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SUB FORUM 2 – URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Friday 12th November, 9:00 – 12:00 (Beijing time)

Context: Civilisation thrives with sound ecology and declines when it deteriorates. Cities around the world must work together to **build global ecological civilisation, be devoted to global environmental governance, work out solutions for global environmental protection and sustainable development, and guide international cooperation to combat climate change.** China will host the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in 2021 to explore new strategies for the governance of global biodiversity with all participants. **Eco-city is a key to global urbanisation and plays an important role in promoting ecological civilisation and biodiversity.** This sub-forum will share and exchange practical experience with experts and scholars from around the world, and jointly explore new theories, methods, and governance models related to urban sustainable development and transformation, such as biodiversity conservation and climate adaptation.

Agenda and speakers

Keynote Speeches (10 minutes each)

- (1) Mr. José Luis Martínez-Almeida, Mayor of Madrid (to be confirmed by Metropolis) (online)
- (2) Ms. Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal (online)
- (3) Mayor(s) of sister city of Guangzhou (online)

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(4) Leader from Guangzhou (to introduce Haizhu National Wetland Park, pilot project of World Bank's Sustainable Urban Cooling Project)

Panel discussion

- (1) Mr. Zhu Shu, Secretary General of ICLEI East Asia
- (2) Ms. Kirstin Miller, Executive Director of Ecocity Builders (online)
- (3) Dr. Philipp Rode, Executive Director of LSE Cities, the London School of Economics and Political Science
- (4) Head of World Bank's Sustainable Urban Cooling Project
- (5) Others to be confirmed

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