



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 Opening segment	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 fo Subnational Governments & 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. Speakers	r
	 Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia Susana Muhamad, COP16 President & Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Colombia (tbc) Liu Jiachen, Mayor of Kunming, China 	
	 Jacob Martin-Malus, Deputy Minister of Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec, Canada Marie-Andrée Mauger, Deputy Mayor of, Montreal, Canada Susan Gardner, Director of Ecosystems Division, UNEP John Swinney, First Minister, Scotland & Regions4 President Alfredo Coro, Mayor of Del Carmen Philippines and Lead of ICLEI's Biodiversity Portfolio 	
	Master of Ceremonies	
	Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI	

Recognition of main sponsor and short intervention by Sergio Díaz-Granados,

Executive President of CAF (tbc)

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10:05 - 10:25 Launch of the Community of Practice Against Criminal Economies Affecting Biodiversity	Launch of the Community of Practice Against Criminal Economies Affecting Biodiversity by the Mayor of Cali. Speakers • Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia • Tuesday Reitano, Deputy Director, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
10:35 - 12:00 PARTNERING Session 1 Bridging the biodiversity finance gap: Partnering for nature	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. Scene Setter • Wade Crowfoot, Secretary of Natural Resources, California, United states Panel 1 • Oscar Alberto Rebora Aguilera, Secretary of Environment, Quintana Roo, Mexico • Cristian Zamora, Mayor of Cuenca, Ecuador • Aloke Barnwal, Senior Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility • Huang Runqiu, Minister, Ministry of Ecology and Environment of People's Republic of China (tbc) Moderator • Cristina Gomez Garcia Reyes, Lead, Net-Zero Nature-Positive Cities, World Economic Forum Panel 2 • Midori Sugino, Deputy Mayor of Nagoya, Japan • Luis Francisco Ruiz Aguilar, Governor, Caqueta, Colombia • Tian Chen, Director General, Beijing Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau, China • Hans Stielstra, Deputy Head of Unit, Natural Capital and Ecosystem Health, European Commission

• Togo Uchida, Director, ICLEI Japan

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	Introduction of all speakers on stage
	Kobie Brand, ICLEI Deputy Secretary General
	Messages of support
	United Cities and Local Governments • Ana Lucia Reis, Co-President of UCLG
12:00 - 12:20	Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy • Gregor Robertson, Special Envoy for Cities in CHAMP and Global Ambassador Global Covenant of Mayors
Supporting statements from Global Taskforce of Local and Regional	European Committee of the Regions Roby Biwer, Member of the European Committee of the Regions, and Councillor of Bettembourg, Luxembourg
Governments and other Assemblies	Associação Brasileira de Entidades Estaduais de Meio Ambiente • Ms. Mauren Lazzaretti, ABEMA President and Secretary for the Environment, Mato Grosso State, Brazil
	 United Arab Emirates H.E. Dr. Amna Al Dahak, Minister of Climate Change and Environment of the UAE, on behalf of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE and Ruler of Abu Dhabi
	Word of thanks & closing
	Jordan Harris, Executive Director, Regions4

12:20 - 13:30

LUNCH BREAK



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13:30 - 15:00	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. Scene Setter
	 Dr Debra Roberts, former Co-chair, Working Group II, IPCC and Head of the Sustainable and Resilient City Initiatives Unit, eThekwini, South Africa; and Professor Willem Schermerhorn Chair in Open Science from a Majority World Perspective, at the University of Twente, and Honorary Professor, School of Life Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal.
PROGRESS Session 2	Panel 1
Whole-of- government solutions: Showcasing implementation progress made in urban and territorial action for biodiversity	 Irene Galindo, Deputy Mayor of Los Cabos, Mexico Alfredo Coro, Mayor of Del Carmen Philippines and Lead of ICLEI's Biodiversity Portfolio Andre Mauricio Granda Garrido, Governor, Pastaza, Ecuador Regina Musoke, Mayor of Nansana, Uganda
	Moderator
	Rodrigo Perpetuo, Regional Secretary, ICLEI South America
	Panel 2
	 Anil Kumar, Mayor of Kochi, India Gemma Harper, Chief Executive, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, Government of the United Kingdom Peter Anyang' Nyong'o, Governor, Kisumu County, Kenya Michelle Rubirola, Deputy Mayor of Marseilles, France
	Moderator
	Jordan Harris, Executive Director, Regions4



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	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.
15:00 - 16:30	Scene Setter
PEACE	Xiomara Acevedo Navarro, CEO and Founder, Barranquilla+20
Session 3	Panel
Living in harmony & making peace with nature: Sharing innovative practices	 Edouard Hervé Mony Mpah, Mayor of Douala IV, Cameroon Alejandro Char Chaljub, Mayor of Barranquilla, Colombia Rika Makino, Vice Governor, Aichi, Japan Jordi Sagatal, Minister of Ecological Transition, Catalonia Elkin Velasquez, Latin America Representative, UN-Habitat Eleonora Betancur, Director, National Cooperation Agency of Colombia
	Moderator
	Tony Nello, Senior Programme Coordinator – Cities, IUCN
16:30 - 17:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK
17:00 - 19:30 Special announcements	Exciting announcements from a wide range of leading subnational governments, cities, their networks and partners.
	Speakers
	 Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI Amy Fraenkel, Executive Secretary, Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals; and Ana María Aljure, City Manager, Barranquilla, Colombia Musonda Mumba, Secretary General, Wetlands Convention Adiam Emery, Deputy Mayor of Seattle, United States; Amanda Lloyd, Director, Global Programs, University of Pennsylvania & Sharon Gil, Programme Management Officer and Cities Lead, UNEP Jean Lemire, Envoy for Climate Change, Northern and Arctic Affairs & Jacob Martin Malus, Assistant Deputy Minister for Biodiversity, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec Shu Zu, Regional Secretary, ICLEI East Asia & representative of Chinese city Britta Behrendt, Permanent Secretary for Climate Protection and the Environment, Berlin, Germany Vanessa Grazziotin, Executive Director, ACTO; Sergio Granados, Executive President, CAF & Rodrigo Perpetuo, Regional Secretary, ICLEI South America (tbc) Loreley Picourt, Executive Director, Oceans and Climate Platform & Ricardo Alvarado, Mayor, Omoa, Honduras Audrey Inga Timm, Program Manager, AIPH

Time & Session	Short description
19:30 - 20:00 Closing segment	The closing plenary will serve as a culmination of the Summit. Speakers Astrid Schomaker, Executive Secretary, Convention on Biological Diversity Alejandro Eder, Mayor of Cali, Colombia Jordan Harris, Executive Director, Regions4 Kobie Brand, Deputy Secretary General, ICLEI Master of Ceremonies Ingrid Coetzee, Director, Biodiversity, Nature and Health, ICLEI



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