

# URBAN BIODIVERSITY: A Value to Appreciate

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May 21-23, 2013

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## A key event!

This upcoming May, the *Ville de Montréal* will be hosting the meeting of the Advisory Committee of Cities of the Global Partnership on Local and Sub-national Action for Biodiversity related to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). This meeting is held within the framework of the *Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity*. The event will take place around the International Day for Biological Diversity (May 22) and in the context of the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020). This decade is crucial as it corresponds to the implementation period of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity adopted in Nagoya (Japan) in October 2010. The event program refers to the plan's strategic goals and to the Aichi Biodiversity Targets.

In addition to the work meeting of the Advisory Committee of Cities, a public event will be held to highlight best case studies, experiences and methods used to value ecosystem services and urban biodiversity.

Public event\*: Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22

Conferences, presentations, roundtables, exhibits, and technical visits

Venues: *Parc du Mont-Royal* - May 21

Montréal Botanical Garden | *Space for Life* - May 22

Languages: French and English (simultaneous translation)

\* *Registration fees will apply: CAN\$ 150 + tax.*

Work Meeting of the Advisory Committee of Cities (upon invitation): Thursday, May 23

Venue: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

**Come join over 200 representatives from the civil society, business and local, national and international authorities.**

Organizers: The *Ville de Montréal* and the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (head office located in Montreal) in collaboration with ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

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## TOPICS FOR DISCUSSIONS

- **The Value of Biodiversity**  
*What value are we talking about? Intrinsic value, societal value, monetary value? Are those values compatible?*
- **Biodiversity and Urban Development**  
*How to reconcile urban biodiversity and development? And for whom? Why does promoting urban biodiversity make economic sense for business and local authorities? How can biodiversity be an integral part of their urban development strategy?*
- **Valuation Tools and Methods**  
*What are the tools and the methods used to determine the economic value of urban biodiversity? What are the strengths and limitations of those methods? How to make them more efficient?*
- **Mobilising New Actors**  
*How to mobilize new stakeholders to face the challenge of integrating biodiversity in urban decision-making?*



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

(As of April 16, 2013)

	MONDAY, MAY 20	TUESDAY, MAY 21	WEDNESDAY, MAY 22	THURSDAY, MAY 23		
MORNING	International Participants' Arrival	<b>URBAN BIODIVERSITY: A Value to Appreciate</b>		<b>MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF CITIES OF THE CBD</b> (upon invitation)		
		<b>Discovering Urban Biodiversity</b>	<b>Evaluating the Value of Urban Biodiversity</b>			
		Chalet du Parc du Mont-Royal 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Official Opening Session  Josée Duplessis ( <i>Ville de Montréal</i> ) Representative from Quebec Representative from Canada Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias (Secretariat of the CBD)	Botanical Garden   Space for Life Auditorium Henry-Teuscher  9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Plenary Session A  François Reeves: Biodiversity and Public Health  Andre Mader: Economy of Ecosystems and Biodiversity	Working session of the Advisory Committee of Cities, and international and Canadian NGOs	Working session of the representatives of the subnational government and other partners, including UN agencies	
	10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Plenary Session  -Timothy Beatley: Biophilic Cities  -Other Keynote speaker (to be confirmed)	10:15 - 11:45 a.m. B1 Session  The Value of Biodiversity	10:15 - 11:45 a.m. B2 Session  Reconciling Protection and Development	Joint session of the Advisory Committee of Cities and of the subnational government representatives		
LUNCH		11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch on the mountain	11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Contact with SEDNA's crew - the famous boat travelling the world to document environmental change  Visit of the Biodiversity Centre at the Botanical Garden   Space for Life Lunch	Closing Lunch or Lunch Conference (to be confirmed)		
AFTERNOON	Coordination Meeting with Speakers	1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Kiosks at the <i>Maison Smith</i>  "Biokit" activity	1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Technical visits: <i>Site patrimonial du                      Mont-Royal</i>	1:30 - 2:45 p.m. C1 Session  Valuation Tools and Methods	1:30 - 2:45 p.m. C2 Session  Mobilizing New Stakeholders	Technical visits (registration required)  <i>Complexe environnemental de                      Saint-Michel (CESM)</i> <i>Technoparc</i> <i>Parc-nature du Bois-de-l'Île-Bizard</i>
				3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Plenary Session D Josée Duplessis ( <i>Ville de Montréal</i> ) Closing Ceremony		
		4:00 p.m. Travel from <i>Parc du Mont-Royal</i> to the Botanical Garden   Space for Life		4:15 p.m. Travel from the Botanical Garden   Space for Life to the downtown area		
EVENING	Meet and Greet: Informal reception for international guests, speakers and coordination committee (by invitation)  Dinner on your own (Suggested restaurants in the old Montreal or the downtown area provided)	5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception at the Botanical Garden   Space for Life	5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Official reception in honour of the International Day for Biological Diversity in the presence of the Mayor of Montreal  Dinner on your own (Suggested restaurants in the old Montreal area provided)	International Participants' departure (flights in the evening or on the following days)		