

## Report to the Future Melbourne Committee

Agenda item 7.1

Post travel report by Councillor Cathy Oke, CBD COP13, Mexico, December 2016 and ICLEI World Secretariat strategic planning sessions and Board meetings, Germany, January 2017

21 March 2017

Presenter: Councillor Cathy Oke

### Purpose and background

1. To report to the Future Melbourne Committee (Committee) on the travel undertaken by Councillor Cathy Oke to:
  - 1.1. The 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP13), held in Cancun, Mexico from 5 to 12 December 2016.
  - 1.2. The 5th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments (the Summit) - A parallel event to CBD COP13.
  - 1.3. The ICLEI e.V. Board Meeting, Membership Assembly of the World Secretariat and ICLEI World Secretariat strategic planning sessions held in Bonn, Germany, from 23 to 27 January 2017.
2. The Committee on 22 November 2016 approved the proposal for Councillor Oke to travel to Mexico and Germany to participate in these meetings.

### Key issues

3. Representatives from over 190 countries attended CBD COP13 and the Summit in Mexico. Attending as ICLEI GexCom Biodiverse City Portfolio Chair and City of Melbourne Environment Portfolio Chair, Councillor Oke acted as a Local Government Ambassador and assisted with advocacy activities. At both CBD COP13 and the Summit, ICLEI played a central role in raising the profile of local and subnational governments and as a result Councillor Oke was invited to host and participate in numerous events. An overview of key achievements is included as Attachment 2.
4. Promotion at these events of the Ecocity World Summit to be held in Melbourne 12 to 14 July 2017 resulted in significant international guests registering to attend and speak.
5. In January 2017, Councillor Oke briefed the City of Melbourne's Chief Resilience Officer on the outcomes of her involvement in CBD COP13 and the Summit. She was subsequently invited to present to the 100RC Melbourne Biodiversity Network Exchange Program in February on global agreements and local biodiversity initiatives and progress an initiative of ICLEI and the Secretariat of the CBD to coordinate city biodiversity advocacy.
6. Information gathered through active participation at this meeting will also contribute to the City of Melbourne's first Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy, to be finalised this financial year.
7. In January 2017, as President of the ICLEI World Secretariat Board, Councillor Oke:
  - 7.1. Hosted a series of strategic planning sessions and performance review meetings at the ICLEI office in Bonn.
  - 7.2. Chaired the meetings of the ICLEI e.V. Board and the Membership Assembly of the World Secretariat.
  - 7.3. Met with City of Bonn officials, Mayor Sridharan and Susanne Nolden (Department of International Affairs and Global Sustainability) to present on various City of Melbourne urban landscapes and sustainability initiatives.

**Recommendation**

8. That the Future Melbourne Committee notes the report by Councillor Cathy Oke on:
  - 8.1. the City of Melbourne's participation in CBD COP13 and the 5th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments from 5 to 12 December 2016 in Cancun, Mexico at a cost to Council of \$3036.31
  - 8.2. attendance at the ICLEI World Secretariat strategic planning sessions, ICLEI e.V. Board Meeting and Membership Assembly of the World Secretariat from 23 to 27 January 2017 in Bonn, Germany at a cost to Council of \$190.44.

**Attachments:**

1. Supporting Attachment (page 3 of 14)
2. Overview of Cr Oke's Key Achievements (page 4 of 14)
3. Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action 2016 (page 10 of 14)

**Supporting Attachment**

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**Finance**

1. The costs associated with participation by Councillor Oke in CBD COP13 and the Summit were jointly funded by Council, Councillor Oke and ICLEI. The cost to Council was \$3036.31
2. Most travel costs associated with Councillor Oke's travel to Bonn, Germany were reimbursed by ICLEI. Due to currency fluctuations at the time of reimbursement, a shortfall of \$190.44 was incurred by Council. Councillor Oke paid for all incidentals and return travel from Frankfurt to Bonn.

**Conflict of Interest**

3. No member of Council staff, or other person engaged under a contract, involved in advising on or preparing this report has declared a direct or indirect interest in relation to the matter of the report.

**Relation to Council policy**

4. The Manager Governance and Legal has confirmed that the travel costs accord with the requirements of the travel guidelines outlined in the Councillor Expenses and Resources Guidelines.
5. Councillor Oke's participation at CBD COP13 and the Summit supported Council advancing the delivery of Eco-City, Knowledge and Connected and Prosperous City goals.

**Environmental sustainability**

6. City of Melbourne involvement in CBD COP13 and the Summit allowed Councillor Oke to participate in discussions that further Council's sustainability objectives and promotes Melbourne's reputation as a global leader, supporting the Future Melbourne goal of an Eco City.
7. The purchase of carbon offsets reduced the carbon emissions impact of the flights.

## **The 5th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments - A parallel event to CBD COP13.**

### **OVERVIEW OF COUNCILLOR OKE'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS**

Key achievements included:

- Hosting and officially chairing the ICLEI official side event 'Nature-Based Solutions for Thriving Urban Communities'.
- Co-chairing with the Governor of Quintana Roo a High Level Roundtable for a select group of Mayors, Governors, National Party Delegation heads, and other political representatives, resulting in the official Quintana Roo Communique presented to COP13. A copy of the Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action 2016 is included as Attachment 3.
- Opening the 5th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments and providing a welcome addressing the need to help other sectors recognise the importance of biodiversity, encouraging the effective participation of Indigenous peoples, local communities and the mainstreaming of nature as a central cross-cutting theme.
- Representing gender diversity as the sole female host at high level engagements.
- Delivering ten key presentations to the Summit on a range of biodiversity topics. These presentations and participation at the various sessions provided the opportunity to specifically promote the initiatives and programs being advanced by the City of Melbourne, in particular the City's Urban Forest Strategy and draft Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Strategy. One result of these engagements included an invitation to Melbourne from National Parks Singapore to join a network of cities who strive to objectively and quantitatively evaluate their positive biodiversity conservation efforts through the application of the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity, also known as the City Biodiversity Index.
- Chairing the successful endorsement by participants to the Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action 2016.

See the following pages for further details of sessions Councillor Oke actively participated in.

**Schedule of Events**

**Wednesday 7 December**

	<p><b>ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Centre Side Event: Nature-based based Solutions for Thriving Urban Communities</b></p> <p>Partners and representatives from the CBD Secretariat, subnational and local governments and international organisations shared knowledge on the growing contributions of cities and subnational governments in the mainstreaming of nature based solutions across different sectors and levels of government.</p> <p>Councillor Oke hosted and chaired the side event</p> <p>Other speakers included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Amy Ann Fraenkel - Head of Division Mainstreaming, Cooperation &amp; Outreach Support, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity</li> <li>▪ Ms. Kathy Mackinnon – World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN) as Vice Chair to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and Vice-Chair on Climate Change</li> <li>▪ Prof Thomas Elmqvist - Professor in Natural Resource Management at Stockholm Resilience Centre, Stockholm University</li> <li>▪ Ms. Kobie Brand – Regional Director ICLEI Local governments for Sustainability and Global Director of the ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Centre</li> </ul>
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**Friday 9 December**

<p>9.30am – 1pm</p>	<p><b>National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Planning Interactive Session</b></p> <p>ICLEI run workshop with the CBD on NBSAP guidelines for incorporation of local and regional actions. Cr Oke participated.</p>
<p>3pm – 5pm</p>	<p><b>ICLEI – Biodiversity ‘Community of Practice’ meeting</b></p> <p>Gathering of interested parties and delegates to create a global ‘community of practice’. An open meeting to discuss the revival of a platform for cities to engage with SCBD, ICLEI and other partners to encourage collaboration, coordination and cooperation for joint initiatives. Cr Oke participated.</p>

Friday 9 December

<p>6pm – 8pm</p>	<p><b>VIP High Level Roundtable</b></p> <p>Councillor Oke co-chaired the evening with the Governor of Quintana Roo</p> <p>A small group of mayors, governors, national party delegation heads and other political representatives discussed and endorsed the Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action 2016.</p> <p>Attendees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Christine Echookit Akello – Deputy Executive Director, National Environment Management Authority, Uganda</li> <li>▪ Honourable Alfredo Arellano – Quintana Roo State Environmental Minister, Quintana Roo, Mexico</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Veronica Arias – Secretary of Environment, Secretariat of Environment Ecuador</li> <li>▪ Mr Patrick Beauchesne – Assistant Deputy Minister, Quebec Canada</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Kobie Brand – Director, ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability's Cities Biodiversity Centre, South Africa</li> <li>▪ Ms. Thea Buckle – Communications Officer, ICLEI South Africa</li> <li>▪ Mr. Victor Canton – Director de Division Biodiversidad, Dirección Nacional de Medio Ambiente, Uruguay</li> <li>▪ Dr Lena Chan – Director, National Biodiversity Centre, Singapore</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Yoonjin Cho – Program officer, ICLEI Korea, South Korea</li> <li>▪ Ms. Andrea Cruz Angón – Coordinator Biodiversity Strategies and Cooperation, CONABIO Mexico</li> <li>▪ Mr. Oliver Hillel – SCBD Canada</li> <li>▪ His Excellency Ramanna Jogu – Minister Environment, Forests, Science &amp; Technology, Telangana State India</li> <li>▪ Mr. Sanghyun Kim – Director, Environment / Forestry &amp; Environment Bureau, Republic of Korea</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Pénélope Komites – Assistant Mayor in charge of Green Spaces, Nature, Biodiversity and Funerals, Paris France</li> <li>▪ His Excellency Sung Kyu Maeng – Vice Governor Gangwon, Republic of Korea</li> <li>▪ Mrs. Susanne Nolden – Officer, International Affairs and Global Sustainability Germany</li> <li>▪ Ms. Mia Otto – Biodiversity Expert, ICLEI South Africa</li> <li>▪ Honourable Claudia Maria Terzi – Minister for Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development for Regione Lombardia Italy</li> </ul>
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## Saturday 10 December

9.30am – 10.30am	<p><b>Session 1 / Plenary: Opening Plenary</b></p> <p>Built on the themes of the CBD COP 13's focus on mainstreaming biodiversity into productive sectors, this Summit provided cities, states and other sub-national entities with a unique and globally recognised platform to engage directly with Parties, each other and other stakeholders identifying, recognising and promoting the key and pivotal and complementary roles they fulfil in meeting global targets and ambitions.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Remberto Estrada Barba, Municipal president of Benito Juarez/Cancun, Quintana Roo</li> <li>▪ Councillor Cathy Oke - City of Melbourne, Australia and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Global Executive Committee Biodiversity Portfolio</li> <li>▪ Braulio Dias president secretariat CBD</li> <li>▪ Sung kyu Maeng - Vice Governor of previous host: Gangwon Provincial Government, Korea.</li> <li>▪ Carlos Manuel Joaquín González, Governor of Quintana Roo</li> <li>▪ Rosario Robles Berlanga, Minister of Agrarian, Territorial and Urban Development-Mexico (tbc)</li> <li>▪ Rafael Pacchiano Alamán - Minister of Environment and Natural Resources-Mexico</li> </ul>
10.30am – 11am	<p><b>Media engagement during break</b></p> <p>Engagement briefing the local and international media ahead of the Summit and conducting one -on-one interviews. Cr Oke represented ICLEI during the media session.</p>
11am – 1pm	<p><b>Session 2 / Plenary: The role of cities and subnational governments in the new Global Development Agenda</b></p> <p>Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been adopted by national governments. However, SDGs are fundamentally relevant to local and city level actors for vertical and horizontal integration of biodiversity. City and regional level action is one of the most critical climate resilience and adaptation measures across the world.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Veronica Arias (Official representative of the Mayor of Quito, Ecuador)</li> <li>▪ Councillor Cathy Oke (City of Melbourne, Australia and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Global Executive Committee Biodiversity Portfolio)</li> <li>▪ Kathy Mackinnon (IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas)</li> <li>▪ Amy Fraenkel (SCBD)</li> <li>▪ Maeng Sung kyu (Vice Governor of Gangwon Provincial Government, Korea)</li> <li>▪ Undersecretary for Environmental Promotion and Regulation, Cuauhtemoc Ochoa. SEMARNAT México</li> <li>▪ Minister David Heurtel (Minister of sustainable development, Government of Quebec, Canada)</li> <li>▪ Mr. Réal Ménard (City of Montreal, Canada)</li> </ul> <p>Outcome: Lunched with Governor of Aiichi</p>

**Saturday 10 December**

1.30pm - 2.30pm	<p><b>Aichi Prefecture Special Meeting Event</b>          Witnessed the adoption of the Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action 2016 – by invitation only</p>
2.30pm – 3.30pm	<p><b>Session 4 / Plenary: Interactive Panel Discussion: Financing local biodiversity initiatives and new opportunities.</b></p> <p>Identified new opportunities in the financing of biodiversity initiatives and their associated finance mechanisms.</p> <p>Councillor Oke chaired the plenary and spoke to City of Melbourne efforts and approaches.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Andrew Deutz (The Nature Conservancy - TNC)</li> <li>▪ Mr. Gustavo Fonseca (Director of Programs GEF)</li> <li>▪ Marcia Tambutti (CEPAL)</li> <li>▪ Gmelina Ramírez Ramírez (Interamerican Development Bank)</li> <li>▪ Roberto Troya (Vice President and Regional Director for Latin America and Caribbean, WWF)</li> <li>▪ Ms Claudia Maria Terzi (Minister for Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development, Region Lombardy - Italy)</li> <li>▪ Dr. Bonnie Keeler (Programme Director, The Natural Capital Project, USA)</li> <li>▪ Shankar Raj Kandel (Municipal Finance Expert, Kathmandu)</li> </ul>
7.30pm – 10pm	<p><b>Gala Summit Dinner and cultural event</b>          Formal dinner – discussed outcomes of Roundtable and Draft Summit state.</p>

**Sunday 11 December**

9am – 10.30am	<p><b>Session 7C / Parallel: Cities &amp; Regions: Drivers for Innovation</b></p> <p>Session addressed the role of cities and regions towards the management and conservation of biodiversity through creative and innovative actions and the implications these strategies and actions have for sustainability and climate resilience.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Susanne Nolden - International Affairs and Global Sustainability, City of Bonn, Germany</li> <li>▪ Councillor Cathy Oke - City of Melbourne, Australia and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Global Executive Committee Biodiversity Portfolio</li> <li>▪ Julia Wood - Manager: Biodiversity Management at City of Cape Town, South Africa</li> <li>▪ Mr. Felipe Marcelino Chumpí – President, Morona Santiago Province</li> <li>▪ Mr. Mohamed Bakarr - Senior Environmental Specialist at the Global Environment Facility (GEFSEC)</li> </ul>
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Sunday 11 December

<p>12pm – 1pm</p>	<p><b>Session 9 / Plenary: Interactive Panel Discussion on Financing local biodiversity initiatives and new opportunities</b> <i>(cont'd from previous day)</i></p> <p>Councillor Oke chaired the plenary and presented an overview of urban biodiversity initiatives from the City of Melbourne.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Roberto Troya - Vice President and Regional Director for Latin America and Caribbean, WWF, Quito, Ecuador</li> <li>▪ Dr. Bonnie Keeler - Programme Director, The Natural Capital Project, USA</li> <li>▪ Ms. Marcia Tambutti – Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL)</li> </ul>
<p>2pm – 4pm</p>	<p><b>Session 10 / Plenary: New Initiatives Launched</b></p> <p>The following new biodiversity-related initiatives were launched, announced and promoted at the Summit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Global Community for Local &amp; Regional Action for Nature</li> <li>▪ Agreement for a Sustainable Yucatán Península by Yucatán Governors &amp; The Nature Conservancy</li> <li>▪ Nature for All by IUCN</li> <li>▪ Call for francophone cities to take action for biodiversity and join Paris and Montreal in sharing good practices</li> <li>▪ Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets (GoLS to Aichi Targets)</li> <li>▪ Biodiversity Learning Platform for Subnational Governments by nrg4SD</li> <li>▪ New Financial Model of Municipal Systems of Integrated Waste Management with a Sustainability Approach in Mexico</li> <li>▪ Wetland City Accreditation of the Ramsar Convention by Ramsar &amp; WWF</li> <li>▪ ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability and World Urban Parks (WUP) Partnership</li> <li>▪ Thrive - A mobile app to re-connect people with nature by Swedbio, SRC &amp; ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability</li> </ul> <p>Councillor Oke supported ICLEI new initiatives launched –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integrated Subnational Action for Biodiversity (INTERACT-Bio)</li> <li>▪ FoodCity Network by ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability &amp; RUAF</li> </ul>
<p>4.30pm – 5pm</p>	<p><b>Session 11 / Plenary: Closing Plenary</b></p> <p>Councillor Oke represented ICLEI and concluded the Cities Summit. Mainstreaming NBSAPs and achieving Aichi Targets.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Alfredo Arellano, Government of Quintana Roo</li> <li>▪ Braulio Dias (SCBD)</li> <li>▪ Dr. José Sarukhán (CONABIO)</li> <li>▪ Representative from SEMARNAT</li> <li>▪ Representative from ANAAE</li> <li>▪ Councillor Cathy Oke (City of Melbourne, Australia and ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability Global Executive Committee Biodiversity Portfolio)</li> </ul>

# **QUINTANA ROO COMMUNIQUÉ**

**ON**

## **MAINSTREAMING LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION**

**2016**

**Quintana Roo Communiqué**  
**on**  
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We, local and subnational governments, our networks and our partners, convening at the *5<sup>th</sup> Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities and Subnational Governments* held in parallel with the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, Cancun, Mexico, 2016 from 10 to 11 December 2016,

hereby agree that,

in order to further unlock the potential of local and subnational governments and our growing urban population to ***significantly, rapidly and collectively implement actions for contributing directly and measurably*** to the attainment of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets,

- the understanding that people are inextricably linked to, and part of nature, and that this connection is essential to the health, resilience and well-being of our rapidly growing urban communities and their local and regional economies ***needs to be deepened, better communicated, planned for, and mainstreamed***, at all levels of society, specifically in support of Aichi targets 1, 17, 18, 19 and 20, and
  - while local and subnational governments are increasingly recognised as significant and essential contributors to reach globally set sustainable development targets, notably among the Parties to the CBD, ***more accurate and specific and science-based information, decision-making tools and articulation of the need, value and scope of such contributions are required***, also within the context of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and its Aichi Biodiversity Targets, and that
  - ***horizontal mainstreaming, vertical alignment, cooperative and integrated management linked to measurable reporting mechanisms by and for all levels of subnational government***, aligned with those of their national governments where appropriate, within globally set frameworks such as the NBSAP and other complementary commitment processes ***are required*** to formalise the recognition of these contributions, specifically in support of Aichi targets 5,6,7,8, 9, 10,11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17, and that
  - demonstration and mainstreaming of the ***decoupling of consumption patterns and natural resource use from quality of life and local and regional economies***, particularly through the promotion of non-extractive economic activities, development of policies that internalise environmental and social costs, mainstreaming biodiversity into land use planning and ensuring
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coherence between sectoral policies and support of ecosystem rehabilitation within cities, regions and areas of their impact **are required**, particularly in terms of Aichi targets 3 and 4, and

- **the mobilisation of, and access to, new and significantly enhanced financing mechanisms, instruments and funds** through redefined existing, and newly established partnerships, **is essential** for local and subnational governments to enable their essential contribution to sustainable development in realisation of the SDGs and Aichi targets, and
- **partnerships, collaboration, and more scalable initiatives** for, and designed by, cities and other subnational governments, their networks such as ICLEI and nrg4SD, and their partners on global and regional level **are effective drivers for local and subnational implementation** of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity and its associated Aichi targets, such as
  - ICLEI's Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) suite of locally adaptable engagement options, the new Global Community for Local & Regional Action for Nature, the Urban Natural Assets for Africa (UNA Africa), and the "Local and Subnational Summit" platform as formally recognised parallel event to the CBD COP at all future COPs,
  - The Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity ,
  - URBIO (Urban Biodiversity and Design Network),
  - nrg4SD's emerging Regions for Biodiversity Learning Platform, and
  - Mexico's State Biodiversity Strategies initiative that could be replicated in other parts of the world,

Within this context, we therefore call on CBD Parties and partners to

- **accelerate their focus, increase and unlock collaboration, and enable frameworks** by building on, and supporting partnerships and initiatives where appropriate, for and by local and subnational governments, and their networks that address these priority themes, and
- **accelerate their efforts at building capacity and facilitating scientific knowledge transfer** by providing technical and financial support to local and subnational governments, as well as strengthening communication and information exchange and engagement between the scientific community, local and subnational governments and citizens, while ensuring that the contribution of science and research is based on, and tailored to, subnational and local needs and priorities, and
- **enable and promote the implementation of the consecutive COP decisions** related to local and subnational governments including Decision IX/28, X/22, XI/8, XII/9 and the currently considered recognition of local and subnational governments in Agenda Item 10 on "mainstreaming", and
- **invite other global sustainable development governance processes to benefit** from the valuable, rich and comprehensive good practice of the national and global biodiversity community on mechanisms for engaging with local and subnational governments, built through more than a decade of practice under the leadership of the CBD Parties through relevant COP decisions and programmes.

We further

- applaud the new global ambition and associated trajectory for sustainable development committed to since the CBD COP12 through, *inter alia*, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (2015), the Paris Climate Agreement (2015) and its rapid ratification (2016), the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (2015) and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda providing a global framework for financing sustainable development (2015), **and particularly welcome the priority set for biodiversity and ecosystems in the New Urban Agenda as main Habitat III outcome (2016) with its focus on integrated sustainable urban and territorial development**, and
  
  - **encourage further recognition of, and calls on, local and subnational actors**, in partnership with their national governments where appropriate, and other partners, to **support and contribute to the implementation of these global commitments, through measured, reported, horizontally mainstreamed and vertically aligned strategies and actions**, and
  
  - **recall preceding commitments, statements and calls to action delivered to the CBD COP9, COP10, COP11, COP12 and COP13 respectively through the Bonn Call for Action, Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity, the Hyderabad Declaration on Subnational Governments and the Gangwon/Pyeongchang Resolution on Cities and Subnational Governments for Biodiversity** as collective results of the consecutive global summits as accredited parallel platforms for local and subnational governments to the CBD COP processes, and on which this communiqué builds, and
  
  - **commend the consecutive and ground-breaking CBD COP decisions on local and subnational governments in the global biodiversity agenda**, especially the catalytic role of the Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011-2020), and further
  
  - **welcome the recognition of local and subnational governments in mainstreaming under Agenda Item 10**, in recognition of the need for more effective engagement with local and subnational governments, to enhance their contribution the CBD Strategic Plan, increase awareness among these levels of government and their communities on their ability and imperative to contribute to implementation through local and regional strategies and actions aligned to, and appropriately recognised in, NBSAPs, and to further include these levels of government in relevant international processes, and
  
  - **commend the The Panama City Declaration** adopted by URBIO and IFLA at their joint conference of the Urban Biodiversity and Design Network (URBIO) and the International Federation of Landscape Architects of the Americas Region (IFLA-AR) following a joint conference 'From Cities to Landscape: Design for Health & Biodiversity' held in Panama City, Panama, from 25 to 27 October 2016, and which emphasises the essential focus for urban landscape design on urban health and biodiversity for resilient and sustainable cities, and further
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- ***commend the complementary Statement by the Group of Leading Subnational Governments toward Aichi Biodiversity Targets*** presented at this Summit which emphasise the role of states, provinces, regions and prefectures as global actors committed to contributing to the attainment of the Aichi targets,
  - ***call upon the United Nations Biodiversity Conference, Cancun, Mexico, 2016, to take into account this Communiqué in its work*** and request the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to include this Communiqué as part of the report of the Conference, and to collaborate with Parties, relevant international organizations and stakeholders for the advancement of mainstreaming biodiversity, and
  - ***applaud Mexico for reiterating its commitment to continue collaboration with local and subnational governments*** in order to mainstream biodiversity for well-being, in particular, but not exclusively, in the sectors of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and tourism.
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