

CITIES TALK NATURE ENGAGEMENT LETTER

CITIES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE URBAN ENVIRONMENTS - PROMOTING URBAN ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

We, a growing group of municipalities and local governments across Latin America, Europe and the world, are increasingly aware of the relevant role we play in creating liveable and resilient cities and how our actions and decisions generate global impacts. Specifically, municipalities are at the heart of realizing the ambitions of global environmental and sustainable development agendas, such as the Paris Agreement, the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Urban Agenda, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. Within **Cities Talk Nature**, we aim to generate knowledge and foster exchange about how to create sustainable and livable cities through the restoration, rehabilitation or reconnection of urban ecosystems using nature-based solutions.

CITIES TALK NATURE fosters mutual learning between municipalities. Our activities, agenda and actions are based on cities' needs, ambitions, challenges and characteristics. **CITIES TALK NATURE** capitalizes on the unique knowledge and experiences of each city and region and supports the exchange of strategies, tools and solutions.

We, the signatories of this letter, express our willingness to participate in **CITIES TALK NATURE'S** regional and global dialogues. This entails exchanging with peers, sharing our experiences and learning from other cities to improve our implementation of policies that have a positive and sustainable impact on the socio-ecological environment of our territories.

To achieve this goal, we commit to the following actions:

- To actively participate in the mutual exchange by taking part in a **CITIES TALK NATURE** event, talk or input.
- To showcase good practice and inspire other municipalities through the **CITIES TALK NATURE** Showcase.
- To support **NATURE** and biodiversity by applying innovative restorative nature-based solutions to create new green areas and recover degraded ecosystems improving urban ecosystem health, resilience and sustainability, benefitting biodiversity, and optimizing the delivery of ecosystem services and other benefits within a coherent and integrated planning approach.
- To cultivate shared **PLACES** for exchange between urban, peri-urban and rural populations and administrations by connecting physical places to cultivate a shared sense of place and equitably address the diverse needs of our citizens.
- To strengthen connectedness between **PEOPLE** in urban settings - both with one another and with the natural environment - taking into account diverse human values, perceptions and social realities, so that together we can become sustainable, resilient, inclusive and livable cities.
- Adopt, support and promote the integration of nature-based solutions into policies at all levels of government by seeking intra- and inter-sectoral coordination

We call on more cities and municipal organizations to join us in **Cities Talk Nature** and take action towards a more sustainable future for us all.

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