

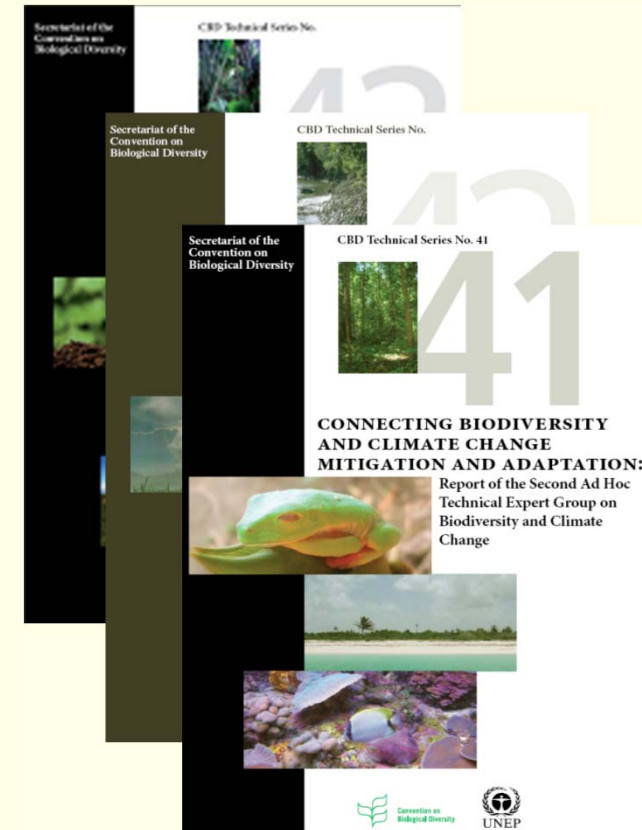
Sub-national governments, nrg4SD and its potential role in the Convention on Biological Diversity and other MEAs

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Biodiversity, climate change, water and land management are inextricably linked

- Biodiversity is impacted by climate change
- Can help adapt to climate change, mitigate its effects
- Solutions are integrated at sub-national and local levels





Urban growth, climate change and biodiversity

50% of the population is urban- and growing



Loss of Biodiversity



Ecosystems become less resilient



.... People become more vulnerable to climate change and other global change processes

Sub-national governments can take action in support of national plans and goals

- Reducing pollution...
- Wider adaptation of conservation and sustainable use practices
- Policy tools, awareness campaigns, programs



Roles of sub-national governments

- (a) Translate national directives into development strategies..
- (b) Can define landscape-level planning;
- (c) Direct influence on biodiversity managers and users



Ex. Japan

Development of Local Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans

- **Article 13 of Japan's Basic Act on Biodiversity**
- **guide for local biodiversity strategies**
- **7 local biodiversity strategies**



Canada and the province of Quebec

- Canada actively supported the Plan of Action
- Quebec produced 3 Strategies and action plans (currently being updated)
- Urban biodiversity guide by the province of Quebec (photo) introducing several initiatives



Other examples of sub-national engagement...

Parana state, Brazil – Offsets the Secretariat's carbon emissions

Mexico- 15 States are involved in the NBSAP process;

Spain – “Red de Gobiernos Locales »;

United Kingdom - «Biodiversity Duty

EU - EU Capitals of Biodiversity

CBD recognition of the roles of sub-national and local governments

- **Decision IX/28** encourages Parties to recognize the role of cities in national strategies and plans, invites Parties to support and assist in implementing the Convention at local level
- **Decision X/22** endorses the Plan of Action and requests the ES to report in 2012
- **CBD Strategic Plan:**“By 2020, biodiversity values have been integrated into local development ..strategies”





Subnational and Local governments at COP10

- 24-26 October: City Biodiversity Summit, 550 representatives adopted the Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities
- Side-event on Province/State/Region level BSAPs
- COP 10 endorsed the Plan of Action on Sub-national Gvts, cities and local authorities 2011-2020

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- Biodiversity incorporated into and measured for subnational and local/urban planning, use of relevant tools and guidelines;
- CEPA activities in support of the CBD take place at the each level;
- Broader engagement of sub-national gvts in implementing the CBD and better understanding of biodiversity issues by subnational and local gvts
- Sub national and local gvts encouraged to prepare Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans in line with NBSAPs (see next slide)



NBSAP review process

- Parties are required to submit their fifth national report by **31 March 2014**.
- Decision X/22 invites Parties to involve subnational governments, cities and other local authorities when revising their NBSAPs
- Japan will support regional and sub-regional workshops for the review of the NBSAPs, SCBD plans to involve nrg4SD and ICLEI



Partners

Steering Committee of Cities



Advisory Committee of Sub-National gvts

“in development”

Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity



New platform for sub-national governments

Advisory Committee

- Members selected considering global geographical balance
- Who coordinates? For cities, co-chaired by local government which hosted, and will host the COP
- The CBD Secretariat provides technical and logistical support to the chair and the Committee.



How can networks such as nrg4SD, the EU committee of the regions, etc, contribute?

Advisory Committee of Sub-Natl Governments (1)

- **Objectives:**
 - **Promote Subnational Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans**
 - **Coordinate other efforts by subnational governments in support of Plan of Action**
- **Set up:**
 - **up to 5 per region (LAC, Africa, Asia & the Pacific, CIS/CEE, WEOG or other division)**
 - **Overlap with nrg4SD leaders and pioneers?**
 - **Financing and requirements**
 - **Chairs: Quebec, Sao Paulo involved already. Other relevant governments: Japan, India, Africa, SIDS, G-77 and OECD balance**

Advisory Committee of Sub-Natl Governments (2)

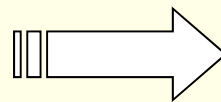
– Examples of activities:

- Start/enhance own SNBSAPs, support other regional Plans
- Coordinate with Global Partnership members and
- Meeting once a year
- Report on progress to national governments
- Contribute to organization of a biodiversity forum at COP 11 (with Andhra Pradesh?)
- Contribute to compilation and dissemination of relevant communication tools such as the CBD Newsletter
- Participate in SCBD NBSAP workshops, Rio Conventions' Pavilions, relevant CBD meetings such as COP and WGRl etc.

Way forward

- Montpellier meeting 17-18 January
- ICLEI-LAB workshop, February
- Advisory Committee, September
- WGRI-4, October
- ...nrg4SD events?
- COP11 Summit – October 2012

2011-2020



Implementation



Thank you!