



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

# H1 Nature-based Solutions to increase local resilience globally

## Panel discussion

**Date:** Friday, 28 June, 2019

**Time:** 09:00-10:30

**Rooms:** S29-31

**Language:** English

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## OBJECTIVE

How are cities around the world integrating nature into the urban fabric? What is their approach to selecting, designing, financing, implementing, monitoring and learning from the purposeful deployment of innovative nature based solutions? How do they engage wider local societies in the journey? Are there signs and evidence that nature based solutions indeed live up to their promise as a force for making cities more resilient and sustainable? How does local context determine the choice of approaches, strategies and tools? Are common and surprising lessons emerging that transcend specific cases that we all can learn from?

The session focused on specific urban cases from five countries on 5 continents that are all leaders in reinventing the city through nature-based solutions in their own broader context. By looking the cases together the panel tried to assess whether re-naturing cities have truly gone global and what that means for global ambitions such as the SDGs. The session went deep into what drives these cities to embrace the urban nature agenda, what is their recipe for success, and where do they go next?

## METHODOLOGY

- The facilitator opened the session with a short introduction of himself and each speaker. **(10 minutes)**
- Each speaker was given time to describe their work, showing maps or other illustrations as needed. **(5 x 10 minutes)**
- The remainder of the session was organized around the guiding questions, with each panelist given time to respond to individual questions, and to respond to comments made by other panelists. **(25 minutes)**
- The facilitator concluded with closing remarks. **(5 minutes)**



## CONTRIBUTORS

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