



11.30-14.00 Cities and sustainable development
Contributions of local authorities and businesses to achieving sustainable development - Special focus on China

Organizers

CEU, United Nations Environment Programme and ICLEI



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Description

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

Organizers

Convention on Biological Diversity, Stockholm Resilience Center and ICLEI



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Biological Diversity

Stockholm Resilience Centre
Research for Governance of Social-Ecological Systems



Description

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

Organizers

City Government of Gwangju, United Nations Environment Programme and ICLEI



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Description

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

Organizers

City of Copenhagen, City of Helsinki, City of Mariehamn, City of Nuuk, City of Oslo, City of Reykjavik, City of Stockholm, City of Tórshavn

Description

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**

Organizers

City of Chicago (USA), ICLEI USA and Office Depot



Description

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.