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FIRST MEETING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SUB-NATIONAL
GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL
AUTHORITIES ON BIODIVERSITY
Montpellier, France, 17-19 January 2011

ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The first meeting on the Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity¹ will be held in the city of Montpellier, France, from 17 to 19 January 2011. The meeting is being organized at the invitation of the Government of France and the City of Montpellier. The organizers gratefully acknowledge that several of the participants will contribute to the meeting by providing information on their work in the context of sub-national governments, cities and other local authorities and biodiversity.

2. The meeting aims to:

(a) Advise on the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity;

(b) Advise on the preparation of the second summit on local authorities and biodiversity to be held in conjunction with the high level segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties, in India in October 2012;

(c) Define each other's contribution to the assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity (based on the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook) to be presented to the second summit on local authorities and biodiversity during the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. A report on the outcomes of this meeting will be presented at the closing of the event on 19 January, before a press conference. The results of the meeting will be used as input for the preparation of the appropriate documents for submission to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting. The report will be distributed to all the participants of the Nagoya City Summit on Biodiversity as well as to the focal points of the Convention and the Secretariat's partners.

4. Registration of participants will commence at 9 a.m. on Monday 17 January 2011, at *Maison des Relations Internationales*, Montpellier, France.

¹ Decision X/22, annex.

II. BACKGROUND

5. In March 2007, the city of Curitiba organized and sponsored a meeting on “Cities and Biodiversity: Achieving the 2010 Biodiversity Target”. The meeting resulted in the adoption of the [Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity](#), which mandated the Mayor of Curitiba (Brazil), the Mayor of Montreal (Canada), the Mayor of Bonn (Germany), and the Mayor of Nagoya (Japan) to act as a Steering Committee in order to develop synergies between existing associations to carry a strong message, and to follow up through concrete projects, awareness campaigns, and exchange of best practices. The establishment of a [Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity](#) was proposed in Curitiba, to support cities in the sustainable management of their biodiversity resources, to assist cities to implement practices that support national, regional and international strategies, plans, and agendas on biodiversity, and to bring together and learn from existing.

6. At the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, under agenda item 4.13, Parties were invited to consider cities and biodiversity within the request to provide guidance to the Secretariat on cooperation with other conventions and international organizations and initiatives, and engagement of stakeholders. As a result of negotiations, [decision IX/28](#), on cities and local authorities was adopted, inviting Parties to recognize the roles of cities and local authorities in national biodiversity strategies and action plans (NBSAPs), and to support cities to implement the goals of the Convention. In recognition of the critical role played by cities and local authorities in the Convention, the mayors of Curitiba, Nagoya, Bonn and Montreal addressed the high-level event of COP 9 on 29 May 2008. Their statements were followed by an intervention by Minister of National Development of Singapore, Mr. Mah Bow Tan, on an initiative to develop a City Biodiversity Index (CBI).

7. Three events were held at the margins of the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- (a) The [Erfurt Conference on Urban Biodiversity and Design](#), 21-24 May 2008;
- (b) The Mayors Conference on Local Action for Biodiversity, organized by ICLEI and the City of Bonn on 26-27 May 2008, during which participants adopted the [Bonn Call for Action](#);
- (c) A side-event on cities and biodiversity on 26 May 2008.

8. The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity took place in Curitiba, Brazil, on 6-7 January 2010, followed on 8 January by celebrations to mark the start of the International Year of Biodiversity. The meeting on cities and biodiversity was a major milestone for cities and local authorities in their preparations to the City Biodiversity Summit 2010 held in Nagoya, Japan, 24-26 October 2010. The event was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment of Brazil and the City of Curitiba. For more information, including the meeting documents and the declaration [Towards Aichi/Nagoya: Second Curitiba Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity](#).

9. In May 2010, [The Nagoya Declaration - URBIO 2010](#) was submitted during the 2nd International Conference of the Network URban BIODiversity and Design URBIO 2010 “Urban Biodiversity in the Ecological Network”. Also in May, a side-event on ‘Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity’ was held during the third meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI 3), held in Kenya, Nairobi. Participants discussed the draft Plan of Action on Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity and about their experiences of implementing the Convention at the local level.

10. The Second Expert Workshop on the Development of the City Biodiversity Index (CBI) was organized by the CBD Secretariat and the Government of Singapore which is represented by the National Parks Board (NParks) of Singapore from 1st to 3rd July 2010. In follow up to the first workshop held in February 2009 and the subsequent development of [the User’s Manual for the Singapore Index on Cities’ Biodiversity](#), more than 15 cities worldwide have tested the index. The representatives from these cities

and urban biodiversity experts gathered in Singapore to review the test results and to improve and finalise the CBI indicators.

11. At the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (COP 10), under agenda item 4.9, Parties adopted [decision X/22](#), on engagement with cities and local authorities, and endorsed the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity (hereinafter referred to as ‘Plan of Action’). The plan calls for capacity building and dissemination of best practices and for an “assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity based on the third edition of the Global Biodiversity Outlook” to be produced by 2012, and aims at providing national governments with opportunities to work together with sub-national governments, cities, and other local authorities on biodiversity strategies and action plans. Parties to the Convention are encouraged to report on their progress and on how they have engaged with local and sub-national governments before the next meeting of the Conference of the Parties, which will take place in India in October 2012, and in parallel of which a summit on local authorities and biodiversity is planned to take place.

12. On 24-26 October 2010, the City of Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture and Aichi-Nagoya COP 10 CBD Promotion Committee hosted the City Biodiversity Summit 2010, supported by the CBD Secretariat and ICLEI –Local Governments for Sustainability, as co-organizers. During the three day conference, more than 600 top executives including 240 mayors, governors, local government officials and heads of relevant organizations from all over the world, shared best practices and lesson learned from their actions for local biodiversity in eight break-out sessions on this topic. The results of the conference, adopted as the [Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity](#), were announced by Mayor Kawamura of Nagoya and Governor Kanda of Aichi Prefecture at the high-level segment of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, on 28 October 2010. The City Summit Declaration is available in the six United Nations languages, as well as in Japanese, at: <http://www.cbd.int/authorities/importantevents>.

13. The following related events were held in the margins of the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

(a) On 22 October, over 75 people took part in a side-event on Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans which aimed at recognizing the role of sub-national governments in the implementation of the Convention. The Governor of Uppsala and representatives from Aichi, Ishikawa, Hyogo, Parana and United Nations University, took this opportunity to exchange on best practices related to biodiversity management at sub-national level and success stories of collaboration between various levels of governments;

(b) Also on 22 October, the Convention Secretariat organized a side-event on cities and biodiversity aimed at improving cooperation for local implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Mayor of Nagoya and city government representatives from Curitiba, Montreal and Bonn presented their actions related urban biodiversity and their involvement in regional and international activities;

(c) Other relevant events held during the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties:

- (i) “Towards a Green Future—Biodiversity Action at the Local Level” organized by the Nordic Council of Ministers, on 20 October 2010;
- (ii) “Cities and Biodiversity” organized by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan, on 20 October 2010;
- (iii) “Wetlands and Urbanization” organized by Wetlands International, on 20 October 2010;

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- (iv) “Local Solutions to Global Biodiversity Challenges” organized by ICLEI-LAB, on 27 October 2010;
- (v) “European Capitals of Biodiversity – Promoting the Preservation of Biodiversity in Urban Areas” organized by Deutsche Umwelthilfe e.v., IUCN Europe, ICLEI and their partners, on 27 October 2010;
- (vi) A side-event to the City Biodiversity Summit 2010: “URBIS Partnership event” organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the partners, on 23 October 2010.

ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING, ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS AND OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

2.1. Election of officers

14. An opening statement will be delivered by the representatives of the host country and the Mayor of Montpellier as well as by the Executive Secretary of the Convention. As per established practice the Mayor of Montpellier will chair the meeting. The Secretariat will act as reporter of the meeting.

2.2. Adoption of the agenda

15. The provisional agenda (UNEP/CBD/IPA-SNGCOLA-1/1) will be before the Group for consideration and adoption. A summary of the programme is available in the annex hereto.

2.3. Organization of work

16. The languages of the meeting will be English and French (simultaneous interpretation).

17. The workshop methodology is based on tools for collaborative inquiry and will incorporate participative planning technologies. Brief presentations by resource persons will set the background for participants to evaluate their common goals and objectives, interactive planning sessions will allow participants to exchange experiences and guided discussions will bring participants to agree on a common roadmap to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

18. Following the opening statements by the host country, the City of Montpellier and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, representatives of the Secretariat will briefly present the objectives of the meeting

ITEM 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS, CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON BIODIVERSITY

19. The Secretariat will make a short presentation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity and its relation with the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.²

20. The objective of this session is to advise on the implementation modalities of the plan of action based on the experiences of the participants. Participants will agree on concrete objectives and activities required for the effective implementation of the Plan of Action by all partners. Under this item, participants will be invited to gather in small groups to identify a series of objectives that they consider as priority and as reachable over the next two years. For this session, each group will nominate a representative, who will present the results to the plenary in order for all to debate and agree on a shortlist

² Decision X/2, annex.

of common objectives. Resulting objectives will be discussed, compiled and grouped under four or five general categories.

ITEM 3. THE ROAD MAP TO THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

21. The objective of this session is to specify the elements to be included in the road map, including expected outcomes, outputs and activities. Under this item, participants will gather in small groups to identify ways to attain the objectives outlined under item 2 (one category of objectives per group). Groups will identify expected outcomes and outputs to bring to the Conference of the Parties at its eleventh meeting, as well as specific activities to take place in 2011-2012, including notably the development of an assessment of the links and opportunities between urbanization and biodiversity (or “Global Biodiversity Outlook at the local level”).

22. In line with the “Roman Carousel” method, selected spokespersons will present the results of their group to the other groups in order to get feedbacks and clarifications from them, and will report to their original group. Each group will then summarize and discuss about the feedbacks received in order to agree on the final list of outcomes, outputs and activities, and will report to the plenary. Facilitators will compile the results and participants will discuss and agree on the final list of outcomes, outputs and activities, including the “Global Biodiversity Outlook at the local level”, as well as on the resulting roadmap 2011-2012.

23. Under this agenda item, participants will discuss the preparation of the second summit on local authorities and biodiversity to be held in October 2012 in India in conjunction with the High level segment of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The participants will also agree on the composition of a steering committee to be mandated to prepare the summit.

ITEM 4. CELEBRATING THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON BIODIVERSITY

24. At its sixty-fifth session, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2011-2020 as the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity. The initiative “1,000 Days for the Planet”, an expedition on biodiversity by Jean Lemire, the Ambassador for *The Green Wave* initiative, will be an important platform for celebrating the launch of the Decade. The participants will have before them the draft strategy and will discuss the contribution of the sub-national governments, cities and local authorities in the success of the decade.

ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS

25. Under this item the participants may raise any issue of relevance to the objectives of the meeting.

ITEM 6. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

26. The Chair with the support of the Secretariat will submit a report to be adopted by the participants. The final version will be circulated to all participants of the City Summit on Biodiversity held in Nagoya on 26-27 October 2010 as well as to all Convention focal points and the Secretariat’s partners.

ITEM 7. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

27. The meeting is expected to close on 19 January 2011. The closing statements will be followed by a press conference and *The Green Wave* activity. Participants will be invited to take part in excursions to the Ecotron and Amazonian Green House.

Annex

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE FIRST MEETING FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION ON SUB NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS,
CITIES AND OTHER LOCAL AUTHORITIES FOR BIODIVERSITY**

Montpellier, France, 17-19 January 2011

17 January 2011		
9-10 a.m.	Opening words	France, Montpellier CBD Secretariat
10-10.30 a.m.	Coffee break	
10.30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Overview of the objectives	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
12.30-1.30 p.m.	Buffet	
1.30-2.30 p.m	Implementation of the Plan of Action on Sub-National Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities on Biodiversity	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
2.30-3.15 p.m	The Road Map to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
3.15-3.45 p.m	Coffee break	
3.45 -5.30 p.m	The Road Map to the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (<i>continued</i>)	Groups will report to plenary
7 p.m.	Cocktail Reception by the City of Montpellier	
18 January 2011		
9-10 a.m.	Summary of previous day and additional inputs/feedbacks	Chair and facilitators
10-10.30 a.m	Coffee break	
10 :30- 12 :30	'The Road Map to COP 11' (3)	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
12.30-2 p.m	Lunch- Buffet	
2- 3.15 p.m.	Celebrating the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
3.15-3.45 p.m	Coffee break	
3.45 -5 p.m.	Other matters	Facilitated by the CBD Secretariat
6 p.m.	Cocktail reception	
19 January 2011		
9-10 a.m.	Presentation of the final results	Chair/Participants
10-10.30 a.m.	Closing words	
10.45 a.m. - 12 noon	Press conference and <i>The Green Wave</i> activity	
11.30 a.m. - -	Excursion to Ecotron and Amazonian greenhouse	