

# MAYORS CONFERENCE LOCAL ACTION FOR BIODIVERSITY

Parallel event to the Conference of the Parties to the UN-CBD  
Bonn, Germany, 26-28 May 2008



## Conference Programme

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### Urban biodiversity on the international agenda

Mayors and other key decision-makers of leading local governments in urban biodiversity from around the globe convene to exchange their experiences and initiatives for Urban Biodiversity.

This conference offers a unique opportunity for local leaders to showcase good practice and express collective commitments for extending "Local Action for Biodiversity". The conference also offers a chance to discuss national and international framework conditions needed to ensure Urban Biodiversity is protected, and to seek political and financial support for local action.

### Local leaders meet with international actors

Local governments are not only increasingly partnering at a global scale to work together towards sustaining biodiversity, they are also ready to interact with their partners in national governments and international institutions – so "Cities & Biodiversity" will become a strong partnership.

### Sunday, 25 May 2008

- 8.00 Registration for COP 9, until 18.00 *Hotel Maritim, tent*
- 14.00 City tour for early arrivals, *pick-up at conference hotels*
- 19.00 "Rhenish Evening"  
*Em Höttche, Markt 4, 53111 Bonn*

### Monday, 26 May 2008

- 8.00 Registration for COP 9, until 18.00 *Hotel Maritim, tent*
- 13.15 **Side Event 'Cities and Biodiversity'** at COP9, until 14.45  
*Hotel Maritim, Salon Reger, Godesberger Allee, 53175 Bonn*
- 15.00 Excursions to Rodderberg and the Botanical Gardens, *shuttle stops at Hotel Maritim*
- 18.00 Informal meeting of the LAB cities' representatives  
*Stadtmuseum Bonn, Franziskanerstraße 9, only 50 metres from Town Hall*
- 19.00 Reception hosted by the Mayor of Bonn, *Old Town Hall, Markt, 53111 Bonn*  
Welcome and greetings  
**Bärbel Dieckmann**, Mayor and President of the WMCCC, Bonn, Germany

### Tuesday, 27 May 2008

- 10.00 Conference Opening & Welcome
  - ♦ **Bärbel Dieckmann**, Mayor and President of the WMCCC, Bonn, Germany
  - ♦ Input by delegates of the International Youth Summit Go4BioDiv
  - ♦ Input by delegates of the Children's Summit



Moderation by **Janos Bogardi**, Rector UNU-EHS, Bonn, Germany

The many reasons for conserving biodiversity

- ♦ **Bakary Kante**, Director, UNEP's Division of Environmental Law and Conventions, Nairobi, Kenya  
*Ecosystems, biodiversity and cities: Global issues, local solutions*
- ♦ **Ahmed Djoghlaif**, CBD Executive Secretary, Montréal, Canada  
*Local governments are invited as important partners in the UNCBD-COP process*
- ♦ **Veerle Vandeweerd**, Director, Environment and Energy Group, UNDP Bureau for Development Policy, New York  
*Biodiversity and poverty alleviation*

Action is needed on all levels - local government acts

- ♦ **Carlos Alberto Richa**, Mayor, Curitiba, Brazil  
*The impacts of the Curitiba conference*
- ♦ **David Cadman**, President, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability and Councillor, Vancouver, Canada  
*Local Action for Biodiversity – a global initiative*
- ♦ **William Jackson**, Deputy Director General, IUCN-International Union for Conservation of Nature, Gland, Switzerland  
*Countdown 2010 – A commitment*
- ♦ **Beate Jessel**, President, Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, Bonn, Germany  
*Science can support local action*
- ♦ **Gerald Tremblay**, Mayor of Montréal, Canada  
*Networking and cooperation on all levels*
- ♦ **Bärbel Dieckmann**, Mayor, Bonn, Germany  
*Introduction to the Bonn Call for Action*

13.00 Lunch reception at the Palais Schaumburg, *Adenauerallee, 139-141, 53113 Bonn*

#### 14.30 **Biodiversity - a matter of life (Panel 1)**

Biodiversity is a matter of sustenance of all life on earth. It represents our future existence and our quality of life. Urban areas are very much dependent on intact ecosystems and the services they offer. However, biodiversity is threatened from global factors such as climate change, desertification, human consumption and poverty, and also through more local factors such as urban sprawl, sealing of land and growing urbanisation.

Biodiversity conservation efforts aid in alleviating all of these issues. There is a global mandate for all layers of society to act – however it is the heavily concentrated urban areas of the world that have a key role in biodiversity's future.

**Moderator** NN, United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

**Experts** **Thomas Elmqvist**, Professor, Department of Systems Ecology, Stockholms University & Coordinator of the Stockholm Resilience Centre

*Biodiversity and ecosystem services in urban landscapes: A presentation of empirical examples and its role in urban planning*

**Josef H. Reichholf**, The Bavarian State Collection of Zoology, Munich, Germany

*Why various species prefer urban life*

- Local leaders** Contributors:
- S. Nana Ato Arthur**, Regional Minister, Cape Coast, Ghana  
*Regional strategies in protecting coastal wetlands in the central region of Ghana*
- Juan Del Granado Cosio**, Mayor of La Paz, Bolivia  
*Climate change as a threat to municipal services in La Paz - how biodiversity is protected*
- Stanley Johnson**, Ambassador to the Convention on Migratory Species, London, UK
- Takehisa Matsubara**, Mayor of Nagoya, Japan  
*The coexistence of life and culture, human beings and nature is crucial*
- Hallé Ousmane**, Vice-Mayor of Timbuktu, Mali  
*A city vulnerable to desertification – how to interact with the surrounding areas*
- Jairaj Phatak**, Municipal Commissioner, Mumbai, India

**Partners** Partners from national governments and international institutions are invited to explain their support to local action.

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 **Urban ecosystem services, economic value and human well-being (Panel 2)**

Biodiversity offers multiple benefits to society. These include economic benefits like filtering water and buffering storm damage, or social benefits like a higher quality of life. Losing biodiversity is very expensive and can be more expensive than protecting biodiversity in the first place. Biodiversity is not only key to environmental issues and goals, but relates to the security and poverty alleviation aims laid out in the Millennium Development Goals.

**Moderator** **Christine Alfsen**, Senior Programme Specialist for Sciences, UNESCO, New York, USA

**Experts** **Pavan Sukhdev**, Study leader, Study on the cost of loss of biodiversity *tbc*

**Marco Keiner**, Chief, Urban Environment Section, UN-HABITAT, Nairobi, Kenya  
*Cities with and without biodiversity – an introduction through photos*

**Local leaders** Contributors:

**Stephen Kabuye**, Mayor, Chairman of Lake Victoria Municipalities, Vice-President ICLEI, Entebbe, Uganda  
*Biodiversity around Lake Victoria – a source of income for people*

**Amos Masondo**, Executive Mayor, Co-President of UCLG, Johannesburg, South Africa  
*Biodiversity programmes for the people*

**Thembinkosi Obed Mlaba**, Mayor of Durban, South Africa  
*Saving biodiversity makes cents in Durban*

**Ruud Vreeman**, Mayor of Tilburg, Netherlands  
*Biodiversity – an issue with local business*

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- 18.00 End  
19.30 Dinner reception at the Botanical Gardens, *Meckenheimer Allee 171, 53115 Bonn*  
Opportunity to meet representatives of national delegations to COP9 and representatives of the 'Business and Biodiversity Initiative'.

## Wednesday, 28 May 2008

### 9.30 Local action planning for biodiversity (Panel 3)

Whereas a variety of local activities and commitments to biodiversity do exist, local governments must now focus on mainstreaming biodiversity into municipal planning and decision-making throughout the various areas of municipal actions. Land-use planning, social development planning, municipal services, procurement and awareness raising are among these actions. Instruments for biodiversity management may include regulations, financing biodiversity actions and step-by-step approaches to local urban biodiversity.

- Moderator** **Monika Zimmermann**, Director, ICLEI International Training Centre & Biodiversity Task Force, Freiburg, Germany  
*Overview of the range of local actions*
- Expert** **Erach Bharucha**, Director, Bharati Vidyapeeth Institute of Environment Education and Research, Pune, India  
*Urbanisation faces biodiversity management*
- Local leaders** Contributors:  
**Aaron Durnbaugh**, Deputy Commissioner of Environment, Chicago, USA  
*Urban ecosystems and regional planning*  
**Piet Eilander**, Amsterdam, Netherlands  
*Weaving biodiversity into the Amsterdam urban strategy*  
**Maria Krautzberger**, Permanent Secretary of the Senate Department for Urban Development, Berlin, Germany  
*Integrating biodiversity in city development – what are the results after 20 years of action?*  
**Helio Neves**, Department of Environment and Nature, Sao Paulo, Brazil  
*Municipal means for protecting the rainforest*  
**Pravinsinh Pardeshi**, Municipal Commissioner of Pune, India  
*Biodiversity action planning in a large Asian city*  
**Jan Stevens**, Head of Service, Limburg, Belgium  
**Eckart Würzner**, Mayor of Heidelberg, Germany  
*Long years of work result in national awarding*
- Partners** Partners from national governments and international institutions are invited to explain their support to local action.

- 11.00 Coffee break

### 11.30 Partnerships for biodiversity (Panel 4)

Partnerships for biodiversity exist within several levels of local governance. Not only do local governments actively engage with their citizens and stakeholder groups, but they can initiate cooperation with other local governments. A broader engagement may also include regional partnerships and cooperation with national and international institutions.



- Moderator** NN
- Expert** **Sebastian Winkler**, Head of Countdown 2010, IUCN, Brussels  
*How partnership for biodiversity works best*
- Local leaders** Contributors:
- Bruno Cignini**, Director of Environment and Agriculture, Rome, Italy  
*Signing Countdown 2010 as a beginning*
- Manuela Rottmann**, Deputy Mayor for Environment and Health, Frankfurt, Germany  
*Local network for biodiversity*
- Hedwig Mandeau**, Deputy Chairperson, Walvis Bay, Namibia  
*Municipal activities to protect biodiversity with citizens*
- Andreas Müller**, First Deputy Mayor & Head of General Administration, Leipzig, Germany  
*City-to-City cooperation: How Leipzig (Germany) supports Addis Abeba (Ethopia) for managing the public zoo in Addis Abeba*
- Pablo C. Ortega**, Mayor of San Fernando, Philippines  
*Marine Protected Areas – how a city protects its marine systems*
- Gerald Tremblay**, Mayor of Montréal, Canada  
*Montreal: Successful ways to work together for biodiversity*
- Michel Vampouille**, Vice President of Île-de-France, France  
*A regional approach to biodiversity management*
- Partners** Partners from national governments and international institutions are invited to explain their support to local action.

13.00 Lunch break at Restaurant Zur Lese, Adenauerallee 37, 53113

## 14.30 Closing & the Bonn Call for Action

Moderation by **David Cadman**, ICLEI President, City Councillor, Vancouver, Canada

Round table: The way forward

- ♦ **Gerald Tremblay**, Mayor of Montréal and Vice Chair of World Mayors Council on Climate Change (WMCCC), Vice-President of UCLG for North America, Canada  
*Synergies for advancing local action*
- ♦ **Sebastian Winkler**, Head Countdown 2010, IUCN, Brussels, Belgium
- ♦ **Stephen Granger**, Manager, Environmental Resource Management Department, Cape Town, South Africa & Chair of LAB Steering Committee  
*Moving from commitment to action*
- ♦ NN, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe, Strasbourg, France
- ♦ **Oliver Hillel**, Programme Officer, UN-CBD Secretariat, Montréal, Canada  
*Global partnership for urban biodiversity*
- ♦ **Elsa Nickel**, Deputy Director General, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- ♦ National government representatives

The Bonn Call for Action

- ♦ **Ulrich Nitschke**, Director Service Agency Communities in One World/Capacity Building International/ InWEnt gGmbH, Bonn, Germany  
*Summing up the comments made*



- ♦ **Bärbel Dieckmann**, Mayor of Bonn, Germany

*Agreement on the Bonn Call for Action*

#### Invitations

- ♦ **Lee Sang-gyun**, Deputy Mayor of Changwon City, South Korea  
*2008 Ramsar COP10 in Changwon*
- ♦ **Takehisa Matsubara**, Mayor of Nagoya, Japan  
*Roadmap to Nagoya 2010*

#### Goodbye and thank you

- ♦ **Bärbel Dieckmann**, Mayor of Bonn, Germany

- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 Opportunity to visit the **Expo of Diversity**, *Hotel Maritim, Godesberger Allee*  
16.00, Pitch #49 Mayors from around the world in dialogue with young people from Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe  
16.30, Launch of the UNEP – UNHABITAT & ICLEI Collection of city cases (Briefcase)
- 20.00 **Wine tasting in a traditional winegrower's inn**  
*Jesuitter Hof, Hauptstraße 458, 53639 Königswinter*

## Thursday, 29 May 2008

- 10.00 COP9 opening
- 10.30 Intervention at Highlevel Segment, *Hotel Maritim, Godesberger Allee*

As the Mayors Conference is in parallel to the High Level Segment of the COP of the UNCBD, local leaders will use this opportunity to have their voices heard in the international community through networking with key representatives from national governments and UN representatives.

The mayors Takehisa Matsubara of Nagoya, Amos Masondo of Johannesburg, Gerald Tremblay of Montreal, Carlos Alberto Richa of Curitiba and Bärbel Dieckmann of Bonn address the COP delegates on behalf of local governments.

### General Support

Supported by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) with funds from the Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

### Location and venue

The venue for the Mayors Conference is the Weltsaal in the German Federal Foreign Office (Auswärtiges Amt, Dienststelle Bonn), Adenaueralle 99 – 103, 53113 Bonn.

### Shuttle transportation

The City of Bonn is providing generous shuttle transportation throughout the conference. For details please check in the conference hotels.

### Registration and languages

On the spot registration for the Mayors Conference will be possible on 26 May at the evening reception, and 27 and 28 May from 8.30 onwards at the venue.

The main languages of the conference will be English, Spanish and German.

### Conference Secretariat

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