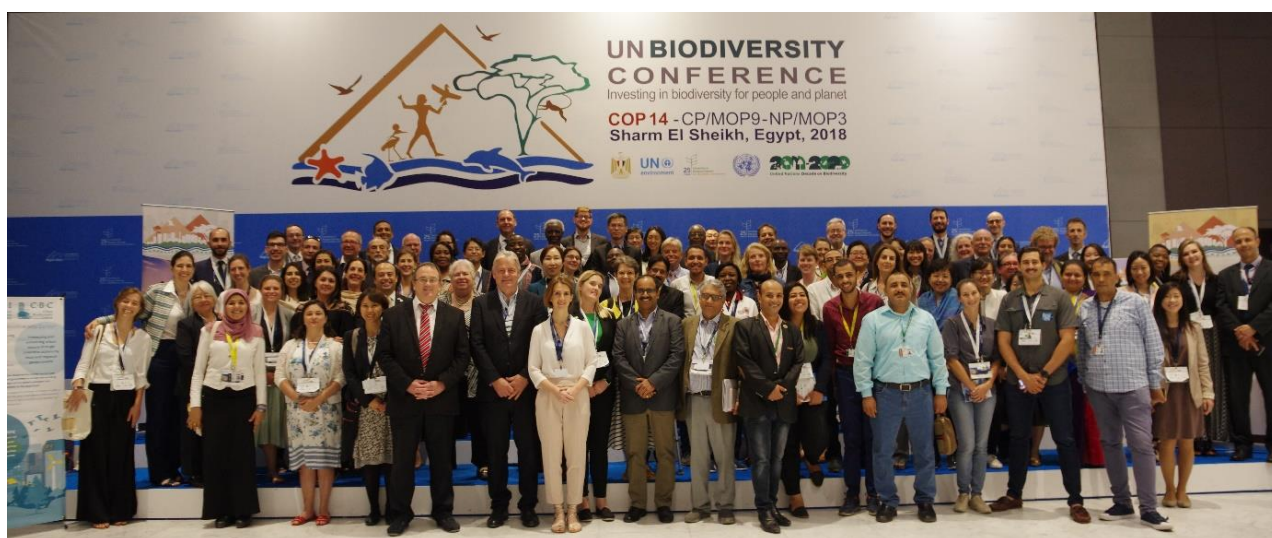

LOCAL & SUBNATIONAL ADVOCACY ROADMAP TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE POST- 2020 GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK



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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Through the Cities Biodiversity Center (CBC), embedded in the Africa Secretariat, ICLEI works with key partners such as the European Committee of the Regions (CoR), Regions4 Sustainable Development (Regions4), the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments for Biodiversity (ACSNG) coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec), the Group of Leading Subnational Governments to Aichi Biodiversity Targets (GoLS), the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework EU Support project and Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) to advance its global advocacy agenda. ICLEI, serves as the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments' focal point for biodiversity and nature.

Since the Conference of the Parties (COP) 9 to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2008, ICLEI's CBC, in partnership with the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) and respective national and subnational hosts from the CBD COP host countries, has been convening **successive Summits to enable the active engagement of subnational governments and their partners in the CBD**. These successive Summits have been held as official high-level parallel events to the CBD COP meetings, providing an important platform for the CBD Parties to engage with the local and subnational government constituency on their pivotal and increasingly recognized role in the attainment of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets and related global commitments. Each Summit resulted in strong political and technical outcomes for local and subnational governments, as crucial partners to CBD Parties, to mobilize and deliver locally contextualized implementation actions. For example, the *Quintana Roo Communiqué on Mainstreaming Local and Subnational Biodiversity Action* was adopted at the 5th Summit held at COP13 in Cancun, Mexico in 2016, and the *Sharm El-Sheikh Communiqué for Local and Subnational Action for Nature and People* was adopted at the 6th Summit held at COP14 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in 2018.

Since 2008, there have been successive **COP decision on local and subnational governments** influenced by the Summits. Decision X/22 adopted at COP 10 in Nagoya in 2010 was pivotal as it contained a **Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity (2011 - 2020)**. CBD COP 14, held Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, in 2018, was characterized by very active and fruitful engagement between cities and regions, CBD Parties, their partners and the SCBD throughout the duration of COP14 and the 7th Summit. The result of this intensive engagement was an unprecedented number of decisions - seven in total - that relate to local and subnational governments and the adoption of the *Sharm El-Sheikh Communiqué for Local and Subnational Action for Nature and People* in the COP plenary. Furthermore, Decision 14/34, called for a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). This Decision urges local and subnational governments *to actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework in order to foster strong ownership of the framework to be agreed and strong support for its immediate implementation*. ICLEI, along with its partners, **committed to contributing to the post-2020 process by developing roadmap for all levels of subnational government and to strengthening our existing networks, platforms, programmes and projects** in the Communiqué adopted at the 6th Global Biodiversity Summit of 6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments held in parallel with the 14th Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 17 to 29 November 2018.

At COP 10 in Nagoya (2010), the Parties adopted the **Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020)** which defined a common global agenda for biodiversity, under the 20 **Aichi Biodiversity Targets**, over the next ten years. However, eight years into their implementation, it is increasingly realized

that by 2020, almost none of the targets will be met, and the rate of biodiversity loss is in fact increasing.

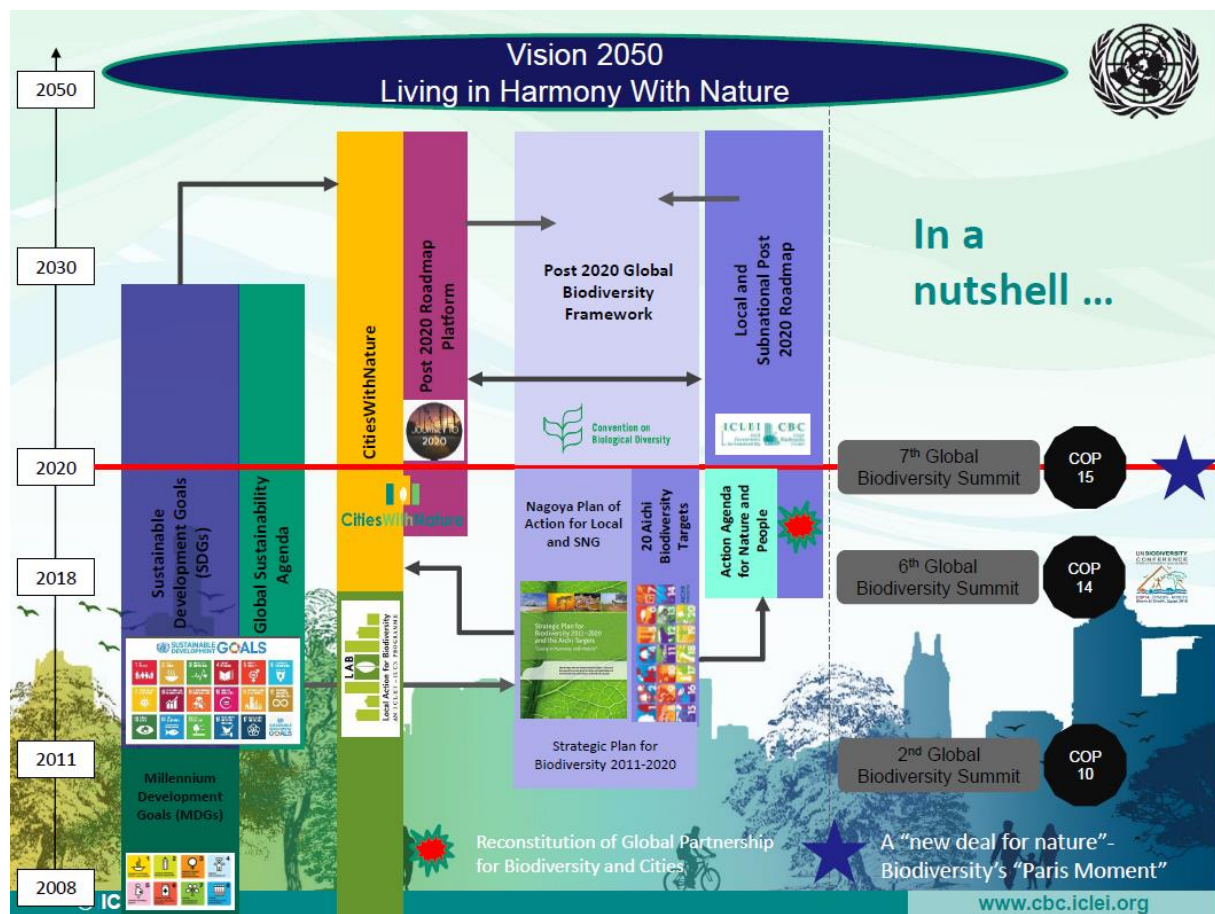


Figure 1 Local & subnational advocacy milestones in a nutshell

A comprehensive and participatory **process to prepare a post-2020 global biodiversity framework** to be adopted at COP 15 in Kunming, China, was launched at COP 13 in Cancún, (2016). The **Sharm El-Sheikh to Kunming Action Agenda for Nature and People** was launched at COP 14 to mobilize urgent action in the lead up to COP 15 in 2020; enhance the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity (2011-2020) and the Aichi Biodiversity targets in the final two years of their validity; and support the development of a Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF). The Action Agenda has three main objectives:

- to raise public awareness about the urgent need to stem biodiversity loss and restore areas that may have suffered from human impact, to benefit the health of all living species, including humanity, and rebalance our global ecological system;
- to inspire and implement nature-based solutions to meet key global challenges; and
- to catalyze cooperative initiatives in support of global biodiversity goals.

CBD COP 15, when the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be adopted, is viewed as the “Paris Moment for Nature”.

1.2 ICLEI MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The primary goal of **ICLEI**’s advocacy work in the CBD process is, to ensure that the voice of local and subnational governments is heard loudly throughout the consultation and negotiation process leading up to, and at COP 15; and that local and subnational governments are meaningfully recognized as key implementers of the global biodiversity agenda over the coming decades. **ICLEI**

is mobilizing its constituency to engage and participate in the consultation and negotiation process, with the aim of shaping the Post-2020 GBF. To this end ICLEI CBC is seeking funding to support its local and subnational advocacy for nature work; and collaborates with its key partners.

One of the ways this mobilization is being facilitated is through **CitiesWithNature**, an engagement platform co-founded by **ICLEI**, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the Nature Conservancy (TNC). Together with the soon to be launched **RegionsWithNature**, **CitiesWithNature** constitutes a shared online platform for all cities, regions and other subnational authorities to connect and engage in mainstreaming nature into cities and regions in ways that benefit both people and nature. The platform serves as the 'one stop shop' for all levels of subnational governments to share and report on their actions in contributing to the implementation of the CBD; and reporting on commitments under the new Global Biodiversity Framework. This platform has **been endorsed by the SCBD as the official mechanism through which local and subnational governments will share their ambitions, commitments, and actions, and will in turn connect, share, learn, and inspire each other.**

ICLEI has, with the **collaboration of its key partners, developed a roadmap for local and subnational following COP 14 to mobilize the local and subnational constituency's participation in the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process.** The implementation of this roadmap is currently underway and has resulted in a series of advocacy interventions such as post-2020 consultation events, regular monthly webinars, and the development of a draft position statement which has been circulated to partners for comments and inputs.

Furthermore, given the strong synergies between **ICLEI's** work in the CBD process and the objectives of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework-EU Support Project, as well as the need for strong partnerships in the lead up to, during, and after COP 15, **ICLEI** has collaborated with the "Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework - EU Support" project on a number of events on the roadmap towards 2020. For example, in 2019 we co-convened a thematic session together at The Nature of Cities (TNOC) Summit in Paris in June 2019 entitled "Living in Harmony with Nature," which sought to strengthen momentum for a Post-2020 GBF among local and subnational governments, under the auspices of the Action Agenda. In July 2019, **ICLEI**, the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework- EU Support Project, the SCBD, Aburra Valley Metropolitan Authority and the Humboldt Institute co-convened an event on "Unlocking the power of metropolises to mainstream biodiversity and ecosystem services for nature and people" in Medellin, Colombia. This event resulted in the **"Aburrá Valley - Medellin Declaration of Metropolitan Areas to the post - 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework"**, which was adopted by the 17 metropolitan area authorities and 27 other local and subnational governments from 12 countries that attended the event. And in February 2020, **ICLEI** co-hosted BIO2020 - "Brazilian Perspectives for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework", with the São Paulo State Government, Regions4 and Expertise France. BIO2020 took place between 3 and 6 February 2020 in São Paulo and was supported by CETESB, the Fundação Florestal, the Reserva da Biosfera da Mata Atlântica, da Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. This significant event in the local and subnational Post-2020 roadmap culminated in the signing of the **Carta de São Paulo** and with 26 Brazilian state capital cities and São Paulo State signing up to **CitiesWithNature**.

Through its advocacy initiatives, ICLEI has also influenced several recent global declarations in other agendas to include references to nature and nature-based solutions. For example, the **UCLG Congress World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders** held in Durban, South Africa, from 11 - 15 November 2019 produced a **Manifesto: The Future of Biodiversity**; and the **Abu Dhabi Declared Actions Cities of Opportunities: Connecting Culture and Innovation** adopted at the World Urban Forum held from 8 - 13 February in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates.

ICLEI has also played a prominent role in influencing the development of policy positions within the CBD and related processes. At COP 14, the Parties decided to establish an **Informal Advisory Group (IAG) on the Mainstreaming of Biodiversity**, to advise the Executive Secretary and the Bureau of the Convention on Biological Diversity, on a long-term approach to mainstreaming biodiversity, including on ways to integrate mainstreaming adequately into the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The IAG was established in May 2019 with the appointment of representatives of 15 parties to the CBD and 15 representatives of organizations, indigenous peoples and local communities. **ICLEI** was appointed to represent all local and subnational governments on the IAG. ICLEI is represented by Ingrid Coetzee, Senior Programme Manager ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center. ICLEI's appointment recognizes the impressive contribution that ICLEI and its Cities Biodiversity Center has made over the past decade in advocating for greater recognition of, and involvement by, local and subnational governments in the CBD. Information and updates on the work of the IAG is disseminated to local and subnational governments through ICLEI CBC's various advocacy channels.

At a meeting of the **Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation Scheme's Independent Advisory Committee (Ramsar IAC)**, 25 – 26 September 2019, **ICLEI** was nominated as co-chair of the Ramsar IAC, in support of Austria, the new chair (previously held by Korea), for the 2019 – 2021 triennium. Dr Ernita van Wyk, Senior Professional Officer: Social-ecological Systems at the ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, represents ICLEI on the Ramsar IAC. The Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation Scheme (Resolution XII.10 of 2015) is a voluntary scheme that provides an opportunity for cities that value their natural or human-made wetlands to gain international recognition and positive publicity for their efforts. One of the roles of the Ramsar IAC is to review the Wetland City Accreditation applications and to report its decision to the Standing Committee. The call for applications to the 2019-2021 triennium of the Wetland City Accreditation was announced by the Ramsar Secretariat on 15 July 2019 and closed on 31 December 2019.

Through its decisions VII/24 and VIII/6, the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) established an Informal Advisory Committee (IAC) to provide advice on the development and implementation of the Programme of Work for the Global Initiative for Communication, Education and Public Awareness (the CEPA-IAC). Michelle Preen, Senior Manager: Communications and Knowledge Management at ICLEI's Cities Biodiversity Center has been selected as a member of the CEPA-IAC for 2019/2020. The IAC will play a key role in the implementation of the most recent COP decisions relating to communication. This includes IAC members' input into the draft 2020 Communications Strategy, and in building the momentum in support of an ambitious post-2020 global biodiversity framework.

2. OUR ADVOCACY ROADMAP IN A NUTSHELL

This section describes the overall goal, components and actions of our advocacy roadmap.

2.1 OVERALL GOAL OF OUR ADVOCACY ROADMAP

The purpose of the our advocacy roadmap is to ensure that the voice of local and subnational governments are heard and reflected in the consultations, negotiations and outcomes regarding the post-2020 global biodiversity framework, in the lead up to, during and post COP15 in Kunming in 2020.

With this in mind the goal of our advocacy roadmap is **to lobby Parties for a dedicated and stepped-up decision on the role and contribution of local and subnational governments in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, including a renewed plan of action (PoA)**. The current Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities for Biodiversity, adopted under Decision X/22, concludes at the end of 2020. This goal is supported by four main objectives, captured below.

2.2 THE COMPONENTS AND MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE ADVOCACY ROADMAP

Our advocacy roadmap consists of four components designed to achieve the above-mentioned goal. The four components are interconnected, complimentary and designed to be implemented in parallel with one another.

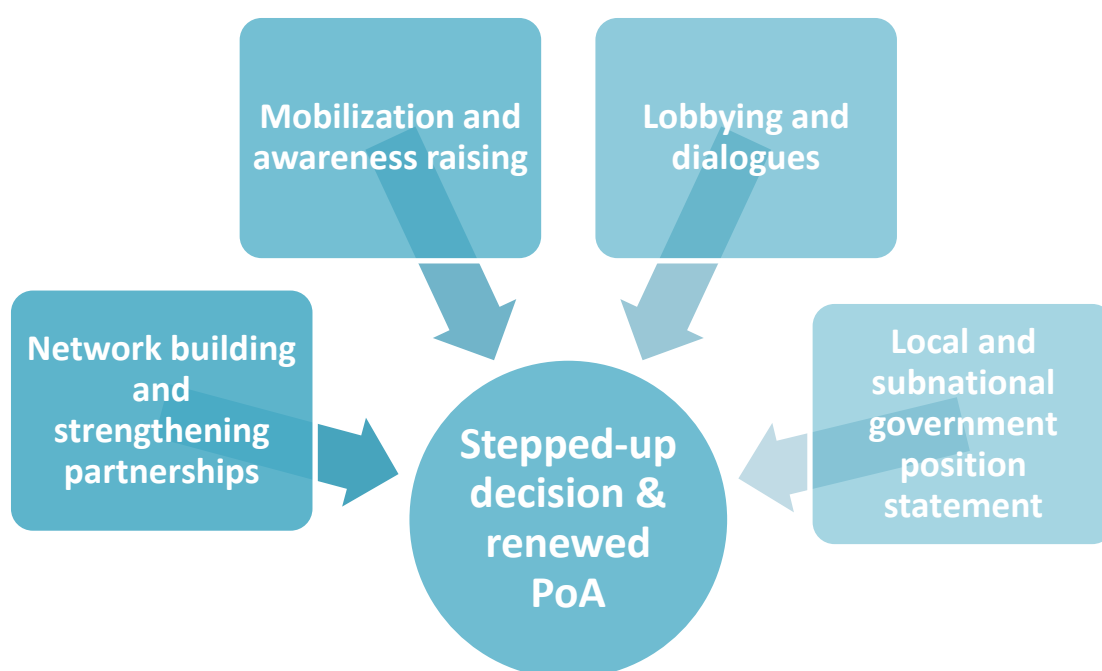


Figure 2 Advocacy roadmap components

- **Component 1: Network building and strengthening partnerships** - Continue to build, strengthen, and maintain a network of strategic partnerships among local and subnational governments and their associated stakeholders;
- **Component 2: Mobilization and awareness raising** - Mobilize and grow a critical mass of local and subnational governments and capture their contributions to, and participation in, the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) roadmap process through communication and awareness-raising activities and enhancing the CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature platform;
- **Component 3: Lobbying and dialogues** - Lobby and engage Parties in dialogues to recognize local and subnational governments as critical partners in influencing and enabling implementation of the Post-2020 GBF; and
- **Component 4: Local and subnational government position statement** - Ensure the role, contributions, interests and priorities of local and subnational governments are taken up in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Each of the four components has an associated outcome and entails two activities intended to ensure the respective component outcome. The component outcomes are captured in the table below, followed by a figure and description of the supporting activities of the four components.

COMPONENT	OUTCOME
Network building and strengthening partnership	The network of partners is expanded and more influential
Mobilization and awareness-raising	Awareness is raised and a critical mass of local and subnational governments is mobilized and committed
Lobbying and dialogues	Joint outcome statements demonstrating recognition of the critical importance of multi-level governance
Local and subnational government position statement	The policy ambition is developed and supported as a collective and consolidated position to influence COP decisions and the Post 2020 GBF

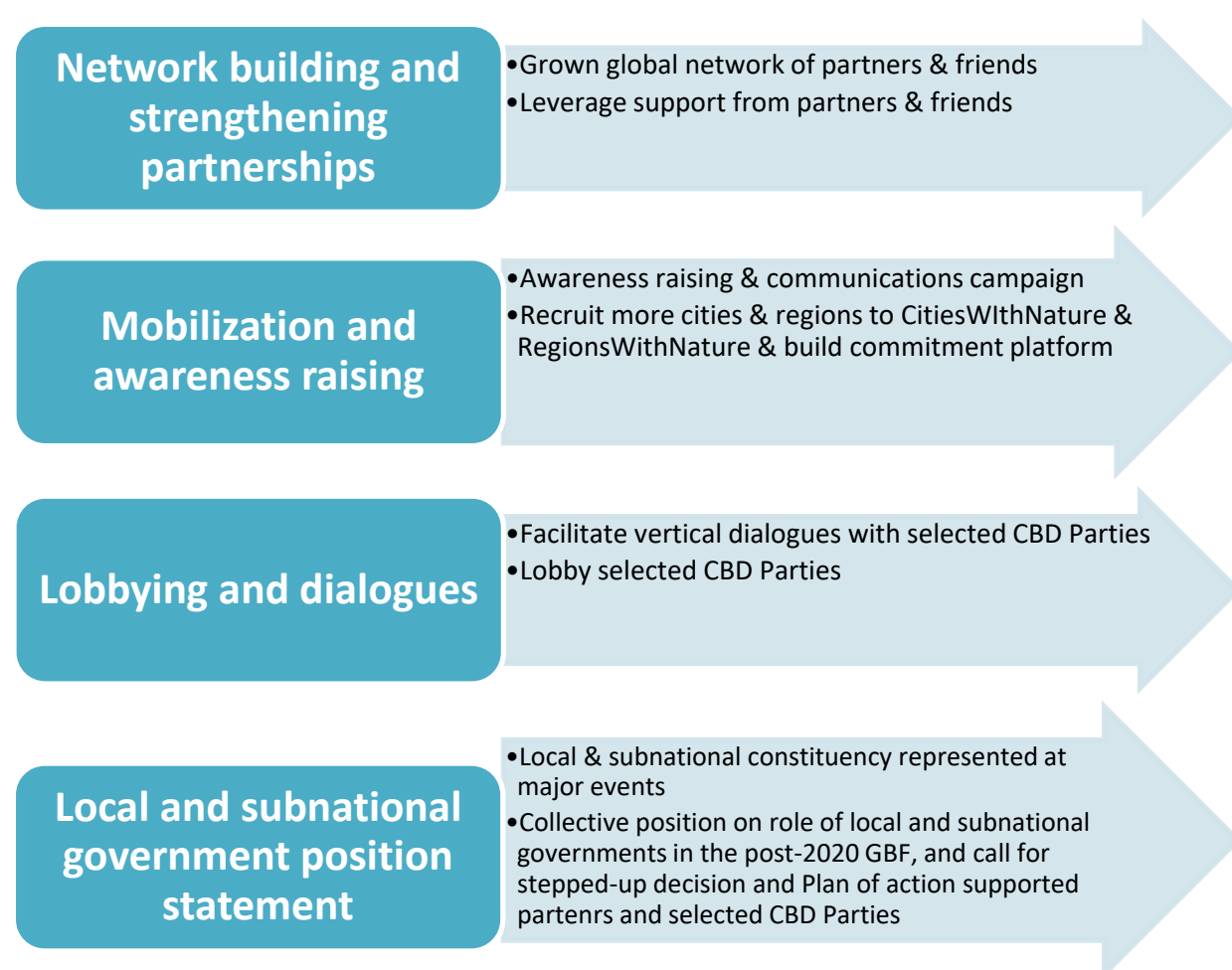


Figure 3 Activities of the four components

- **Component 1: Network building and strengthening partnerships**
 - Build, grow, and nurture a global network of partner organizations, local and subnational government networks, and other key stakeholders to support and strengthen the overall goals and objectives of this advocacy roadmap; and
 - Leverage support from the network of partners under the auspices of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity.

- **Component 2: Mobilization and awareness raising**
 - Raise awareness on the global biodiversity agenda through strategic communication coverage and mechanisms aimed at mobilizing local and subnational governments, and highlighting their critical role in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; and
 - Build and grow a critical mass of local and subnational governments that have joined CitiesWithNature / RegionsWithNature and enhance the use of this platform as an integral mechanism for capturing local and subnational contributions and commitments to the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- **Component 3: Lobbying and dialogues**
 - Engage selected CBD Parties in vertical dialogues to demonstrate national recognition of the role of local and subnational governments in the CBD; and
 - Ongoing lobbying with selected CBD Parties.
- **Component 4: Local and subnational government position statement**
 - Represent the voice of local and subnational governments at major events in the roadmap timeline; and
 - Develop a consolidated and collective Position Statement which is supported by a critical mass of local and subnational governments and their associated networks (eg. ICLEI, CoR, the ACSNG coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec, GoLS,) and is reflected in the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Details on the associated actions and outputs envisaged for each activity, are provided in section 3 below.

Key to the implementation of our local and subnational advocacy roadmap is a series of events and other milestones, such as the submission of comments on key post-2020 GBF documents. Together with our key partners ICLEI has organized and participated in many of these events. In addition we have also submitted comments on key post-2020 GBF documents such. The main events and other milestones are reflected in the 2020 and 2019 timelines below (a more comprehensive list of events is included in section 4.1.2). The events and milestones depicted in the figures below are continually evolving as new events and milestones are confirmed.

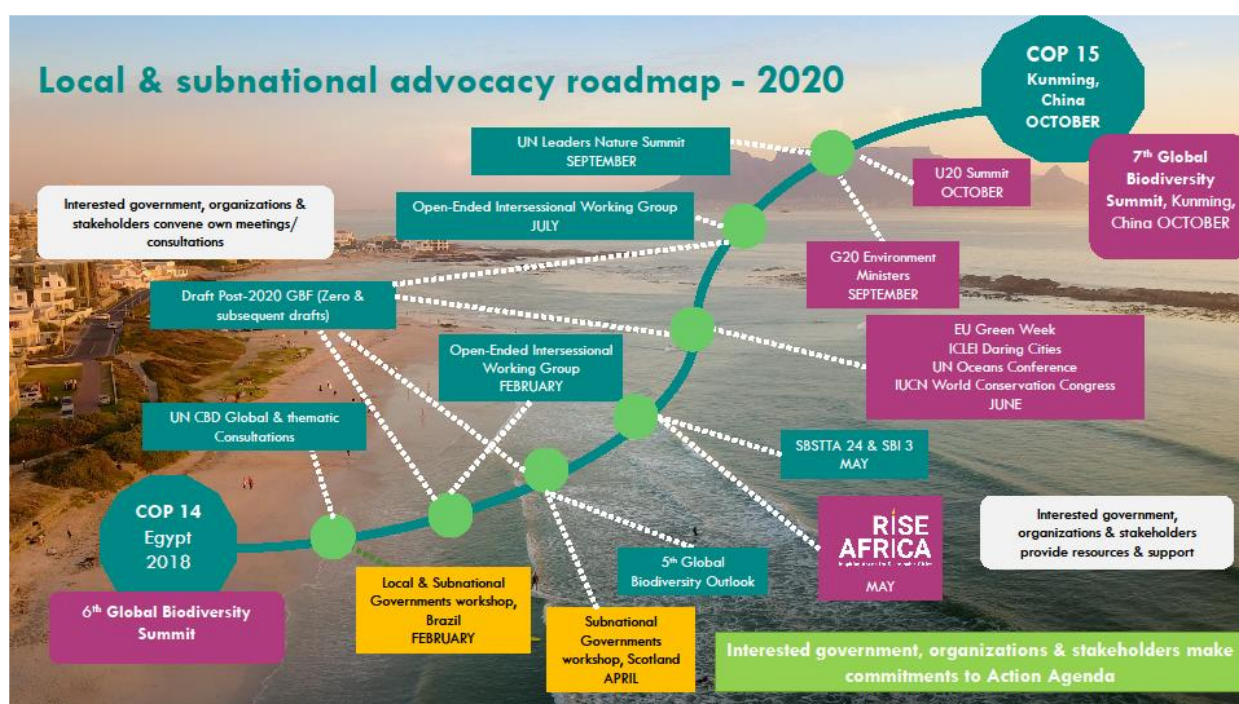


Figure 4 Timeline of key events & milestones - 2020



Figure 5 Timeline of key events & milestones - 2019

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE ROADMAP ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS

3.1 COMPONENT 1: NETWORK BUILDING AND STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS

Continue to build, strengthen, and maintain a network of strategic partnerships among local and subnational governments and their associated stakeholders

This component articulates the plan to engage a range of key strategic partners working towards similar advocacy objectives and for a stronger recognition of the critical role of local and subnational governments in the global biodiversity agenda.

ACTIVITY 1.1 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 1.1 Build, grow, and nurture a global network of partner organizations, local and subnational government networks and other key stakeholders to support and strengthen the overall goals and objectives of this Action.

Because this advocacy roadmap requires influencing global processes and agendas, its ambitious scope requires a consolidated, collective, and collaborative approach and drawing on the strengths of key partners and their networks. This activity is supported by the following actions.

Action 1.1.1. Continue to strengthen strategic alliances among our existing network of partners, identify potential new strategic partners and bring them into the network, and undertake partnering activities in maintaining and strengthening the growing network of partners in pursuit of strengthening the advocacy efforts in this roadmap.

This network of partners includes ICLEI; European Committee of the Regions; Regions4 Sustainable Development; Group of Leading Subnational Governments; the Advisory Committees on Cities and Biodiversity, and on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity; [Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments](#) (which includes Regions4, C40, UCLG, Metropolis and others); the Urban 20 Group of Cities (U20); the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity; the Ramsar Cities Accreditation Informal Advisory Committee; Global Biodiversity Youth Network; as well as organizations, institutions and initiatives such as: the IUCN, including the IUCN Urban Alliance; The Nature Conservancy; the World Wildlife Fund; Salzburg Global Seminar; World Urban Parks; the National Park City Foundation; the International Association of Horticultural Producers; Cities4Forests; Naturvation; UrbanbyNature; and SWEDBio.

Action 1.1.2 Engage with, and coordinate, the growing network of strategic partners (listed above) to participate in the roadmap process and collaborate on the development of a collective and consolidated position (including at events and other engagements) and coordinate, in conjunction with partners, the collective voice of the local and subnational government constituency.

This involves ongoing engagement, dialogue and liaison with the above-mentioned network of partners, as well as information and knowledge exchange, to support our advocacy roadmap and coordinate advocacy actions.

ACTIVITY 1.2 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 1.2 Leverage support from the network of partners under the auspices of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity.

The Global Partnership was established in 2008 to bring together all the relevant networks and initiatives involved, directly or indirectly, in implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity. It

is facilitated by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity to coordinate its engagement with local and subnational government networks. It operates through two advisory committees, one for local and the other for subnational governments.

Action 1.2.1. *Strategic partners in the network, are encouraged to mobilize their respective local and subnational networks, members, affiliates, partners, and constituencies to support and maximize awareness-raising and mobilization campaigns/initiatives*

Action 1.2.2. *Revitalize the Advisory Committees under the auspices of the Global Partnership on Cities and Biodiversity*

The idea behind revitalizing these Committees is to strengthen linkages with the SCBD. ICLEI serves as the Secretariat for the Advisory Committee on Cities and Biodiversity; whereas the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments and Biodiversity is coordinated by Regions4 and the Government of Quebec.

Action 1.2.3. *Strengthen linkages between the Advisory Committees on Cities and Biodiversity and on Subnational Governments to represent the collective constituency and support advocacy efforts regarding the importance of local and subnational action for achieving global biodiversity objectives*

This task will involve building and maintaining strong linkages between the two Advisory Committees to ensure a combined and coordinated approach in the CBD process.

3.2 COMPONENT 2: MOBILISATION AND AWARENESS RAISING

Mobilize and grow a critical mass of local and subnational governments and capture their contributions to, and participation in, the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) roadmap process through communication and awareness-raising activities and enhancing the CitiesWithNature platform.

Under this component we plan to draw on the networks described in Component 1 to mobilize our constituency and raise awareness.

ACTIVITY 2.1 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 2.1. **Raise awareness on the global biodiversity agenda through strategic communication campaigns and mechanisms aimed at mobilizing local and subnational governments and highlighting their critical role in the Post-2020 GBF**

Awareness raising is a priority in our advocacy work and crucial to mobilizing and growing our constituency. This activity is supported by the following actions.

Action 2.1.1. *Local and subnational governments are mobilized, and other stakeholders are engaged through awareness raising and capacity-building communication and outreach campaigns.*

This action is intended to support our advocacy work through specific communication and awareness raising actions, which could include developing messaging on for the advocacy roadmap; media/press releases for selected events and at key milestones; ongoing social media coverage; regular Webinars and regular email news updates.

ACTIVITY 2.2 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 2.2. Build and grow a critical mass of local and subnational governments that have joined the CitiesWithNature / RegionsWithNature initiative and enhance the use of this platform as an integral mechanism for capturing local and subnational contributions and commitments to the Post 2020 GBF

As mentioned, CitiesWithNature and RegionsWithNature provide an online platform for local and subnational governments, which is endorsed by the SCBD as the official mechanism for all subnational governments to demonstrate their ambitions, contributions and commitments to the Post-2020 GBF. RegionsWithNature is being designed at the specific request of the SCBD and regional networks. The SCBD's endorsement is directly related to the need for an appropriate mechanism for local and subnational governments to engage with, and contribute to, the post-2020 GBF process during both the lead up to, and after, CBD COP 15 in Kunming, China in 2020.

Action 2.2.1. The online platform is enhanced and expanded to provide for a commitment platform

The commitment platform will demonstrate that local and subnational governments are central to the successful implementation of the UN CBD and the new GBF.

Action 2.2.2. A critical mass of local and subnational governments is engaged through, and uses, the online platform as a powerful tool and mechanism for contributing to the implementation of the Post 2020 GBF.

The mobilization and recruitment of a critical mass of local and subnational governments to CitiesWithNature / RegionsWithNature is intended to build, grow, and nurture a 'community of practice' in local and subnational governments.

Action 2.2.3. Local and Subnational commitments and contributions are captured on the online platform

Local and subnational governments will be encouraged to capture their commitments.

3.3 OBJECTIVE 3: LOBBYING AND DIALOGUES

Lobby and engage Parties in dialogues to recognize local and subnational governments as critical partners in influencing and enabling implementation of the Post-2020 GBF

ACTIVITY 3.1 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 3.1. Selected CBD Parties engaged in vertical dialogues to demonstrate national recognition of the role of local and subnational governments in the CBD

These dialogues will aim to elevate local and subnational government recognition by CBD Parties, and their participation in the implementation of the new GBF.

Action 3.1.1. Multi-level governance dialogues are held with selected CBD Parties

Through this action selected CBD Parties and their respective subnational governments will be encouraged, where appropriate, to engage in dialogues on the role and contribution of local and subnational governments in the implementation of the GBF. Any statements resulting from such dialogues will be taken into consideration in developing a consolidated and collective policy position on local and subnational governments.

3.4 OBJECTIVE 4: LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENT POSITION STATEMENT

Ensure the role, contributions, interests and priorities of local and subnational governments are represented and taken up in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

The focus of this component is to develop a consolidated and collective policy position on the role of local and subnational governments in the GBF.

ACTIVITY 4.1 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 4.1. The voice of local and subnational governments is represented at major events in the roadmap timeline, and the policy ambition developed along the course of the roadmap to COP 15 is recognized in the Post 2020 GBF

To advocate effectively for, and develop, a strong and ambitious local and subnational governments' position, it is essential that the voice of this constituency is heard loudly at key moments in the Post-2020 Roadmap.

Action 4.1.1. Side events are co-convened at SBSTTA 23 and 24 and at SBI-3

ICLEI and its key partners plan on holding side events at Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) 23 and 24 and the 3rd meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI-3) to positively influence and raise awareness of the critical role of local and subnational governments in the GBF.

Action 4.1.2. Urban nature sessions to strengthen and represent the voice of local and subnational governments at major upcoming events on the Post-2020 Roadmap

ICLEI plans to collaborate with a number of strategic partners in the lead up to COP 15, in holding dedicated events and urban nature sessions to profile the needs, interests, and priorities of our constituency and to ensure they are represented in the broader global conversations. The list of events is continually evolving and updated as new events are confirmed, and include:

- Thematic session on "Living in Harmony with Nature," at The Nature of Cities (TNOC) Summit in Paris, France, 4-8 June 2019;
- Metropolitan areas event on "Unlocking the power of metropolises to mainstream biodiversity and ecosystem services for nature and people" in Medellin, Colombia, 17-19 July 2019;
- Biodiversity / nature-based solutions track at the UN Climate Week, New York, between 23-29 September 2019;
- Singapore Cities Biodiversity Index Workshop, 15-17 October 2019;
- Ecosystem restoration workshop, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 4-5 November 2019;
- Biodiversity / nature-based solutions track at the UNFCCC COP 25, Madrid, Spain, 2-13 December 2019;
- Local & Subnational Governments Workshop in São Paulo, Brazil- 4-5 February 2020;
- World Urban Forum 10, Abu Dhabi, 8-13 February 2020;
- Capacity building workshop for local and subnational governments, Durham University, Edinburgh, Scotland, 31 March 2020;
- Thematic Workshop for Subnational, Regional & Local Governments for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1-3 April 2020;
- Berlin Global Sustainability Solutions, 20-21 April
- Salzburg Global Seminar Parks for Planet Forum, Salzburg, Austria, 17-22 May 2020;
- Biodiversity / nature-based solutions session at Rise Africa, Cape Town, South Africa, 24 - 26 May 2020;

- European Union Green Week, Brussels, Belgium, 1-6 June 2020;
- UN Oceans Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 2-6 June 2020;
- Daring Cities, Bonn, Germany, 3-5 June 2020;
- IUCN World Conservation Congress, Marseilles, France, 10-19 June 2020;
- 2020 International Metropolis Conference, Beijing, China, 12-16 June 2020 (tbc);
- Biodiversity / nature-based solutions session at LOCS, Kigali, Rwanda, August;
- UN Nature Summit, New York, USA, September 2020 (dates tbc);
- G20 Environment Ministers meeting, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 16 September 2020;
- U20 Summit, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 1-12 October 2020; and
- Biodiversity / nature-based solutions track at the UNFCCC COP 26, Glasgow, Scotland, 9 -19 November 2020.

Action 4.1.3. 7th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments at COP 15 and a Summit Declaration is adopted

The 7th Global Summit of Local and Subnational Governments is to be convened by ICLEI, with support from its key partners, during the High Level Segment at COP 15.

ACTIVITY 4.2 AND ITS ASSOCIATED ACTIONS

Activity 4.2. A consolidated and collective local and subnational government position statement is developed, supported by a critical mass of local and subnational government networks, and reflected in the Post 2020 GBF

This represents one of the primary outcomes of our advocacy roadmap.

Action 4.2.1. Local and subnational government position statement developed and presented at key CBD meetings

A consolidated and collective position is being co-developed by ICLEI and its key partners.

Action 4.2.2. The critical role of local and subnational governments is mentioned in CBD Party submissions at the OEWG and SBI-3 meetings

Through the ongoing lobbying actions of ICLEI and its key partners, as well as participation in the IAG Mainstreaming, the role and contributions of our constituency is reflected in the submissions and interventions of CBD Parties.

Action 4.2.3. The Post 2020 GBF reflects the critical role of local and subnational governments

This action entails making submissions on key post-2020 documents, representing our constituency's interests and position in IAG Mainstreaming, and ongoing lobbying among CBD Parties.

4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ADVOCACY ROADMAP

The implementation of this roadmap requires collective and coordinated effort. Realizing and ensure the success our advocacy roadmap calls for the support and cooperation of all: From the entire ICLEI community and wider network, to our key partners and their members. Building and strengthening the voice and capacity of our constituency is critical for the implementation of the GBF - it is at local and subnational levels where national implementation targets and actions will inevitably land and be executed since they are closer to the scale at which the drivers of biodiversity loss and the solutions to bend the curve on this loss are found.