

Expert Meeting: Urban Nature, Green Urban Infrastructure, and Climate Adaptation

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Istanbul, Türkiye

Preparing for CBD COP16

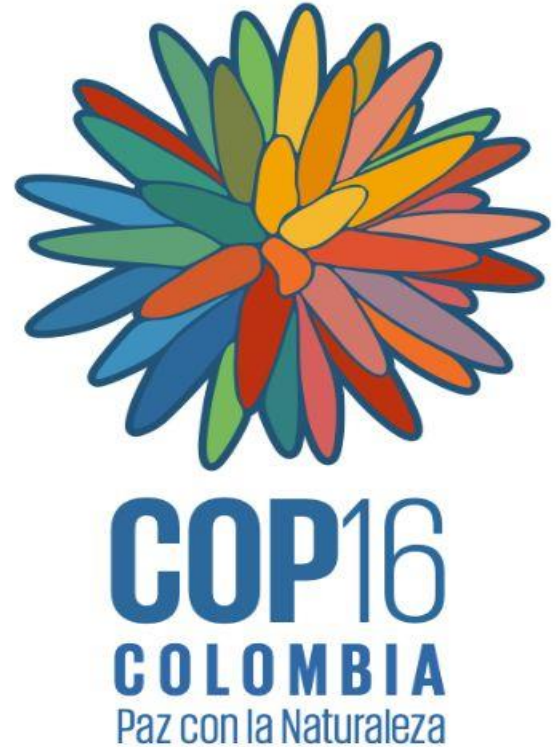
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ICLEI – Local Governments for
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CBD COP16

- **When**
 - 21 Oct - 1 Nov
- **Where**
 - Cali, Colombia
- **Priority areas:**
 - Translate the Biodiversity Plan into resolute national action
 - Mobilize and bolster the means of implementation – including resource mobilization
- **COP16 slogans:**
 - The Biodiversity Plan constitutes an indivisible whole
 - It is time to make peace with nature for the sake of planet and people
 - Biodiversity is a bulwark against the triple environmental crisis afflicting our world



Subnational & local governments engagement in the CBD processes

ICLEI, through its Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC), has worked closely with the UN Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) & a range of partners to elevate the voice of local & subnational governments within CBD processes and ensure that they have a seat in the negotiations to showcase strong action taken to create vibrant cities and regions, where people and biodiversity can thrive.



Achievements since COP 8, 2006

- Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity
- Recognized in more than 20 CBD decisions
- Two dedicated Decisions & Plans of Action (CBD Decision X/22 & CBD Decision 15/12)
- Target 12
- CWN & RWN endorsed as reporting platforms

Summits of Subnational Governments & Cities @ COP

ICLEI hosted official parallel event at CBD COPs since 2008.

Summits Subnational Governments & Cities gathers Governors, Mayors and other local & subnational government leaders from around the world to showcase bold action and solutions, and voice the ambitions of local and subnational governments for biodiversity



The CitiesWithNature Action Platform accelerates bold action for nature by enabling cities to make commitments and share their achievements. Here cities can show what actions they are taking to help achieve the global nature goals

8th Summit for Subnational Governments and Cities

- The 8th Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities: Taking Action for Biodiversity will align with the objectives and priorities of CBD COP16 to showcase subnational biodiversity restoration and conservation experience, demonstrating local and territorial actions, in contributing to the GBF
- Held in the COP venue (Blue Zone) on 26 October

Closed high-level roundtable - “Responding to COP16 priorities: the perspectives of local and subnational governments.”

Mayors & Governors reflect on implementation and progress to date on their contributions to the GBF and the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities, and other Local Authorities For Biodiversity (2023–2030) (SCBD Decision 15/12); and convey their ambitions, expectations and opportunities within the global biodiversity agenda to CBD Parties.

High-level dialogues - “Collaborative action for biodiversity: the whole-of- government and whole-of-society approaches to bolster the implementation of the Biodiversity Plan.”

Focus on advancing biodiversity through collaborative & transformative action & resource mobilization at local & territorial scales across levels of government & with different sectors of society to achieve Biodiversity targets; & build synergies between biodiversity & climate agendas.

Announcements & Associated events

RWN Action Platform
Journeys for Life launch and first cohort of cities
Generation Restoration second cohort of pilot cities
Berlin Urban Nature Pact
Quebec Nature Plan
UNP Mayors’ Leadership Forum
CBD Advisory Committee on Cities & Subnational Governments

- ✓ Local & Subnational Major Group Hub (21 Oct – 1 Nov) – events, launches, dialogues
- ✓ CBD thematic side events



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UNP Mayors' Leadership Forum

Gather the Lighthouse Cities to demonstrate action and ambition and spearhead the role of cities in supporting nature positive development

- **Target audience**
 - LHC Mayors', Partners, experts and thought leaders, financial institutions, and MDBs
- **Scope of opportunity**
 - Policy engagement and peer to peer learning
 - Financial support and investment opportunities
 - Mobilize investment in the biodiversity and climate nexus
- **Outcomes**
 - Resource sharing and knowledge exchange
 - Collaborative partnerships
 - Showcasing local commitments

Brainstorm session with cities and partners



- Which cities plan to attend
- Opportunities to collaborate
- Developing the agenda for the Mayors' Leadership Forum: Cities needs and interests
- Interest in bilateral meetings