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## Draft Workshop Outline

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## Urban Eco-Efficiency Lab - Cities, Biodiversity and Ecosystems

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Cities hold big solutions to preserving the world's **biodiversity** and **ecosystems** through shifting towards more sustainable consumption and production patterns. A cross-disciplinary approach linking city's consumption and production pattern and its impact on biodiversity and ecosystems needs to be established, to inspire and promote practical solutions at city level and to decouple urbanization from biodiversity loss.

There exists a vast amount of initiatives working on issues related to biodiversity, resource and energy efficiency, climate change and urban infrastructure. Nevertheless it seems that **cooperation between these initiatives** is rather low. It was further found, that the majority of initiatives are rather focusing on a few actors and isolated topics and not following a broader system approach.

The **key messages** from the workshop will form the basis for a follow-up discussion in China and Switzerland, leading towards a broad international event at WRF Beijing (21-23 October 2012) and WRF Davos (6-9 October 2013).

### Key Questions

- What are the conditions for eco-efficiency to happen?
- How can biodiversity, and its ecosystem services, be used to improve eco-efficiency and urban quality of life?
- What institutional, regulatory and financing resource barriers inhibit the implementation of green growth strategies?

- How to translate the impact of changing consumption and production patterns to biodiversity, so that the result of Aichi Biodiversity Target 4 can be measured by 2020?
- What enabling tools and conditions are needed for urban planners and city governments to promote biodiversity-friendly and eco-efficient development?

## Speakers

- **Oliver Hillel**, Program Officer, Convention on Biological Diversity, Canada
- **Kobie Brand**, CEO, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability - Africa
- **Sibylle Rock**, Stakeholder Engagement Manager, Hewlett-Packard, USA
- **Rui Zhang**, Program Associate, World Resources Forum

The workshop will be moderated by Xaver Edelmann, President of World Resources Forum.

## Background

This side-event takes place at the margins of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), in support of the Cities for Life Summit, organized by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity in Hyderabad, 8-19 October, 2012.

This side-event is organized by the **World Resources Forum**, a global science-based platform for sharing knowledge about the economic, political, social and environmental implications of global resource use, and supported by **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity** (SCBD).

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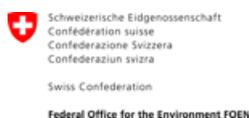


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