INVITATION

Nature-based Solutions and Cities

Geneva Nature-based Solutions Dialogues

25 October 2021 | 15:00 CEST
Online

ABOUT THIS SESSION

The Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and Cities Dialogue is part of a journey convened in the run-up to various international negotiations and a special opportunity to celebrate World Cities Day, under this year’s theme - “Adapting Cities for Climate Resilience”.

Cities worldwide are increasingly suffering from the effects of climate-related disasters. Meanwhile, cities face important societal challenges, including poverty reduction and the provision of basic services, livelihoods, and accessible, affordable and adequate housing. With more than half of the world’s population living in urban areas - a ratio projected to increase to 68% by 2050 -, developing comprehensive solutions to jointly address environmental, societal and economic challenges in cities is essential.

In this context, NbS are a powerful tool to enhance resilience, support sustainable development, improve quality of life of urban citizens and safeguard biodiversity. The co-benefits they provide in terms of public health, social cohesion, or climate change mitigation, are likely to exceed the cost of implementation and maintenance. Thus, NbS can create win-win solutions for society, the environment and the economy.

Leading experts at this session will discuss the potential of NbS for sustainable urban development and resilience, and the needed future action to mainstream NbS in urban planning and policies at the city level.

Further details at http://tiny.cc/NbS25Oct

SPEAKERS by intervention order

- Chantal van HAM | Acting Director, European Regional Office, IUCN
- Kobie BRAND | Deputy Secretary General & Regional Director Africa Secretariat, ICLEI
- Paola DEDA | Director, Forests, Land and Housing Division, UNECE
- Renata POLLINI | Sustainable Development, Head of Nature, HOLCIM
- Rowan PALMER | Programme Management Officer, Resources and Markets Branch, UNEP | Lead of the Sustainable Infrastructure Partnership
- Helen DING | Senior Environmental Economist, WRI Center of Excellence in Economics | Head, WRI Circular Economy Knowledge Hub
- Rodrigo RAVENA | Chief of Staff, Municipal Secretariat of Green and Environment, São Paulo City
- Bongani MNISI | Manager, Environmental Planning & Sustainability, City of Cape Town
- Mariana VIDAL MERINO | Senior research analyst, PlanAdapt

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