



**2020 UN BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE**  
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## **Celebrating the role of subnational, and local governments: The Edinburgh Declaration for biodiversity**

**1 June 2022**

**10:30 - 12:30 CET**

- 1. Panel Discussion 10:30-11:30 (hybrid)*
- 2. Networking Brunch 11:30-12:30*

Online and in person at Scotland House Brussels.

Organised by: Scottish Government

In cooperation with NatureScot and Edinburgh Process partners (incl. European Committee of the Regions, ICLEI, Regions4 & government of Québec - coordinators of the Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Centre and Europe Secretariat.

The Edinburgh Declaration on biodiversity is a key milestone in the formal recognition of contributions by subnational governments (including cities and local authorities) to the achievement of global biodiversity goals and targets. At the upcoming CBD COP15 (15th meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of Parties) a goal of the Edinburgh Declaration is for Parties to formalise this role via the adoption of a Plan of Action specifically dedicated to subnational governments. This aims to ensure the 'whole of government' approach advocated for in the post-2020 global biodiversity framework is realised over the coming decade.

The Edinburgh Declaration builds upon the previous recognition of subnational authorities by the CBD at COP10. Can this successful story be replicated in the UNFCCC context? What were the key elements that made it happen for the CBD? Panellists will address with the audience these questions, after sharing their own experience on the Edinburgh Declaration but also on the linkages between biodiversity and climate action at subnational level.

For example, local and subnational governments play a leading role in delivering local NBS (Nature-Based Solutions) which both mitigate the effects of, and help adapt to, our changing climate. They also will play a leading role in shaping and implementing the post-2020 global biodiversity framework.





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## AGENDA

### Panellists

- **Ms. Slater Minister for Green Skills** - Circular Economy and Biodiversity, Scottish Government (*attending in person*)
- **Mr. Roby Biver** - Rapporteur on the opinions on biodiversity from the European Committee of the Regions, and Member of Bettembourg Municipal Council, Luxembourg (*attending in person*)
- **Dr Silke Karcher** – Permanent Secretary, Senate Department for the Environment, Urban Mobility, Consumer Protection and Climate Action Berlin (*joining online*)
- **Hervé Magnin**, Director of the Gulf of Lion Marine Natural Park, France (*attending in person*)
- **[TBC Minister for the Environment, Flanders Government]**
- *Moderated by - Laura Louise O'Reilly, Head of Sustainability Scotland House Brussels (attending in person).*

### Hybrid panel discussion (10:30 – 11:30)

1. **Introduction and welcome** by Ms.Slater
2. **Roundtable from panellists**
3. **Guided Q&A** (20 mins)
4. **Summing Up (Moderator)** (5 mins)
5. **Close** by Ms.Slater





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### **Networking Brunch (11:30 – 12:30)**

A mixture of finger food and fork bowls – all sustainably sourced and include vegetarian & vegan options. The buffet will be available straight after the panel discussion, with the dessert items served at the end. Tea, Coffee and juices available throughout – menu below.

- Raspberry cranachan Smoothie (vegan)
- Beetroot horseradish and vegan crowdie on seaweed oat blinis (vegan)
- Buttered Wholemeal Orkney cheddar scones with tomato and basil
- Kippers & Marmelade on tattie scones
- Black pudding / vegan haggis sausage rolls
- well-fired Bacon / vegan bacon morning rolls
- Kedgeree smoked salmon bowls
- Ginger Shortbread (vegan)
- Rhubarb & custard muffins

