GANGWON/PYEONGCHANG
RESOLUTION ON CITIES AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS FOR BIODIVERSITY

1. Decision IX/28; Decision X/22; Decision XI/8

2. Plan of Action on Subnational Governments, Cities and Other Local Authorities (2011-2020)

3. Bonn Call for Action

4. Aichi/Nagoya Declaration on Local Authorities and Biodiversity

5. Hyderabad Declaration on Subnational Governments, Cities and other Local Authorities for Biodiversity

6. Nantes Declaration of Mayors and Subnational Leaders on Climate Change

7. Declaration of the French Associations of Local and Regional Authorities for Biodiversity

8. Strategic Plan for Biodiversity

The resolution is based on the importance of biodiversity and ecosystem services for economic development, housing, public works, industrial activities, transportation, and other sectors. It recognizes the essential role and responsibility to ensure that biodiversity is conserved and sustainably used for the benefit of current and future generations; that urban areas – which are home to most of humankind – have a special role to play in biodiversity conservation and sustainable management; and that local and subnational governments have a critical role to play in biodiversity conservation and sustainable management.

The resolution encourages cities and subnational governments to identify, pilot and apply innovative financing schemes and applications for grants, and to consider the development of an Action Plan for Cities and Biodiversity. It also recognizes the need for local and subnational governments to identify, pilot and apply innovative financing schemes and applications for grants, and to consider the development of an Action Plan for Cities and Biodiversity.

The resolution is adopted by all member states and the EU and endorsed by the CBD Conferences of the Parties. It is a significant milestone in the CBD's efforts to engage cities and subnational governments in the global biodiversity agenda, and it is anticipated to have a positive impact on biodiversity conservation and sustainable management.