

Urban Ecosystems and Nature-based Solutions in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

28-29 October 2019

Location: Grand Concordia Hotel , Beijing

With the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 drawing to a close, a new post-2020 global biodiversity framework is to be agreed on at the 15th meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) that is to be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China in October 2020. The work of cities and local/ subnational governments will be instrumental in all stages of the process, from preparation through implementation of the post-2020 biodiversity framework, in order to halt biodiversity loss by 'bending the curve'

In this context, ICLEI and the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) are organizing an international consultation between key Chinese, European (especially German), and Global actors on the critical roles played by local governments in integrating biodiversity concepts and Nature-Based Solutions in urban planning and development. The outcomes will feed into the science and policy discussions towards the preparations for CBD COP15, as well as the formulation and implementation of the CBD Post 2020 global framework. The results will be shared at the Sino-German Environmental Forum on October 30th in Beijing:

More specifically, the consultation aims at:

- Sharing good practices in integrating Nature in urban spatial planning
- Exploring potential political and financial incentives at the level of the local governments to foster urban biodiversity
- Exploring how to better leverage multi-level governance mechanisms for securing coherent nature-based urban development policies and practices.
- Identifying the necessary steps for conserving, restoring, and enhancing urban ecosystems through science-based urban development policy making.

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The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

Participants: National governments (e.g. BMU, MEE, embassies), local governments (e.g. Yunnan/Kunming, Aichi/Nagoya, Gangwon/Pyeongchang) international organizations (e.g. World Bank, UN Environment), international NGOs and institutions (e.g. GIZ, IUCN, WWF), and academia (e.g. German and Chinese tertiary institutions)

Expected number of participants: 50 - 70

Translation: Simultaneous English - Chinese translation will be available

AGENDA

1. Biodiversity Site Visit:

Time: October 28, 14:00-17:30

Venue: Peking University Campus and Yuanmingyuan Imperial Garden

Participants: around 20

Introduction: Introduction and background on the two sites, in relevance with urban biodiversity and NBS

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13:00-14:00	Transfer from conference venue to Peking University
14:00	Meeting point: Entrance of Peking University
14:00-15:30	Site 1: Peking University - Introduction by the university staff &ShangShui Nature Conservation - Tour on biodiversity conservation projects
15:30-15:50	Transfer from Peking University to Yuanmingyuan Imperial Garden
15:50-17:20	Site 2: Yuanmingyuan Imperial Garden - Introduction by the Garden staff & ShangShui Nature Conservation - Tour on biodiversity conservation projects
17:30	End of the visits and transfer back to the conference venue

2. Workshop

Time: October 29, 2019, 8:30-18:00

Location: Grand Concordia Hotel (No. 26 Xiaoyun Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing)

Participants: 50-70 (*Participants are expected to choose the roundtables they wish to attend in advance*)

Workshop Agenda

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-10:00	Welcome remarks and introduction
10:00-10:30	Coffee break and group photo
Session 1: The Value of Nature in Urban Life: Good Practices and Benefits	
10:30-11:00	Setting the scene presentations
11:00 – 11:15	Introduction to Roundtables 1 & 2. Participants join their respective discussions
11:15-13:00	<u>Parallel Roundtable 1:</u> “Good practices on mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystems in urban spatial planning” <u>Parallel Roundtable 2:</u> “Voluntary political commitments and financial incentives for integrating biodiversity in urban development”
13:00-14:00	Lunch
Session 2 : Toward a Holistic Governance for Urban Biodiversity	
14:00-14:30	Setting the scene presentations
14:30 – 14:45	Introduction to Roundtables 3 & 4. Participants join their respective discussions
14:45-16:30	<u>Parallel Roundtable 3:</u> “Fostering multilevel governance to enhance urban biodiversity” <u>Parallel Roundtable 4:</u> “Promoting urban biodiversity through science based policy making”
16:30-16:50	Coffee break
16:50-17:30	Closing Panel: Identifying key messages
17:30-17:45	Closing remarks by MEE and The German Federal Ministry for Environment (tbc)