



WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD AND OVERVIEW OF THE POST 2020 GBF

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Introduction

South Africa is a party to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The CBD recognises that conserving and protecting ecosystems, species and genetic resources is essential not only to the planet but to the health and well-being of all people. Urbanisation is a key driver of ecological change and rapidly reshaping our world. Globally, biodiversity is diminishing at unprecedented rates, with current consumption and production patterns overshooting earth's carrying capacity and threatening our collective future on earth. The growth of cities is one of the main drivers of this biodiversity loss. Furthermore, in 2010 the CBD adopted the Biodiversity Strategic Plan and its 20 Aichi Biodiversity Targets with a milestone of 2020. The Strategic Plan for the CBD is coming to an end in 2020, as a result parties to the Convention will update the Strategic Plan and adopt a post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework at the fifteenth Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to be held in May 2021.

At COP14, as part of decision 14/34, parties adopted a comprehensive and participatory process for the preparation of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. The decision urges Parties and stakeholders to actively engage and contribute to the process of developing a robust post-2020 global biodiversity framework and to facilitate dialogues on the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. It also identified local and subnational governments as engines of innovation and solutions to the implementation of the framework.

In this regard, the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries (DEFF) in partnership with the ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, with support from the SA-EU Strategic Partnership are implementing a project titled “Catalyzing Local Government Action for the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework”. The project will enhance South Africa's local government ability to contribute effectively to the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework targets, indicators and national commitments, which is a critical piece to achieving multiple dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goals and achieving the vision of the country's 2013 National Development Plan.

Workshop Objective

The purpose of the workshops is to discuss the draft commitment statement towards the implementation of the Post 2020 GBF at Local Government.

Time	Topic	Discussant
10:00 – 10:05	Opening and welcome	Facilitator
10:05 – 10:25	Overview of the draft commitment statement This agenda item will provide participants with an overview of the draft commitment statement on the role of District & Metropolitan Municipalities in the implementation and delivery of the post - 2020 global biodiversity framework	Mr Dino Ferrarese , Independent Consultant
10:25-10:45	Statement by the EU representative on the Dialogue facility Statement by the SA representative on the Dialogue facility This agenda item will provide participants with reflections from the EU and SA representatives on the benefits of the dialogue and will also provide the main elements of the 3 webinars and how this bridge between SA-EU will continue in the future.	EU Representative (TBC) Mr Barney Kgope , Acting Chief Director Biodiversity Monitoring and specialist Serves, DFFE
10:45 – 11:15	Reflections on the commitment statement by partners This agenda item will provide message of support on commitment statement coming out of the SA-EU dialogue as a voluntary commitment to raise public awareness, building on the existing and growing momentum, of urgent action from a broad base of sub and non-state actors in support of the implementation of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The facilitator may open the floor for more support from the floor.	Ms Ingrid Coetzee , Director: Biodiversity, Nature & Health (ICLEI- Local Governments for Sustainability) Ms Intelligence Chauke , Specialist: Environment, Climate Change & Sustainability, SALGA Mr Langanani Dombo , Deputy Director, Local Government Support, DFFE
11:15 – 11:30	Comfort break	ALL
11:30 – 12:00	Breakaways sessions to allow more dialogue on the commitment statement	ALL
12:00 – 12:30	Report back from breakaway sessions and discussion	Facilitators
12:30 – 12:45	Closing remarks by the SA-EU representatives	Mr Barney Kgope , Acting Chief Director Biodiversity Monitoring and specialist



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12:45 -13:00	Summary and closing	Facilitator