

Rio+20 ICLEI Delegation Update

As of 17 June 2012

Welcome to Rio! Please find here and attached (same briefing as document) some useful and latest information for you.

What do to once you arrive in Rio de Janeiro

- Once you have arrived at the airport, you can use the shuttles that have been arranged for the conference which go to many hotels downtown and in the Barra de Tijuca area (view the [google map](#) to see where the bus stops are).
- If your hotel is not close to a bus stop, the best solution is probably to take a taxi (we recommend to have your address written somewhere so you can show it to the taxi driver, since most of them do not speak English). Please be aware that, depending on traffic conditions, the taxi could easily take from 1 to 2 hours to go from the airport to Riocentro.
- The shuttle buses will also bring delegates from hotels to Riocentro and Athletes Park throughout the day. View a schedule of the shuttles [here](#). Traffic conditions to go to Riocentro have been varying each day, but to be on the safe side plan at least 30-45 minutes buffer time.

What to do once you get to Riocentro

- You will first have to get your access badge (please note that you can also go straight to Athletes Park without being accredited to Rio+20, since your name is on the list of people who will have full access to the area). For this, you will have to go to the registration desk within pavilion 1 with your confirmation letter and official ID such as a passport. It is normally not possible to pick up the badge for another person.

Information on Riocentro

- Riocentro is a large area with significant walking distances. The Wifi is pretty reliable. Many of the support staff provided by the Government of Brazil speak only minimal English, but nevertheless try to be helpful and are very friendly. There are a few nice areas to sit inside and out.
- You may want to bring something to cover up because the air conditioning keeps some areas very cold.

Pavilions within Riocentro

Pavilion 1: Accreditation & main entry hall

Pavilion 2: Food Court.

Pavilion 3: Ministerial Roundtables during the High Level Segment of June 20-22 - Secondary passes will be needed during that segment to access each room; ongoing negotiations from 13th to 15th – no secondary passes required

Press centre – press conferences for MG daily from 15:30 to 16:00

Pavilion 4: UN Member State offices. Only accessible to Major Groups when accompanied by or for appointment with UN member state delegates.

Pavilion 5: Main plenary hall for SD Dialogues and Rio+20 Opening and Closing sessions

Temporary Pavilion: Major Groups and side events. LAMG daily briefing daily 13:00 to 14:00 in room T-1; MGs offices; Side events; SD learning courses. The LAMG office is located right near the entrance of the pavilion.

Walking Directions from Riocentro to Athletes Park

- The main venue is Riocentro, but all Pavilions, including the Rio State Pavilion where ICLEI's Global Town Hall will be, are located in Athletes Park.
- If you would like to walk, as you leave pavilion 1, there is a safe and secure **walkway** along the bus exit. You then will have to make a right at the street and cross at the next traffic light. Along the public road, armed military personnel is securing the area. All in all it's a pleasant 10 minute walk.
- Alternatively, you can take a shuttle that takes you from the exit of Pavilion 1 directly to the entrance of Athletes Park and takes more or less the same time

Local Authority Major Group Office

- This is a little office what ICLEI shares with other organizations. We try to but can not secure constant presence of a staff person.
- The Local Authority Major Group office is located in T23 in the temporary pavilion. It is located immediately after the entrance into the pavilion and can be easily spotted.

Local Authority Major Group Meetings

The Local Authority Major Group meetings will be daily from 13:00 to 14:00. On 18 June 2012, there will not be a daily briefing.

Location: Room T1 (in the temporary pavilion)

Major Group Meetings

This is the meeting for all major group delegates together. The results of these meetings will be shared with you in the specific local government briefings. From 16 to 19 June, the morning meetings will be daily from 9 to 10 am. Times for 20-22 June are TBC.

Locations:

16 and 17 June: Pavilion 3, room 3

18 and 19 June: Pavilion 3, room 2

Sustainable Development Dialogues from 16-19 June

There will be no secondary passes needed for the Sustainable Development Dialogues. This means that if you are either pre-registered with the UN for Rio+20 or pre-registered for the Sustainable Development Dialogues, you will only need your confirmation letter to show at the registration desk.

Come visit us at the Rio+20 Global Town Hall at Rio State Pavilion, Athletes Park!

The Global Town Hall is located within Athletes Park in the State of Rio de Janeiro Pavilion. The Pavilion can easily be seen from the entrance of Athletes Park. It is made of wooden panels and consists of 2 pavilions – the one on the right is for exhibition, the one on the left houses the Global

Town Hall. Please visit [our website](#) for a map of Athletes Park as well as a picture of the Pavilion, to make it easier for you to find it. You will have access to it the whole time, because your name is on a list that was given to Rio State. However, showing the Rio+20 accreditation badge will certainly make the process much faster.

18 June: Global Town Hall at Athletes Park

The Rio+20 Global Town Hall will open on 18 June with the [Sustainable Urban Development Day](#) and will feature:

(for the full description including speakers please click on the session title)

11.30-14.00 [Cities and Sustainable Development: Contributions of Local Authorities and Businesses to Achieving Sustainable Development – Special Focus on China](#)

This event aims to present challenges and solutions to rapid urbanization, showing in particular examples from China, within a global sustainable development context, looking at how the Green Economy concept can contribute to Sustainable Development at the local level.

14.30-15.30 [Cities and Biodiversity Outlook \(CBO\): A preview to the global assessment](#)

By 2050, an additional 3 billion people will inhabit cities and urban land expansion will cover an area the size of Mongolia. How will the most rapid period of urbanization in all of human history effect biodiversity and the ecosystem services upon which the world's people depend? What can be done, particularly by local city governments, to address these issues and follow a path of sustainable development?

15.30-17.00 [Common tools and measures for resource efficient cities](#)

Building on the gains of the Urban Environmental Accord (UEA) Summit held in Gwangju, Korea the event will highlight the importance of city-level leadership in advocating and realizing the global agenda of resource efficiency in cities. It will explore particularly the role of common tools and measures in resource efficiency and highlight their role in assisting cities to access carbon finance mechanisms.

17.15-17.45 [Release of Nordic solutions for sustainable cities](#)

Although every city is unique in its totality, they all face the same generic challenges of climate change and resource depletion. Many of the solutions to those problems are transferable. The eight Nordic capitals have together produced a catalogue to outline some of the solutions they have found to creating more sustainable cities, in the hope that it may be useful or even inspiring for other cities outside the Nordic region.

18.00-19.00 [A new model for private sector engagement on sustainability: the ICLEI Green Business Challenge](#)

ICLEI USA is partnering with numerous cities to create 'Green Business Challenges'. These are friendly competitions that engage the private sector in sustainability. Results have been impressive. Learn how this program works, and how you could create something similar in your region.

20 June: Global Town Hall at Athletes Park

The program will consist of a [Local Action Day on 20 June](#) where various actors come together to discuss sustainable cities. Click [here](#) to download the individual session descriptions.

21 June: Cities Leadership Day at the Global Town Hall

The program will also feature a [high-level Cities Leadership Day on 21 June](#). The Rio+20 Global Town Hall brings together renowned political figures, Mayors, Governors, Councilors, directors of UN agencies, international organization representatives, global strategists, academics and NGOs from around the world. An impressive line of speakers have already confirmed, such as Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General, Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary of UNFCCC; Mpho Parks Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa; Mercedes Bresso, President of EU Committee of Regions; Maurice Strong, Secretary General of the 1992 Rio Earth Summit; and many others. .

22 June: Rio+20 Balance at Global Town Hall and Cities Day at Rio Conventions Pavilion

On 22 June, the final day of the UN Summit, at the Global Town Hall the Governor of the State of Rio will convene a joint day for associations of local and sub-national government organizations, where concluding messages from the previous days of discussions and negotiations will be presented to the audience and to the world.

The same day will see a “Cities Day” at the [Rio Conventions Pavilion](#): What are the characteristics of an ideal sustainable city that fulfils the aspirations of its citizens? Following a short opening ceremony, this question will be addressed by way of a documentary and visioning exercise. Attention will then turn to a panel of political leaders representing local governments which have demonstrated outstanding commitment to sustainable development. The panelists will discuss the contributions of local initiatives to global sustainability and consider how to ‘cross-pollinate’ and better align various existing agreements. Panelists will each be invited to propose three recommendations to the international community for effecting positive societal change. The audience will vote for a preferred selection of the recommendations to be carried forth to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and disseminated through global networks. The session may conclude with a short signing ceremony.

For more information about the Rio+20 Global Town Hall, access, registration, location, program and speakers, visit <http://local2012.iclei.org/rio-20-global-town-hall/> or write to GlobalTownHall@iclei.org.

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[Map of Athletes Park](#)

[ICLEI Rio+20 Website](#)

[Rio+20 Global Town Hall Program](#)