

URBAN NATURE FORUM

Belo Horizonte, Brazil

13 -14 June 2012

The Urban Nature Forum is a conference series bringing together scientists, town planners, policy-makers, conservationists and other stakeholders to explore innovative approaches to urban biodiversity management, exchange knowledge, and advance collaborative activities. Good practices, new management tools, ground-breaking research and advocacy developments will be showcased and discussed, as will the broader role of cities in paving a greener, more prosperous future. Urban Nature directly precedes and is linked to the ICLEI World Congress 2012.

Wednesday, 13 June 2012

08h30-09h00 **Registration & tea/coffee**

09h00-09h45 **Opening Ceremony and Welcome Addresses**

- *Marcio Araujo Lacerda, Mayor, City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil*
- *Lázaro Luiz Gonzaga, Chairman of the Board of SEBRAE MG*
- *Kobie Brand, Global Biodiversity Coordinator, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center*

09h45-10h30 **Setting the Scene**

Facilitator: Kobie Brand, Global Biodiversity Coordinator, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center

Panel:

- *Ecosystem services for vibrant resilient cities: Thomas Elmqvist, Professor, Stockholm Resilience Centre*
- *The role of cities in implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity: Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity*

10h30-10h50 **Tea/coffee**

10h50-12h30 **Brilliant Brazilian BiodiverCities: What are they doing for Nature?**

Facilitator: Florence Laloë, Interim Regional Executive Secretary, ICLEI South America

Panel:

- *Dâmaris da Silva Seraphim, Advisor, Curitiba City Hall, Brazil*
- *Helio Neves, Deputy Secretary of Environment, City of São Paulo, Brazil*
- *Vasco Araujo, Municipal Secretary, City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil*
- *Luis Carlos Raposo, Head of International Affairs, Manaus City Hall, Brazil*
- *Adalberto Alencar, Secretary of Environment, Fortaleza City Hall, Brazil*

Followed by discussion

12h30-14h00 **Lunch**

14h00-14h20 **Big Events and Legacies for Nature**
Presentation: Stephen Granger, Head: Major Projects and Programmes, Environmental Resource Management Department, City of Cape Town, South Africa

14h20-15h20 **Mayoral Round Table: Personal Anecdotes – Incredible Nature**
Facilitator: Kobie Brand, Global Biodiversity Coordinator, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center
Panel:

- *Luizianne Lins, Mayor, Fortaleza City Hall, Brazil*
- *Derek Klazen, Mayor, Walvis Bay, Namibia*
- *Marcio Lacerda, Mayor, City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil*
- *Kelvin Mmangisa, Chief Executive Officer, Lilongwe City Council, Malawi*

Followed by discussion

15h20 – 16h00 **Interactive session: Tools and Techniques for Planning and Appraisal**
Facilitator: Sarah Birch, Professional Officer: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center
Panel:

- *Tools for Cities: Sarah Birch, Professional Officer: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center*
- *Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (LBSAP) Guidelines: Jose Puppim de Oliveira, Assistant Director and Senior Research Fellow, United Nations University Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS)*
- *Studio Cities and Biodiversity – Curitiba: Sergio Muniz, Professor, Universidade Tecnológica Federal do Paraná (UTFPR)*

16h00-16h30 **Tea/coffee & snacks**

16h30-17h30 **Interactive session: Tools and Techniques for Planning and Appraisal (cont.)**
Facilitator: Stephen Granger, Head: Major Projects and Programmes, Environmental Resource Management Department, City of Cape Town, South Africa
Panel:

- *Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Design Evaluation Toolkit: Lindie Buirski, Head: Environmental Capacity Building, Training and Education, Environmental Resource Management Department, City of Cape Town, South Africa*
- *Mainstreaming Tool: Jennifer Pierce, Graduate Student, Cornell University*
- *City Biodiversity Index: Mariana Cabral, Masters Student, University of Lisbon*

20h00 **Dinner**

Thursday, 14 June 2012

08h30-09h00

Tea/coffee

09h00-09h50

Ecological Infrastructure for Urban Development

Facilitator: Sarah Birch, Professional Officer: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center

Panel:

- *Jinty MacTavish, City Councillor, Dunedin City Council, New Zealand and one of ICLEI's FutureCityLeaders*
- *Simone Ariane Pflaum, City Councillor, City of Freiburg, Germany and one of ICLEI's FutureCityLeaders*
- *Eero Vainio, Councilor and Chairman of Lahti Regional Environmental Board, Finland and one of ICLEI's FutureCityLeaders*

Followed by discussion

09h50 – 10h30

Rural-urban Linkages for Food Resilient Cities

Facilitator: Flavio Duffles, Secretary for Food and Nutritional Security, City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Panel:

- *The role of urban and peri-urban agriculture in building food resilient cities: Marielle Dubbeling, Senior Programme Officer, Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security (RUAF)*
- *Stakeholders and Steak-eaters in the Nairobi Foodshed: Arthur Getz Escudero, Researcher, Cardiff University*

Followed by discussion

Side Discussion: Lusophone Cities, What more can they do for Nature?

Facilitator: Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity

Participants: Representatives of lusophone cities.

10h30-10h50

Tea/coffee

10h50-12h30

Planning in an Urban Biosphere

Facilitator: Russell Galt, Manager: Policy, Strategy and Development, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center

Panel:

- *Keith Tidball, Associate Director Civic Ecology Lab, Cornell University*
- *Yoel Siegel, Coordinator of the Jerusalem URBIS Biosphere, City of Jerusalem, Israel*
- *Katrin Hammarlund, Project Manager, Swedish Society for Nature Conservation*

Interactive group exercise and discussion

- *Launch of the free URBIS network: Kobie Brand, Global Biodiversity Coordinator, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center*

12h30-14h00

Lunch

14h00-15h00

Sound Science for Sound Policy

Facilitator: *Josh Cerra, Assistant Professor, Cornell University*

Panel:

- Academic advances including the 1st Cities and Biodiversity Outlook: *Thomas Elmqvist, Professor, Stockholm Resilience Centre*
- Environmental education and social-ecological systems theory: *Marianne Krasny, Professor and Chair, Department of Natural Resources, and Director, Civic Ecology Lab, Cornell University*
- Socio-ecological value profiles of urban landscapes: *Peleg Kremer, Post Doctoral Fellow, The New School*

Followed by discussion

15h00-15h30

Global Policy Framework

Facilitator: *Kobie Brand, Global Biodiversity Coordinator, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center*

Panel:

- The road to Hyderabad: *Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity*
- City Biodiversity Summit: *Sunandan Tiwari, Programme Coordinator: Sustainability, ICLEI South Asia*

Followed by discussion

15h30-15h50

Concluding Speech

- Cities spurring change: *Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of Convention on Biological Diversity*

15h50-16h00

Summary of Proceedings and Key Messages

- Wrap up: *Russell Galt, Manager: Policy, Strategy and Development, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center*

16h00-17h00

Networking event

18h00

Delegates attend ICLEI World Congress Opening Ceremony

Partners:



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