



**8th SUMMIT**  
for Subnational Governments & Cities



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## 8th Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities: Taking Action for Biodiversity

Official parallel event to the **CBD COP 16** in Cali, Colombia

**Date** Saturday 26 October 2024

**Venue** Plenary Room / Working Group Room 1 in Blue Zone

The 8th Summit for Subnational Governments & Cities: Taking Action for Biodiversity will gather Governors, Mayors and other subnational government leaders from around the world to engage directly with national leaders and their key stakeholders during the 16th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP16). Engagements will focus on subnational biodiversity actions at the local and territorial scale, in contributing to the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and the Plan of Action under Decision 15/12.



Time & Session	Short description
08:30	DOORS OPEN
09:00 - 10:00 <b>Opening segment</b>	<p>The opening plenary will provide introductions to, and set the scene and tone for, the Summit as a whole. It includes the ceremonial formalities and the 'handing over of the baton from 7th Summit hosts to the 8th Summit hosts. The hosts of the 8th Summit for Subnational Governments &amp; Cities will formally welcome the Mayors, Governors, other VIPs and delegates, and declare the Summit open. The opening plenary speakers will each make opening remarks expressing their ambitions for the Summit and COP outcomes.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia</li> <li>• Susana Muhamad, COP16 President &amp; Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia (tbc)</li> <li>• Liu Jiachen, Mayor of Kunming, China</li> <li>• Jacob Martin-Malus, Deputy Minister of Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec, Canada</li> <li>• Marie-Andrée Mauger, Deputy Mayor, Ecological Transition, Resilience and Environment, Montreal, Canada</li> <li>• Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystems Division, UNEP</li> <li>• John Swinney, First Minister, Scotland &amp; Regions4 President</li> <li>• Alfredo Coro, Mayor of Del Carmen Philippines and Lead of ICLEI's Biodiversity Portfolio</li> </ul> <p><b>Master of Ceremonies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI</li> </ul> <p>Recognition of main sponsor and short intervention by Sergio Díaz-Granados, Executive President of CAF (tbc)</p>





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<p>10:05 - 10:25</p> <p><b>Launch of the Community of Practice Against Criminal Economies Affecting Biodiversity</b></p>	<p>Launch of the Community of Practice Against Criminal Economies Affecting Biodiversity by the Mayor of Cali.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia</li><li>• Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime</li></ul>
<p>10:35 - 12:00</p> <p><b>PARTNERING</b></p> <p><b>Session 1</b> Bridging the biodiversity finance gap: Partnering for nature</p>	<p>This session will explore innovative solutions, mechanisms and partnerships between subnational governments, cities, the private sector, and Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) to address the biodiversity finance gap. It will highlight successful case studies and collaborations to scale financial solutions for urban and territorial (landscape level) biodiversity initiatives.</p> <p><b>Scene Setter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson, Global Environment Facility (tbc)</li></ul> <p><b>Panel 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Oscar Alberto Reborá Aguilera, Secretary of Environment, Quintana Roo, Mexico</li><li>• Cristian Zamora, Mayor of Cuenca, Ecuador</li><li>• Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of Natural Resources, California, United states</li><li>• Huang Runqiu, Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of People's Republic of China (tbc)</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cristina Gomez Garcia Reyes, Lead, Net-Zero Nature-Positive Cities, WEF</li></ul> <p><b>Panel 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Midori Sugino, Vice Mayor of Nagoya, Japan</li><li>• Luis Francisco Ruiz Aguilar, Governor, Caqueta, Colombia</li><li>• Tian Chen, Director General, Beijing Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau, China</li><li>• Hans Stielstra, Deputy Head of Unit, Natural Capital and Ecosystem Health, European Commission</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Togo Uchida, Director, ICLEI Japan</li></ul>
<p>12:00 - 13:30</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>



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<p data-bbox="124 808 284 837">13:30 - 15:00</p> <p data-bbox="142 862 280 891"><b>PROGRESS</b></p> <p data-bbox="142 911 269 940"><b>Session 2</b></p> <p data-bbox="76 947 336 1265">Whole-of-government solutions: Showcasing implementation progress made in urban and territorial action for biodiversity</p>	<p data-bbox="397 461 1445 672">This session will reflect on the progress made towards the implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and Decision 15/12 Plan of Action, and other biodiversity-related Conventions and agendas, such as climate change. It considers an engagement with experts and policymakers to develop cohesive strategies that support both biodiversity protection, restoration and conservation at all levels of government.</p> <p data-bbox="443 719 612 748"><b>Scene Setter</b></p> <ul data-bbox="413 786 1458 851" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Debra Roberts, Co-Chair, Working Group II, IPCC and Head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives Unit, eThekweni, South Africa</li></ul> <p data-bbox="443 900 541 929"><b>Panel 1</b></p> <ul data-bbox="413 967 1206 1104" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Irene Galindo, Deputy Mayor of Los Cabos, Mexico</li><li>• Christophe Najdovski, Deputy Mayor of Paris, France</li><li>• Andre Mauricio Granda Garrido, Governor, Pastaza, Ecuador</li><li>• Regina Musoke, Mayor of Nansana, Uganda</li></ul> <p data-bbox="443 1153 587 1182"><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul data-bbox="413 1220 1187 1249" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rodrigo Perpetuo, Regional Secretary, ICLEI South America</li></ul> <p data-bbox="443 1299 544 1328"><b>Panel 2</b></p> <ul data-bbox="413 1366 1339 1541" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anil Kumar, Mayor of Kochi, India</li><li>• Gemma Harper, Chief Executive, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Government of the United Kingdom</li><li>• Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor, Kisumu County, Kenya</li><li>• Michelle Rubirola, Deputy Mayor of Marseilles, France</li></ul> <p data-bbox="443 1590 587 1619"><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul data-bbox="413 1668 986 1697" style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jordan Harris, Executive Director, Regions4</li></ul>





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<p>15:00 - 16:30</p> <p><b>PEACE</b></p> <p><b>Session 3</b></p> <p>Living in harmony &amp; making peace with nature: Sharing innovative practices</p>	<p>This session showcases best practices and innovative solutions from local and subnational governments and other stakeholders that promote peaceful coexistence with nature. Focus areas include sustainable land management, restoration practices, and natural resource governance. It will allow attendees to learn from successful initiatives that demonstrate how cities and communities can live in harmony with nature, fostering sustainable development and biodiversity conservation.</p> <p><b>Scene Setter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Xiomara Acevedo Navarro, CEO and Founder, Barranquilla+20</li></ul> <p><b>Panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Edouard Hervé Mony Mpah, Mayor of Douala IV, Cameroon</li><li>• Alejandro Char Chaljub, Mayor of Barranquilla, Colombia</li><li>• Rika Makino, Vice Governor, Aichi, Japan</li><li>• Jordi Sagatal, Minister of Ecological Transition, Catalonia</li><li>• Elkin Velasquez, Latin America Representative, UN-Habitat</li><li>• Eleonora Betancur, Director, National Cooperation Agency of Colombia</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Nello, Expert in Business Engagement for Nature-Positive Actions and Ecosystem Restoration, IUCN</li></ul>
<p>16:30 - 17:00</p>	<p>TEA/COFFEE BREAK</p>
<p>17:00 - 19:30</p> <p><b>Special announcements</b></p>	<p>Exciting announcements from a wide range of leading subnational governments, cities, their networks and partners.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI</li><li>• Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals; Hamed Akhgar, Mayor Varzenah, Iran (tbc) &amp; Ana María Aljure, City Manager, Barranquilla, Colombia</li><li>• Musonda Mumba, Secretary General, RAMSAR Wetlands Convention</li><li>• Adiam Emery, Deputy Mayor of Seattle, United States; Amanda Lloyd, Director, Global Programs, University of Pennsylvania &amp; Sharon Gil, Programme Management Officer and Cities Lead, UNEP</li><li>• Jean Lemire, Envoy for Climate Change, Northern and Arctic Affairs &amp; Jacob Martin Malus, Assistant Deputy Minister for Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec</li><li>• Shu Zu, Regional Secretary, ICLEI East Asia &amp; representative of Chinese city</li><li>• Britta Behrendt, Permanent Secretary for Climate Protection and the Environment, Berlin</li><li>• Vanessa Grazziotin, Executive Director, ACTO; Sergio Granados, Executive President, CAF &amp; Rodrigo Perpetuo, Regional Secretary, ICLEI South America (tbc)</li><li>• Loreley Picourt, Executive Director, Oceans and Climate Platform &amp; Ricardo Alvarado, Mayor, Omoa, Honduras</li><li>• Audrey Inga Timm, Program Manager, AIPH</li></ul>

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<p>19:30 - 20:00</p> <p><b>Closing segment</b></p>	<p>The closing plenary will serve as a culmination of the Summit.</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>• Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia</li> <li>• Jordan Harris, Executive Director, Regions4</li> <li>• Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI</li> </ul> <p><b>Master of Ceremonies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingrid Coetzee, Director, Biodiversity, Nature and Health, ICLEI</li> </ul>



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