Liveable Cities Forum
Designing Biodiversity Friendly Communities

Biosphère, Environment Museum, Montréal
August 21-22, 2011

PROGRAM GUIDE
Urban Montréal BioKit Walkshop – Explore the island’s biodiversity!

Delegates have the opportunity to participate in free guided tours of Jean-Drapeau Park on the Island of Saint Hélène, courtesy of the Biosphère. These outdoor walking excursions will give you the opportunity to discover the island’s biodiversity using the Urban Montréal BioKit with staff from Biosphère as guides. Learn how to evaluate the biodiversity in your neighbourhood using the diagnostic tools included in the BioKit. Don’t forget your walking shoes!

Sign-up for a one-hour Walkshop at the Registration Table. Several tours will be available throughout the Forum (weather permitting).

Tour times:
- **Sunday August 20**
  - 11:15am - 12:15pm *
- **Monday August 21**
  - 1:15 - 2:00pm,
  - 5:15 - 6:15pm
Available spaces per tour: 30

As space is limited, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

* Register online before Aug 19

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### Day 1
**Sunday August 21**

#### Registration opens at 12:00pm

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<td><strong>Urban Montréal BioKit Walkshop #1</strong>&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Online registration only before August 19</td>
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<td>1:00 - 2:00pm</td>
<td><strong>Opening Plenary</strong>&lt;br&gt;Cities and Biodiversity - A Growing Global Movement&lt;br&gt;Keynote speakers will address the role of cities as emerging leaders in biodiversity conservation and recognize their contributions to worldwide awareness on biodiversity.</td>
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<td>Moderator: Megan Meaney, Director, ICLEI Canada&lt;br&gt;Jean Langlais, Director of the Biosphère, Environment Canada&lt;br&gt;Hon. Pierre Arcand, Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks, Province of Québec&lt;br&gt;Ahmed Djoghlaf, Executive Secretary, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity&lt;br&gt;Alan DeSousa, Borough Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, City of Montréal</td>
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<td>2:00 - 3:15pm</td>
<td><strong>Panel One</strong>&lt;br&gt;Making the Case for Urban Nature - Showcasing the Benefits of Local Action&lt;br&gt;Leading cities and towns will speak to their biodiversity actions and explain the ways they rely on and benefit from the products and services of ecosystems.</td>
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<td>Moderator: Elizabeth Kilvert, Research and Strategy Advisor, Outreach, Environment Canada&lt;br&gt;Kathryn Campbell, Programme Officer, Health and Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity&lt;br&gt;<strong>Healthy Planet, Healthy People: connecting people with health and nature brings benefits for all</strong>&lt;br&gt;Stephen Monet, Manager of Environmental Planning Initiatives, City of Greater Sudbury&lt;br&gt;<strong>Living Landscapes - Greater Sudbury’s Biodiversity Action Plan</strong>&lt;br&gt;Fabienne Giboudeaux, Deputy Mayor, City of Paris&lt;br&gt;<strong>Consideration of biodiversity in development projects in the City of Paris</strong>&lt;br&gt;Helene Roumani, Project Management Consultant, Jerusalem Municipality&lt;br&gt;<strong>Mainstreaming Biodiversity in Jerusalem – Implementation of Local Biodiversity Initiatives and Promotion of Eco-based Urban Planning Policy</strong></td>
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### Panel Two
**Building Bridges: An In-Depth Look at the Dynamic Relationships Between Different Stakeholders**

Different levels of government and key stakeholders will come together to discuss opportunities created through partnership building and networking. The project that brought together these panelists is Montréal’s Ecoterritory Initiative, and the protection of the Rivière à l’Orme Ecoforest Corridor, a site of ecological significance to the city. This session also features the short film, *Rivière à l’Orme Ecoforest Corridor: An Inspiring Example of Collaboration*.

**Moderator:** Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, Sustainable Use, Tourism, and Island Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

- Daniel Hodder, Division Chief, Strategic Management - Research & Development, Department of Large Parks and Greening, City of Montréal
- Bernard Filion, Québec Director, Ducks Unlimited
- David Cliche, Project Director, Wind and Energy Sector, S.M Group International Inc.
- Bonnie James, Manager, Policy and Outreach, Environmental Stewardship Branch, Environment Canada

### Welcome Cocktail Reception

**Welcome Cocktail Reception**, hosted by the Mayor of Montréal, Gérald Tremblay

Mayor Tremblay invites delegates to City Hall for the evening reception. Transfer from the Biosphère will be organized at 5:15pm with the meeting point at the registration desk.

### Panel Three
**Taking Stock of Urban Nature - Measure, Monitor, and Evaluate**

An introduction to tools and resources local governments can use to deliver successful biodiversity actions.

**Moderator:** Anne Charpentier, Director, Montréal Insectarium

- Benoît Limoges, Biodiversity Coordinator, Management of Ecological Heritage and Parks, Province of Québec
- Lena Chan, Deputy Director, National Biodiversity Centre (via video)
- Jim Desmond, Director, Sustainability Centre, Oregon Metro Government
- Mathias Engelbeen, Biologist, Brussels Environment Institute

### Don’t forget your USB drives contain key documents on urban biodiversity! *

- Canadian Biodiversity: Ecosystem Status and Trends 2010, prepared by Federal, Provincial, and Territorial governments
- Cities and Biodiversity Case Study Series, prepared by ICLEI Canada
- TEEB Manual for Local Governments, prepared by ICLEI - Cities Biodiversity Centre
- Nature BioKits, prepared by the Biosphère, Environment Canada

* courtesy of Environment Canada

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**Day 2**

**Monday August 22**
### Panel Four
**Mainstreaming Biodiversity - Strategies for Integrating Biodiversity into Local Policies, Land Use Plans, and Management Systems**

A panel of local government staff will present on local initiatives, giving a candid description of achievements, lessons learned, and next steps.

**Moderator:** Ewa Jackson, Manager, ICLEI Canada

- **Grant Pearsell,** Director, Office of Biodiversity, City of Edmonton  
  *Four Aspects Necessary for Success in Mainstreaming Biodiversity*

- **Alan DeSousa,** Borough Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee, City of Montréal  
  *Integrating Nature into Urban Development in Montréal*

- **Frederic Tsitsonis,** Deputy Mayor, City of Montpellier  
  *Presentation of the action plan supporting urban biodiversity adopted by the City of Montpellier, and description of three participatory actions*

- **Erica Costa Mielke,** Director of Research and Monitoring, Secretary of Environment, Curitiba City Government  
  *Curitiba Biocity Program*

### 10:45 - 11:10am  
**Break: Coffee, Tea and Light Snacks** (Outdoor Tent)

### Parallel Workshops 11:15am - 1:00pm

**Room: Conférence (English only)**

**Workshop 1 - Taking Stock: Approaches to Ecosystem Assessments and Indicators**

- **Chris Manderson,** Natural Area Management Lead, City of Calgary  
  *Wetland conservation in Calgary, using policy to further conservation goals*

- **Mathias Engelbeen,** Biologist, Brussels Environment Institute  
  *Using the Singapore Index on Cities’ Biodiversity (CBI): Experiences of the Brussels Capital Region*

- **Todd Cashin,** Environment and Land Use Manager, City of Kelowna  
  *Mapping sensitive ecosystems and habitats in the Central Okanagan*

- **Megan Meaney,** Director, ICLEI Canada  
  *Using Ecological Footprinting to Assess Local Ecosystems*

  **Session Coordinator:** Jochen Jaeger, Professor, Concordia University

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**Room: Connexions**

**Workshop 2 - Prioritizing and Integrating Biodiversity into Local Policies, Programs, and Operations**

- **Grant Pearsell,** Director, Office of Biodiversity, City of Edmonton  
  *The City of Edmonton’s Approach to Mainstreaming Biodiversity*

- **Sarah Katherine Pethan,** Intern - Local Governments and Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
  *Urban Infrastructure Supporting Biodiversity Resilience: Local and international examples*

- **Nicolas Fontaine,** Research Officer, Province of Québec  
  *Biodiversity integration into municipal policies, plans and by-laws: implantation and examples from Québec*

- **Dominic Thibeault,** Sustainable Development Coordinator, City of Trois-Rivières  
  *Strategy for the integration of natural areas in the development of the City of Trois-Rivières*

  **Session Coordinator:** Ewa Jackson, Manager, ICLEI Canada

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**1:00 - 2:00pm  
Lunch, courtesy of Environment Canada**

*Lunch will be served in the outdoor tent (weather permitting)  
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**Parallel Workshops 2:00 - 3:45pm**

### Room: Connexions

**Workshop 3 - Talking Numbers: Benefits of Valuing Ecosystem and Biodiversity Services**

André Mader, Programme Officer, Local Authorities and Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

*Mainstreaming Ecosystem Valuation: TEEB D2 and the TEEB Manual*

Leanne Raymond, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, ICLEI - Cities Biodiversity Centre

*Using TEEB in LAB Pioneer cities*

Session Coordinator: Nicole Marzok, Project Assistant, ICLEI Canada

### Room: Outdoor tent *(English only)*

**Workshop 4 - Connecting People to Nature: Mainstreaming Biodiversity through Community Engagement**

André Champoux, Manager, and Ann Dacres, Environmental Education Specialist, Biosphère, Environment Canada

*Biodiversity at the Biosphère, Environment Museum*

Karen McKeown, Healthy Landscapes Technician, City of Guelph

*How to persuade your community to create more biodiversity in their yards; without them even knowing it*

Session Coordinator: Jonathan Connor, Project Coordinator, ICLEI Canada

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### 3:45 - 4:00pm

**Break: Coffee, Tea and Light Snacks** *(Outdoor Tent)*

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### 4:00 - 5:00pm

**Closing Plenary**

*Building Global Momentum at the Local Level - Raising the Profile of Local Governments*

*Closing remarks will summarize the key findings from throughout the Forum. Speakers will provide next steps for cities looking to further promote and engage in urban biodiversity conservation.*

Moderator: André Champoux, Manager, Biosphère, Environment Canada

Oliver Hillel, Programme Officer, Sustainable Use, Tourism, and Island Biodiversity, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

*The road ahead from Montréal to Hyderabad: integrated governance for biodiversity*

David Cadman, ICLEI President, Councillor, City of Vancouver

*Beyond Liveable Cities*

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### 5:15 - 6:15pm

**Urban Montréal BioKit Walkshop #3** *(see first page for more information)*

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**EVENT GREENING AT A GLANCE**

- **Travel**
  - Montréal is accessible by train and bus for local delegates, and by direct flight for international delegates.

- **Catering**
  - Strict environmental guidelines of the Biosphère include the use of local or regional products, biological products and fair trade products, as well as the use of environmentally friendly tableware and cutlery.
  - This is a water-bottle free event.

- **Venue**
  - Green technology includes wind turbines, geothermal system, marsh wastewater treatment and solar panels.
  - The Biosphère is easily accessible by public transit.

- **Printing/Materials**
  - Preference given towards products from local suppliers made from sustainable materials (e.g. recycled or organic).
  - Any printed materials will be double-sided on recycled paper.
  - Lanyards and Tote Bags given to delegates are made from 100% recycled materials.

- **Waste**
  - Any waste generated at the event will be separated accordingly (e.g. paper, plastic, organic, etc)
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About ICLEI

ICLEI is an association of local governments that have all made commitments to sustainability. Our mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability through cumulative local actions. Our fundamental belief is that local action moves the world.

To act upon its mission, ICLEI is represented in all regions of the world. The Canada office is located in Toronto, and works with local governments from coast to coast to coast. Having a regional presence in Canada enables us to bring sustainability issues of global significance to the local level. We work with communities across Canada on biodiversity management, climate mitigation and adaptation strategies, sustainability management, water conservation and green procurement. Our basic premise is that locally designed initiatives can provide an effective and cost-efficient way to achieve local, provincial, national, and global sustainability objectives.

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