



**Edinburgh Process – CBD Webinar, 23 September 2020
Session 1 – 0700 BST/ 0800 CET/ 0200 EST/ 1500 JST**

Introduction

The Edinburgh Process of engagement for subnational governments, cities and local authorities on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, has resulted in the [Edinburgh Declaration](#) – a high level statement of intent, and aspiration for the next 10 years. The Declaration sets out the commitments provided by subnational governments, cities and local authorities, and their call to Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, to support a greater – more ambitious - role for this constituency within the next framework; and to work together with this constituency in order to deliver for nature over the coming decade.

The CBD secretariat issued notification of the Edinburgh Process webinars to Parties to the Convention on 2 September, and accordingly Edinburgh Process outcomes were presented to, and discussed with Parties, as well as subnational, local and city government representatives on 23 September.

Below sets out the discussion, links and tools that were discussed via the ‘Chat’ function during the first webinar session of the webinar. Alongside the recording of this webinar which can be found on the YouTube [Subnational Workshop channel](#), we hope this provides a useful additional resource for Parties to the Convention, and to the subnational constituency.

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Discussion and Useful links

07:05:02 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Hi everyone from Singapore
07:05:29 From Roberto RINALDI (ENVE, CoR) : Greetings to all from the European Committee of the Regions!
07:05:40 From Sonigitu Ekpe : Good day all from Calabar, Nigeria.
07:06:57 From Renata Gómez : Hello everyone! Greetings from Regions4
07:07:25 From anu : Hello everyone, greetings from Nepal
07:07:39 From Oliver : Welcome to all from Montreal, warm regards from the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, I'm ready to assist and respond to any questions.
07:07:41 From Johan Abenius : Good morning to all from Swedish EPA!
07:08:01 From Prof. Pourkazemi : Good morning and good day to you all, From IRAN
07:08:14 From Kris Baleva : Hello from the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity! Hoping everyone is safe and well.

- 07:08:15 From Elisabeth Chouraki : Hello everyone from Paris for the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework - EU support project !
- 07:09:31 From Mohsen Mofidi-Neyestanak : Greetings from Iran, CBD, GTI
- 07:10:19 From Su Campbell : Hello all - many thanks for joining us today, we look forward to a good discussion with you all
- 07:10:49 From Anna Espadalé (Government of Catalonia) : Good morning from Catalonia!
- 07:11:41 From Karin Zaunberger : Greetings from Brussels
- 07:12:27 From Harriet Bulkeley NATURVATION : Good morning everyone from a rather rainy Durham in the UK - am glad to have a nice bowl of Scottish Porridge in front of me for breakfast while I listen to all the great work that is happening!
- 07:12:44 From Sonigitu Ekpe : Thank you Oliver from the CBD Secretariat.
- 07:13:18 From Barbara Petersen, GER : Good Morning from Germany
- 07:16:33 From Teru Kisuna : Good afternoon from Aichi, Japan. Welcome this morning session from all over the world.
- 07:18:10 From Kobie Brand : Good day and welcome from ICLEI! Proud to be here with all of you today.
- 07:19:56 From Sonigitu Ekpe : Please, kindly provide clarification on endorsing the declaration, do we need the consents of our CBD National Focal Point to endorse as Sub-national government?
- 07:19:59 From Su Campbell : The Edinburgh Declaration is available on the Scot Gov website here; <https://www.gov.scot/publications/edinburgh-declaration-on-post-2020-biodiversity-framework/>
- 07:22:25 From Su Campbell : The Edinburgh Declaration is enable to be signed by any subnational government, city or local authority that wishes to support it
- 07:24:06 From Karin Zaunberger : Implementing nature-based solutions can trigger transformative change. FYI see below the link to the updated EC website on Nature-based solutions. The new web page informs on research policy, funding opportunities, collaboration and jobs, projects and results, scientific publications, tools and databases: https://ec.europa.eu/info/research-and-innovation/research-area/environment/nature-based-solutions_en
- 07:24:10 From Sonigitu Ekpe : However, I had sent an email to the contract on endorsement, but yet to receive feedback,
- 07:27:04 From Su Campbell : If you have contacted the Edinburgh Process regarding signing the Declaration we will be in touch with you after this webinar. We are a small team so please bear with us. Thanks
- 07:34:07 From Sonigitu Ekpe : Thank you Su Campbell.
- 07:35:54 From Oliver : In Nagoya City in 2010, the Convention innovated in the MEA arena by endorsing a specific Plan of Action for vertical coordination of its policies and programmes. 10 years later, the Edinburgh Declaration, thanks to partners and supporters like you, is an indication that COP 15 will see Parties and partners adopt a deeper, more integrated and more detailed blueprint for a framework that makes a much needed difference. Please count on the Secretariat's contribution for the Convention to continue blazing the trail on this essential aspect - IPBES upcoming nexus assessment will provide much needed background science!
- 07:42:19 From Su Campbell : All of the thematic sessions are available on youtube should you wish to view: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbJX-xBxdjSHmprG-7k478Q>

- 07:42:49 From Su Campbell : This webinar will be available at the same channel
- 07:50:33 From Oliver : There is good indication that on some public budget issues related to the governance of biodiversity and ecosystem services, the contribution of subnational and local governments in both mobilization and execution of resources and funds is greater, in aggregate, than that of national or multilateral sources. This is stronger on issues such as ecosystem restoration, citizen education and awareness, and land- and sea scape/territorial planning. Fully engaging all levels of governance would allow the post-2020 framework to take advantage of those financial synergies.
- 07:54:54 From Oliver : With the support of the Government of Singapore, and building on a specific technical review, the Secretariat looks forward to the launch of a revised and expanded User's Manual on the CBD's Cities' Biodiversity Index. This is a good fit to the GBF target requesting Parties to make available the benefits of biodiversity to all people, specifically urban dwellers.
- 07:59:40 From Karin Zaunberger : Very useful and interesting outcomes. Sorry I have to leave for another call ... will reconnect for the later session. Be well
- 08:00:59 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Can Singapore please speak?
- 08:01:42 From Oliver : @AnaEspadale, it's good to see Catalonia's continuing contribution. Your experience in measuring and managing the global footprint of consolidated procurement and purchasing, with the support of WWF, was and continues to be innovative.
- 08:04:49 From Ryo Kohsaka : I echo with Singapore to work at the decision level of COP for the sub-national activities to be sustainable (extending/expanding of X/22)
- 08:05:25 From Ingrid : Great message from Singapore !
- 08:05:42 From Su Campbell : Thank you Lena - v strong message
- 08:07:21 From Su Campbell : Thanks Sonigitu - it's really important to include the subnational level in reporting and monitoring
- 08:07:49 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Can I make a suggestion as a response?
- 08:09:35 From Oliver : The new EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 makes full use of harmonization of policies across levels of governance, helping to create momentum for a "whole of government" and "whole of society" approach in the GBF. The active participation of the EU Committee of the Regions in the Edinburgh Process has been an essential element and is most welcome.
- 08:09:49 From Barbara Petersen, GER : Thank you Singapore and thank you all for this inspiring Session today. We will speak on this in EU with all Member States. I have to leave now. Bye
- 08:10:16 From Harriet Bulkeley NATURVATION : I've done a brief analysis of the new indicator/monitoring framework and there are some surprising omissions in terms of indicators that could be used to monitor progress at an urban/regional level (e.g. SDG indicators that are already used to e.g. monitor waste at urban level) that have been identified by the reporting/monitoring framework but not made the first cut. Making sure indicators in the monitoring framework are aligned with the needs of SNLG will be key in order to ensure their contribution is recognised and integrated vertically.
- 08:11:23 From Anna Espadale (Government of Catalonia) : Thank you very much @Oliver! We hope to be useful sharing our experiences and studies, and

together build a strong network of subnational governments. We are very happy to be able to participate in all these events.

08:12:26 From Oliver : @HarrietBulkeley, I fully agree! NATURVATION was mentioned at the Singapore technical review, we need your support to offer feasible alternatives for effective indicators for Parties to examine at upcoming CBD processes events.

08:12:49 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Cities can apply the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity that have 28 indicators that track biodiversity conservation efforts. Several cities globally have applied the SI and have it to be useful. It is small step towards monitoring and evaluating biodiversity conservation efforts at the city and subnational level. Many of the SI indicators mirror that of the Aichi Targets.

08:13:27 From Su Campbell : Thank you Mari - is there a link to the Satoyama initiative for our participants to view?

08:14:38 From Harriet Bulkeley NATURVATION : Thanks @Lena & @Oliver for these points - I agree the SI and other work NATURVATION & ICLEI, IUCN and others are doing to develop indicators and monitoring systems for cities is really important, but I also hope we can see relevant indicators integrated into the post-2020 Framework itself.

08:15:48 From Su Campbell : Very important to learn lessons about what has worked and not worked in meeting Aichi Targets

08:16:06 From Mari Takehara, Japan : Thank you Sue. Here is the link to Satoyama initiative. <https://satoyama-initiative.org/>

08:16:54 From Oliver : Satoyama (and satochi/etc) are basically land- and seascape management strategies with thousands of years of traditional experience and knowledge. The Satoyama Initiative is an enrichment and source of solutions for the GBF.

08:18:28 From Mari Takehara, Japan : Thank you for the follow up, Oliver.

08:19:24 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Can I please share a new paradigm shift in Singapore, i.e., evolving to a City in Nature?

08:21:18 From Maiko Nishi : Thank you Mari for the statement and for referring to the Satoyama Initiative. We at UNU-IAS in collaboration with some partners including SCBD and Ministry of the Environment, Japan, have been developing a technical manual on application of landscape approaches for the development and implementation of NBSAPs also in consideration of vertical links. More will come in due course towards COP15: <https://satoyama-initiative.org/activities/ipsi-collaborative-activities/research-on-mainstreaming-integrated-approaches-in-production-landscapes-and-seascapes-approaches-into-national-biodiversity-strategies-and-action-plans-nbsaps/#start>

08:25:24 From Su Campbell : Edinburgh Local Authority is applying the SI to our local biodiversity

08:25:28 From Ryo Kohsaka : Thank you Lena

08:25:33 From Sonigitu Ekpe : How do we resolve issues around weak institutions in underdeveloped Countries on effectiveness?

08:26:18 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : Please contact me at lena_chan@nparks.gov.sg if you are interested in City in Nature and the Singapore index on Cities' Biodiversity.

08:29:43 From Bernard Combes - UNESCO : Thank you Lena for sharing the Singapore example, working on Education for Sustainable Development, I was happy to see that the Singapore index includes several indicators related to

education. Awareness, education, learning are key to get young people and citizen engagement.

08:30:01 From Oliver : @ElizabethChouraki, thanks for the support of the EU Project on the harmonization of national/subnational/local policies in the post-2020 GBF - please see <https://4post2020bd.net/documents/> for more information.

08:30:17 From Johan Abenius : Thank you all for the important issues brought up this morning! I have to move on now.

08:30:44 From Dr. Arvind Kumar : Hi everyone, This is Dr. Arvind Kumar from India Water Foundation, India

08:31:23 From Elisabeth Chouraki : Thank you Oliver, coming publication by Sue John & Ingrid on the Edinburgh Process, but also on landscape approaches, mainstreaming and many other issues will be published soon !

08:31:54 From Su Campbell : Welcome Dr Kamur

08:32:02 From Ingrid : Link to CitiesWithNature platform

<https://citieswithnature.org/>

08:32:46 From Oliver : Current version of the Singapore Index -

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/city/subws-2014-01/other/subws-2014-01-singapore-index-manual-en.pdf>

08:34:17 From Oliver : Website with additional information on the Singapore Index, by Singapore National Parks Board -

<https://www.nparks.gov.sg/biodiversity/urban-biodiversity/the-singapore-index-on-cities-biodiversity>

08:34:33 From Harriet Bulkeley NATURVATION : @Sonigitu I think your question about the challenge of weak institutions, implementation and effectiveness is a very important one, but I am not sure there are any easy answers. In some cases, working around these with international or regional partners (e.g. international organisations or private sector partners) is possible, but this is certainly not the case for all cities where there are weak institutions. The importance of recognising this and building capacity is key, but perhaps also for cities to recognise that they also have a responsibility for the impacts of their decisions and consumption globally.

08:34:33 From ICLEI Japan : Ministry of Environmet, Japan

<https://platform2020redesign.org/>

08:36:14 From Su Campbell : Thank you to everyone for the great discussions

08:36:30 From Harriet Bulkeley NATURVATION : Thank you for a very inspiring start to the day!

08:36:54 From Anna Espadalé (Government of Catalonia) : Thank you very much!! The discussion was very interesting!

08:37:02 From Singapore - HOD Lena Chan : thanks to Prof Ian Boyd, the Edinburgh Team, and all the participants. Sorry I have to dash off to another online session on climate change!!! Take care.Lena

08:37:32 From Cyrille Barnérias : Thank you very much to all organizers and speakers.

08:37:33 From Oliver : Please feel free to request additional information to the Secretariat via oliver.hillel@cbd.int

08:38:06 From Ingrid : Thank you to all the participants in this webinar, keynote speakers, the SCBD, our network partners and especially to our hosts, the Scottish Government for an amazing webinar! Please sign the Edinburgh Declaration !!

08:38:11 From IUCN french committee : Thank you very much. We will relay the declaration on our website in France : <http://uicn-fr-collectivites-biodiversite.fr/accueil/>



08:38:32 From Oliver : Many thanks to the Government of Scotland for this ground breaking initiative!

08:39:00 From ICLEI Japan : Thank you!!

08:39:05 From Alex Stuart : I've very much enjoyed the process, thanks

08:39:11 From Su Campbell : Thanks all have a lovely day