



Local Governments
for Sustainability



Cities Biodiversity
Center

Local Action for Nature creating resilient & resource-efficient communities

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Cities & regions taking action for nature milestones

- 2006 – Cape Town: ICLEI & IUCN's Countdown 2010 initiative & **Local Action for Biodiversity** programme
- 2007 – **Curitiba**, Brazil: **Meeting of 32 Mayors** with CBD Secretariat ➡ *Curitiba Declaration on Cities and Biodiversity* committing to contribute actively to CBD objectives & 2010 biodiversity target
- 2008 – Bonn, German: **1st Summit of Cities** ➡ *Bonn Declaration*
- 2010 – Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan: ➡ *Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity* at the high-level segment of COP 10 ; and **CBD Decision X/22 on the 2011-2020 CBD Plan of Action on Cities, Local Authorities and Biodiversity** adopted by the Conference of the Parties
- 2018 – 2021 - **Post-2020 GBF** consultative process established at CBD COP 14, **Edinburgh Process & Declaration**, renewed decision & Plan of Action to be adopted at CBD COP 15 and **7th Global Biodiversity Summit of Cities & Subnational Governments**



ICLEI-ICUN Partnership programme



Since LAB ... many other projects



INTERACT-Bio
Integrated action on biodiversity



CONEXUS
Urban nature connects us



**GO GREEN
ROUTES**



**CLEVER
Cities**



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NATURVATION
cities - nature - innovation



URBAN NATURAL ASSETS FOR AFRICA

More cities adopting green & blue infrastructure



Lessons learnt

- Cities are hubs of innovation & solutions
- Nature & using green & blue infrastructure is makes good business sense ('free service' & reduced maintenance
- Good for biodiversity conservation
- Reconnect people & nature
- Health & well-being
- Cultural benefit
- Economic benefit
- Job creation
- Contributes to climate mitigation & adaptation
- Increases resilience of urban communities
- Helps with ecosystem restoration



How can these practices & policies be scaled up?

ICLEI is 1 of 7 global partners including WEF, World Bank & IUCN

- Rallying call for protection & revival of ecosystems globally, for the benefit of people & nature.
- Aims to halt ecosystem degradation of ecosystems, & restore them to achieve global goals. Only with healthy ecosystems can we enhance people's livelihoods, counteract climate change, and stop the collapse of biodiversity.
- Runs from 2021 through 2030, which is also the deadline for SDGs



UNITED NATIONS DECADE ON
**ECOSYSTEM
RESTORATION**
2021-2030





And through ...
CitiesWithNature
where cities, urban
communities &
experts can connect,
learn, share, act &
inspire each other to
take local action for
nature

Providing a
shared global platform
to strengthen
collective action
to mainstream
nature into our cities
and surrounding
regions



Big-Tent" Partnership Initiative



WELCOME TO CitiesWithNature

Other partners include **UNEP, WWF, World Urban Parks, Cities4Forests, Natura, #NatureForAll, AIPH, SGS, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, GoLS, European Committee of the Regions**

Now, more than ever,
there is a need to unite
and embrace nature,
reconnect communities
with nature, become
CitiesWithNature!

Become part of this unique initiative that recognizes and enhances the value of nature in and around cities across the world.

It provides a **shared platform** for cities and their partners to **engage and connect**, working with shared commitment towards a more sustainable urban world.

WHY JOIN?

JOIN THE JOURNEY →



<https://www.citieswithnature.org/>

Shared platform where cities can connect & share their solutions, lessons, actions & best practices

Metropolitan Area of Barcelona

PIONEER CITY

OTHER CITY PROFILES

CitiesWithNature
NUMBERS



180
CITIES



58
COUNTRIES



The Barcelona Metropolitan Area (AMB) spreads 636 km² on the Mediterranean Basin and hosts a population of 3.2 million people from 36 different municipalities. Our area's diverse terrain, with coastal mountain ranges and two fluvial and river mouth systems allow for different habitats and species to concentrate in a reduced geographic area. AMB also counts with more than 30 km of beaches and a network of more than 50 urban and periurban parks.

Country

Spain

Region

Europe



CITY INFO



YOUR JOURNEY



ACTIVITY

Some CWN features



CitiesWithNature BUZZ

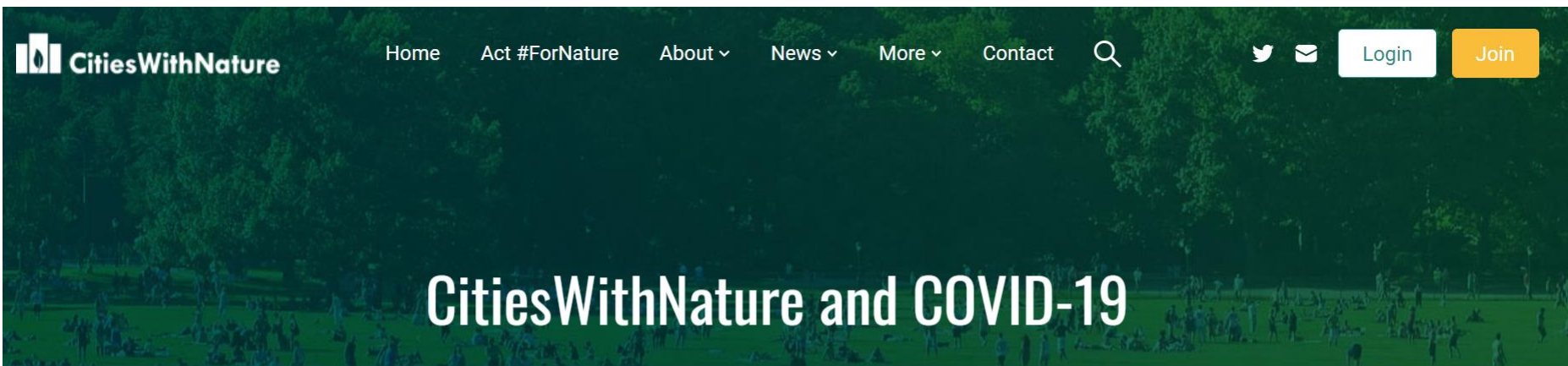


2021

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Some CWN features

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In the time of the COVID-19 global pandemic, our network of cities and regions is on the frontline of response. The pandemic is calling us to increasingly **connect online**. CitiesWithNature, as a unique, next-generation initiative, is supporting an online **community of practice**, enabling learning and action around integrating nature in cities and (re)connecting people with nature. As almost half of humankind have lesser or even no options to connect with nature outdoors in these trying times, many are realising anew just how essential our connection with nature is for our own health and wellbeing, and how deeply it is longed for, once we are separated from it. We all need nature, even more so in these unprecedented times where the fast-changing daily dynamics of COVID-19 are consuming and fundamentally altering our lives.

CitiesWithNature provides cities, other subnational governments and partners the virtual means to continue to **connect in solidarity with each other and to share, learn & inspire** each other around integrating nature into our urban lives and to (re)connect people and nature in new, innovative ways, even during the most tumultuous of times.

*To this end, our team is working as fast as we can to activate a new dedicated space on the CitiesWithNature platform for all participating cities which will focus on **ways and reasons to connect our urban communities with nature even while under lockdown orders**. We will let you know as soon as this new feature is activated!*

Some CWN features – coming soon

Knowledge & Research Hub



COMING SOON

CitiesWithNature

KNOWLEDGE & RESEARCH HUB



The CitiesWithNature Knowledge & Research Hub will be a **“meeting place”** and **online resource library** for practitioners, researchers and other experts, both public and private, **to engage and contribute** to emerging practices and scientific thinking related to nature in, and surrounding, cities and other urban spaces.



The hub will provide a space for research organizations, practitioners and their networks to **share and upload peer-reviewed journals**, as well as articles, case studies, think pieces and other documents. It will **support roundtable discussions**, webinars, think tanks, meetings and events.



Please enter your email address if you'd like to receive news about CitiesWithNature, including about the launch of the Knowledge & Research Hub.

SUBMIT

Some CWN features – coming soon

Commitment Platform

COMING SOON

We will soon be launching the much anticipated CitiesWithNature Commitment Platform. This platform will provide a space for local and subnational governments to commit to taking action and set targets in line with the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

These commitments will be shared on each city and region's profile page to demonstrate their ambitions in the future, with cities and regions able to define their own goals in pursuit of the 2030 milestone and 2050 vision of "Living in harmony with Nature." The actions and targets shared on the commitment platform will form the basis of a robust monitoring and reporting mechanism for cities to measure their progress through an interactive and dynamic web interface.

The platform, designed to support urban action, will capture contributions from local and subnational governments to achieve the global biodiversity agenda and inspire collective action. It will track trends over time and demonstrate, through ratcheting up, the critical role of local and subnational governments in delivering the Post-2020



Coming from one of the greatest biodiverse regions of the world, I have witnessed the impacts that climate change have done to our environment. Life, as we know, is at risk and is our responsibility to ensure the conservation of our ecosystems and the sustainable use of our natural resources; we need to recognize the urgency of maintaining harmony with nature by making use of the powerful platforms at our disposal. CitiesWithNature has become a very important global tool to connect and commit to taking action in favor of our ecosystems.

Mauricio Vila Dosal, Governor of Yucatán

Thank you

