



**Edinburgh Process – CBD Webinar, 23 September 2020
Session 2 – 1500 BST/ 1600 CET/ 1000 EST/ 2300 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 second 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.

Edinburgh Process Secretariat
23 September 2020

Discussion and Useful links

15:21:01 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : thank you Cabinet Secretary
15:21:29 From Janice Montiel : Hi, Janice Montiel and Luis Moreno from Mexico, congratulations for the CBD!!
15:22:03 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Welcome to everyone who has joined us today
15:22:48 From Paul Dale : Hi. Paul Dale, from São Paulo State (SNG) - Brazil. Congratulation and thank you!
15:23:20 From Fernand YAPI : Hi, Fernand Yapi, City of Cocody.
15:25:13 From Oliver : Welcome to all from Oliver Hillel, in the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, working for Ms Elizabeth Mrema. Please feel free to use the chat room to post comments or ask questions. Even if they cannot be addressed during this call, the chat exchanges will be kept as part of webinar outcomes and will allow for follow-up.
15:26:30 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : thank you Elizabeth for your support, and yes, thanks to your team also
15:27:41 From Ingrid Coetzee ICLEI : Thank you to CBD Executive Secretary for a very great and supportive message!

- 15:27:42 From FcoMtz : Hi, Francisco Martínez, Nuevo Leon Government, Mexico.
- 15:28:32 From BILOA AHANDA Jacqueline Léa : Léa Biloa, OAI-DEMOS, Cameroun. Ravie d'être parmi vous!
- 15:29:29 From Philipp LaHaela Walter (ICLEI Europe) : Many thanks for the fantastic interventions so far and warm greetings to all from ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, European Secretariat
- 15:33:44 From Fernand YAPI : Fernand YAPI, Commune de Cocody, Côte d'Ivoire. Heureux d'être parmi vous.
- 15:34:05 From Renata Gomez - Regions4 : Thank you everyone for your interventions, it is our pleasure to be here. Greetings from Regions4
- 15:35:04 From Oliver : @LeaBiloa, merci et la jeunesse effectivement est un joueur central pour mettre en oeuvre les elements de la Declaration de Edinbourg et de la Convention. Informez-vous sur le Global Youth Biodiversity Network, le reseau Mondial des jeunes sur la biodiversite - <https://www.gybn.org/>
- 15:36:42 From Katya Ortiz : Hi, Katya Ortíz from Parks and Wildlife Department, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. It's a pleasure to be able to virtually assist, thank you.
- 15:40:25 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Many thanks for setting out the devleopme
- 15:40:39 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : its of the post 2020 framework, Basile
- 15:41:26 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : and for the strong support of the Subnational and local constituency
- 15:42:11 From Renata Gomez - Regions4 : It is very encouraging to see representatives from National Focal Points with us today!
- 15:46:23 From Henri-Paul NORMANDIN : Greetings from Montréal ! Thank you Kobie.
- 15:46:47 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Thank you Kobie for delivering the intervention just now, and again in the earlier session today
- 15:47:13 From Elisabeth Chouraki : Hi to everyone from Paris for the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework - EU support, we encourage you to check our coverage of the Edinburgh Process webinar and sign the Edinburgh Declaration. Dedicated publications by Ingrid Coetzee John Mouat and Sue Campbell analyzing the declaration messages will be published soon on the website : <https://4post2020bd.net/>
- Also follow our live coverage of the webinars on @4post2020BD
- 15:47:15 From Henri-Paul NORMANDIN : Mayor Plante will be speaking at the UN Biodiversity Summit on Sept 30, as ICLEI's Global Ambassador for Local Biodiversity, and she will carry the message on the role and involvement of cities, subnational and local governments.
- 15:47:25 From Kobie Brand : Great pleasure and honor Su!
- 15:48:39 From Oliver : Thank you Montreal for your leadership and cooperation with the Process and the Secretariat - the city has recently produced a collection of six interesting best practices for nature in cities, to support their replication - check <https://montreal.ca/en/articles/six-concrete-actions-favour-biodiversity-montreal>
- 15:49:16 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : I like the initiative of ICLEI to 'dare' cities to take action on biodiversity and on climate change
- 15:51:40 From Basile van Havre, co-chair OEWG : @Sue Campbell: Thanks for your support: it is your work and energy hat motive us mòran taing!
- 16:09:37 From Andrea Cruz : This Andrea Cruz, from CONABIO-Mexico, we noticed that local governments from Brazil and Colombia have produced

declarations to support the Edinburgh Declaration. Subnational Governments and Local Authorities from Mexico would be interested in elaborate a similar declaration. Would this be possible?? Could it be attached to the Edinburgh declaration?? Who should we get in contact with??

16:10:19 From Dave Barlow City of Manchester : Question - is there an opportunity to reinforce the importance of the GBF as a positive part of Covid Recovery Plans?

16:12:30 From Dave Barlow City of Manchester : thankyou Basile, John - appreciate that response - good advice!

16:12:36 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Andrea - contact the Edinburgh Process team to explore this further at enquiries-subnationalworkshop@gov.scot

16:12:45 From Pete Ritchie : Can you say a bit more about the metrics/indicators for biodiversity which subnational actors are using, and if there are common approaches?

16:13:56 16:15:00 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : The Edinburgh Declaration is available here if you have not seen it already -

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/edinburgh-declaration-on-post-2020-biodiversity-framework/>

16:15:01 From Paul Dale : The "Letter of Sao Paulo", produced during the BIO2020 event, on February 2020 (Sao Paulo, Brazil), with many partners here, was/is focused to support the OEWG and The Edinburgh Process - linked to the Post2020 of the CBD. Do you want to consider this and the steps made with this Letter during these months?

16:15:57 From Philipp LaHaela Walter (ICLEI Europe) : This is the CitiesWithNature platform just mentioned by Ingrid: <https://citieswithnature.org/>

16:16:31 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Great Idea Paul - we'll follow up with you. We would benefit from being joined up!

16:18:57 From Mohamad Medadi : Question, How the subnational governments can participate in planning?

16:18:59 From Catherine Lloyd : Tayside's Biodiversity Partnership is celebrating 21 years but from 3 local authority areas in 1999, we are just about to go into one local authority area as two others no longer value belonging to a partnership: they just do not have the funding or staffing to continue. The timing of this could not be worse when a national/global crisis has been announced. We are ending up "thinking small" when we should be thinking quite the opposite!

16:22:02 From Su Campbell (Scot Govt) : Catherine - we will be developing Scotlands NBSAP to be completed post-COP and we will be considering how best to incorporate local authorities within that.

16:22:11 From Ingrid Coetzee ICLEI : Anyone interested in CitiesWithNature and specifically the commitment platform that we are developing currently is welcome to contact me on ingrid-Coetzee@iclei.org. We are working with SCBD on this and also plan on linking it to the Sharm-Kunming action agenda

16:22:17 From FcoMtz : Can someone explain the second way Oliver talked about the subnationals governments making its own declarations? The one related to Kumming Agenda.... Thanks

16:23:04 From Oliver : @MohamadMedadi, thanks for an excellent question. One way is to develop biodiversity strategies and plans aligned with the National versions - please check the CBD NBSAP Forum for some examples -

<https://www.cbd.int/nbsap/related-info/sbsap/>

- 16:23:31 From Ingrid Coetzee ICLEI : Important message from Basile - it is going to be everybody's job!
- 16:23:41 From Ricardo Peñuela : At a local level, frequently the role of conservation of protected areas is under recognized in comparison with the role of national protected areas. Local administrations deal with poor commitments and limited participation from communities with conservation programs in place. ¿Which actions can be promoted to change this pattern in our cities and generate more commitment on conservation in situ?
- 16:24:34 From Ricardo Peñuela : Ricardo Peñuela, Minambiente, Colombia
- 16:25:07 From Oliver : @FcoMtz, please consult <https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/>
- 16:25:08 From Renata Gomez - Regions4 : @FcoMtz Oliver made a reference to the Sharm-El Sheik to Kunming Action Agenda available here: <https://www.cbd.int/action-agenda/> In which local and subnational, as well as people and institutions from across sectors, are welcome to join this global movement and make a pledge for biodiversity
- 16:25:56 From Pete Ritchie : Su, Catherine - we were on a call with Susie Turpie and colleagues this morning about outcomes and indicators for the environment strategy and there was a discussion about how to make these relevant at a local authority level. this could help vertical integration while respecting local diversity as Ingrid says
- 16:26:18 From Alex Stuart : is there a time-frame for development of an equivalent of CitiesWithNature/Singapore Index for areas which are not cities? I believe this has been spoken about in previous meetings, and while one of the local authorities which I cover is a city, two other areas I cover are not cities. A great deal of other local authorities do not fall under the banner of being a city, but the frameworks described would be useful for these areas if adapted slightly
- 16:26:24 From Catherine Lloyd : Thanks very much Su - I look forward to finding out more about Scotland's NBSAP in due course.
- 16:26:38 From Mohamad Medadi : Thank you for your response
- 16:27:29 From Basile van Havre, co-chair OEWG : very important point from Elizabeth!
- 16:28:37 From Paul Dale : UNESCO MaB Program recognises 701 Biospheres Reserves on 124 countries. UNESCO also the WHS and the GeoParks. In Sao Paulo, in other Brazilian regions and in LAC Region we have some efforts to integrate actions with other sustainable territories - towards the implementation of the CBD and the UNFCCC. What can we do to improve this partnerships with SNLGs?
- 16:28:45 From FcoMtz : Thank to Oliver and Renata for your response.
- 16:29:09 From Ricardo Peñuela : From Ricardo Peñuela to everyone
- 16:29:09 From Ingrid Coetzee ICLEI : I agree - we need to move to action urgently & focus on implementation
- 16:29:16 From Ricardo Peñuela : At a local level, frequently the role of conservation of protected areas is under recognized in comparison with the role of national protected areas. Local administrations deal with poor commitments and limited participation from communities with conservation programs in place. ¿Which actions can be promoted to change this pattern in our cities and generate more commitment on conservation in situ?
- 16:31:07 From Oliver : @AlexStuart, one relevant tool to manage urban and rural spaces, and the teleconnections between urban consumption and its

implications in rural and conservation areas are the UN-Habitat-led Guiding Principles for Urban-Rural Linkages, See

https://urbanrurallinkages.files.wordpress.com/2019/03/190311_url-gp_flyer_ab_10-compressed.pdf

16:31:50 From Alex Stuart : thank you Oliver

16:33:34 From Oliver : @RicardoPenuela, thanks for a good question - one way is to measure the value of the services of those protected areas to urban-based decision-makers. Very often, this raises awareness of the direct contribution of networks of urban protected areas corridors.

16:33:44 From Ricardo Peñuela : Thanks, RPP

16:34:18 From Basile van Havre, co-chair OEWG : Thanks to all of you for a great dialogue. Good luck for the next step of the process. WE NEED YOU!

16:34:53 From Su Campbell : Thank you everyone for your contributions today

16:35:06 From Su Campbell : we are pleased to have your participation

16:35:20 From Oliver : The Valle del Aburra/Medellin Declaration on Metropolitan Areas reinforces this issue.

https://www.metropol.gov.co/SiteAssets/Paginas/Noticias/exitoso-encuentro-metropolis-biodiversas/DECLARACION_VALLE-DE-ABURRA-MEDELLIN-DE-LAS-AREAS-METROPOLITANAS.pdf

16:35:26 From Evelyn Vera/ MFA México : Many thanks, very interesting!

16:35:30 From Su Campbell : Thank you Jean

16:35:34 From Catherine Lloyd : Thanks very much indeed to all the speakers for such a concise and interesting webinar.

16:35:50 From Renata Gomez - Regions4 : Thank you everyone we look forward to continuing this dialogues in upcoming opportunities!