

Biodiversity and the City

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Montreal, Canada, 7-19 December 2022
Agenda item 9A

Kunming-Montreal Global biodiversity framework

Draft decision submitted by the President

The Conference of the Parties,

Recalling its decision [14/34](#), in which it adopted the preparatory process for the development of the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework and decided to establish an open-ended intersessional working group to support its preparation,

Noting also the outcomes of the first,¹ second,² third³ fourth⁴ and fifth meetings⁵ of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, of the regional and thematic consultations and workshops conducted based on decision 14/34 and of the intersessional work conducted on digital sequence information on genetic resources,

Noting the outcomes of the eleventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Article 8(j) and Related Provisions, of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth meetings of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice and of the third meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation,

Expressing its gratitude to the following Governments of [...] for hosting these consultations, as well as for their financial contributions,

Expressing its gratitude to the Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Mr. Basile van Havre (Canada) and Mr. Francis Ogwal (Uganda), for supporting the development of the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework,

Welcoming the submissions by Parties, other Governments, indigenous peoples and local communities, United Nations organizations and programmes, other multilateral environmental agreements,

- Purpose + principles
- 4 Goals
- 23 Targets

CBD, GBF, and Cities

- GBF is a whole of gov't and whole of society approach
- Cities were at the table and presenting solutions in Montreal
- Montreal Pledge for Cities – 15 actions



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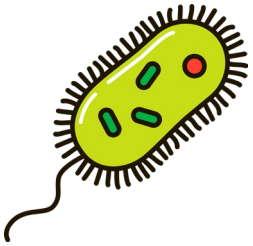


Approaches for Cities

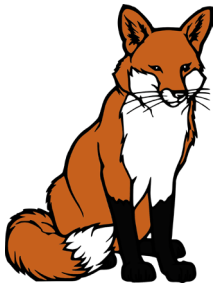
Meetings with sub-national about GBF commitments

State of biodiversity report/ strategy/ action plan

Land banking – buying up land important for conservation



Work on HRM Design Guidelines (“Red Book”) to include the needs of biodiversity



Keep up the natural assets assessment work, bring it into decision making, and join CitiesWithNature



Call for the development of a biodiversity strategy in the Regional Plan