeting
- Network partners of local & subnational governments (major group) – participating & coordinating joint statements – made one on item 3 - <https://subnationaladvocacyfornature.org/>



Speakers



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Questions & answers



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- **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

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Thank you for joining this webinar!



Our next webinar will be on **3 June 2021**

All recordings available at
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