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"Thematic webinar on Resources mobilisation"

Edinburgh Process for Subnational and Local Governments on the development of the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework

organised by the [European Committee of the Regions](#) with [Edinburgh Process partners](#)

Background and objectives of the webinar

[Decision 14/22](#) states that resource mobilization will be an integral part of the post-2020 global biodiversity framework. Parties at CBD COP14 decided to initiate preparations of this resource mobilization component at an early stage, and in full coherence and coordination with the overall process of developing the post-2020 framework.

As mentioned in the [Zero Draft of the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework](#), governments and societies need to determine priorities and allocate financial and other resources, internalize the value of nature and recognize the cost of inaction to achieve the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature. However, subnational governments face numerous obstacles in accessing and attracting public and private financing for biodiversity action. It is, therefore, necessary to address such obstacles and barriers in the post-2020 biodiversity policy framework.

The objective of this webinar is to discuss, based on the experience shared by the guest speakers and the audience, the main elements that the post-2020 framework should include to facilitate the action of subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity.

This virtual meeting will:

- present the Edinburgh Process and main expected outcomes of this webinar;
- provide a series of examples from across the globe on resources mobilisation by subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity;
- invite participants to share their perspective on the key elements of resources mobilisation by subnational governments, cities and other local authorities for biodiversity: identification, access and deployment of the resources (see questions below).

This webinar is part of the [Edinburgh Process for Subnational and Local Governments on the development of the Post 2020 global biodiversity framework](#).

The agenda of the webinar is structured as follows:

2 p.m. Welcome

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- **Roberto Rinaldi**, Policy Officer, Commission for Environment, Climate change and Energy (ENVE), European Committee of the Regions (CoR)

Scene setting

- **John Mouat**, International Marine Biodiversity Policy Manager, Scottish Government, UK
- **Tracey Cumming**, Biodiversity Finance Initiative Technical Advisor, UNDP & Member of Expert Panel on Resource Mobilisation, UN CBD

Sharing their experiences

- **Roby Biwer**, [Rapporteur on biodiversity at the European Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#) & Member of Bettembourg communal council, Luxembourg;
- **Teru Kisuna**, Director, Natural Environment Division, Department of the Environment, Aichi Prefecture, Japan;
- **Paul Dale**, Technical advisor on biodiversity to the International Affairs Advisory - Secretariat for Infrastructure and Environment - Government of Sao Paulo State, Brazil & Member of the National Council - Mata Atlantica Biosphere Reserve, MaB UNESCO Program, Brazil;
- **Karen Stothard**, Head of Strategy, EU Exit & Strategy Unit, Department for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs, Welsh Government.

Discussion with the audience

Participants are invited to share their experience with resources mobilisation. In particular, their intervention should address the following:

- ❖ What are, based on your experience, the best options and approaches for mobilizing and providing financial resources to biodiversity action?
- ❖ What barriers and obstacles do you perceive in accessing and using financial resources for biodiversity action?
- ❖ Is there a need to strengthen the engagement of a wider range of financial and private institutions, at all levels and from all sources, to support the implementation of the post-2020 framework?
- ❖ How could the post-2020 framework improve the readiness and capacity of local and subnational governments to access and utilize financial resources in support of the implementation of the post-2020 framework.

Conclusions: feeding the Edinburgh Process

- **Roby Biwer**, [Rapporteur on biodiversity at the European Committee of the Regions \(CoR\)](#) & Member of Bettembourg communal council, Luxembourg

3.30 p.m. End of the meeting

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