

Cities4Biodiversity (C4B)

***Promoting nature-positive and
carbon-neutral cities***

Key takeaways and Next steps

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Common Challenges

- Growing urban population
- Urban sprawl and pressure on land
- Competing demands, especially development pressure (scale and fast)
- Access and inequality
- Limited data and capacity
- Sustainable financial modality

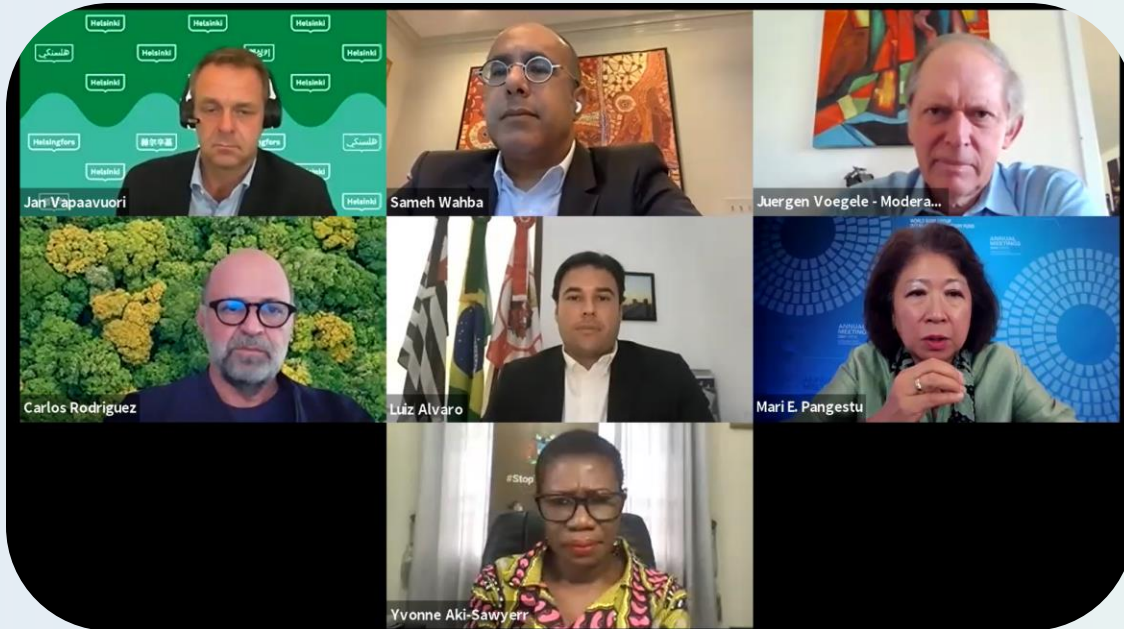
Approaches to addressing the challenges

- Ecological plans/green infrastructure plan/green city plan (understand ecoservices, connected green/blue infrastructure)
- Integration (land-use plan, "gray" infrastructure" plan) and coordination
- Long term ecological vision for the city with short term actions and projects (e.g., Restoration and preservation of urban wet-lands)
- Tools to support planning (data, indicators, etc.)
- Finance
- Leadership is critical
- Continuous and systematic learning and capacity building

Urbanization can happen in an eco-friendly way!

How can C4B support your cities ?

Engaging local leadership: Form a leadership coalition



- Senior and political leadership of the cities and the partner organizations to help make and deliver commitments on the urban biodiversity strategy and agenda

How can C4B support your cities ?

Thematic in-depth learning and sharing

- First deep-dive learning
 - Materials: <https://www.thegpsc.org/1st-deep-dive-learning>
- In-depth sessions: e.g., Wetlands management, coastal resilience, financial mechanisms
- Second deep-dive learning in the fall
(Topic: Urban Biodiversity and Urban Ecosystems, TBC)



Urban Biodiversity and Urban Ecosystems

- What is urban biodiversity? How do we manage urban biodiversity?
- Urban biodiversity and Post-2020 Biodiversity framework

Natural Capital Accounting and Pricing Natural Assets

- Measuring “natural wealth” of cities
- How to put a price on urban natural asset

Green Urban Infrastructure – NBS

- How to identify and leverage nature-based solutions/hybrid solutions and ecosystem services

Urban Cooling – NBS, Urban Planning and Design

- How to mitigate urban heat impacts using different tools and interventions

Carbon Neutrality, Biodiversity, and Urban Ecology

- Strategies and tools towards making the low carbon transition and achieving carbon neutrality

Citizen Engagement

- How to empower citizens for climate action, beyond participation

Finance

- How to identify suitable financial mechanisms for investing in nature
- How to build an enabling environment to induce private sector investment

Setting Targets and Ambitions

- How to support the development and implementation of initiatives reinforcing ambitious agendas

How can C4B support your cities ?

Help us shape the program that supports your work

- **Survey:** <https://forms.gle/Z3ckWwUnRBetuESW7>



C4B Deep-Dive Learning Participant Survey

Thank you for your participation in C4B's first deep-dive learning!
We would like to hear from you to learn more about your needs and also explore opportunities for future activities and improve the overall C4B program. Your feedback will only be used for internal purposes. Thank you.

Questions? gpsc@worldbankgroup.org



If you attended all five sessions, please let us know your **preferred name** (with title and organization name, if applicable) to be shown on the course certificate via the **survey**.

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