



SESSION DESCRIPTION

15 South America shared vision for a long-term resilience based in nature

Panel discussion

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Time: 11:00-12:30

Rooms: S34-35

Language: English, Portuguese and Spanish

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OBJECTIVE

As one of the most urbanized continents in the world, resilience building in South America faces common challenges across the region, such as intensified population growth, shelter precariousness and environmental degradation. This leads to pressures on cities and, consequently, to local governance, that needs to take into account local specificities and diversity among each context while mainstreaming international frameworks. At the same time, climate change aggravates vulnerabilities and adds significant environmental, socioeconomic and administrative pressures on each national context.

At the same time, South America is a vital hotspot for biodiversity with relevant concentration of assets of global importance that have the capacity to support sustainability and resilience building. However, this is threatened if ecosystem services are not protected. Recent global assessments show that South American regional is especially vulnerable to the loss of biodiversity, having already lost a considerable number of species.

This panel session aimed to provide a platform for reflection and discussion on how to strengthen environmental management, integrate biodiversity and promote nature-based solutions as a way to build long term resilience in the South American context while also promoting environmental benefits worldwide. As an outcome, this session aimed at collecting perceptions and proposing a shared vision for South American local development plans towards the new Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

OUTCOMES

The key outcomes of this panel were:

- To collect perceptions and propose a shared vision for South American local development plans towards the new Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
- To provide a regional overview of common challenges regarding resilience building in the South American context;
- To enable the exchange of experiences concerning environmental management, biodiversity integration and nature-based solutions towards resilience building;
- To identify good practices in terms of strategies for coping with climate vulnerability;



- To reflect towards ways forward, acknowledging shared goals as well as particular local barriers.

METHODOLOGY

- Opening remarks, introduction to the session topic and panelists by the facilitator. **(10 minutes)**
- First round of panel discussion and debate, moderated by guiding questions. **(30 minutes)**
- Second round of panel discussion and debate, moderated by guiding questions. **(30 minutes)**
- The facilitator manages questions and answers from the audience. **(15 minutes)**
- Wrap up and closing remarks by the facilitator. **(5 minutes)**

Guiding questions:

Round 1 - Local development based on nature: experiences and challenges towards Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

1. What mechanisms can strengthen environmental management in local levels in an effective and equitable way?
2. What common challenges and shared goals can foster a regional effort towards resilience building for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework? Can you present examples from your city?

Round 2 - Possibilities towards resilience building: nature-based strategies.

3. How can international cooperation support local nature-based solutions for resilience building? What is your experience?
4. How can long term resilience building protect vulnerable communities from disaster risk and promote environmental justice?
5. What common challenges and shared goals can foster a regional effort towards resilience building?

CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitator *Bruna Cerqueira, Institutional Relations, Communications and Strategy Manager, ICLEI South America, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Round 1 - Local development based on nature: experiences and challenges towards Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

Moderator *Rodrigo Perpétuo, Executive Secretary, ICLEI South America, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Panelist *Mauricio Esteban Rodas Espinel, Former Mayor, Quito, Ecuador*
José Manuel Corral, Mayor, Municipality of Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Argentina

Round 2 - Possibilities towards resilience building: nature-based strategies.

Moderator *Sophia Picarelli, Biodiversity and Climate Change Manage, ICLEI South America, Sao*



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- Panelist *Natália Aguiar Mol, PhD Professor, Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Belo Horizonte, Brazil*
- Panelist *Fernando Puntigliano, General Director, Environmental Development, Montevideo, Uruguay*
- Panelist *Maria Daniela García, Advisor, Municipality of Ibagué, Ibagué, Colombia*
- Panelist *Edilene Oliveira, Environmental Policy Coordinator, Municipal Secretary of Urbanism and Environment, Fortaleza, Brazil*

Round of questions and answers.