



SESSION DESCRIPTION

A2 Planning with decision makers: Using ecosystem services for more resilient solutions

Workshop

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2014

Time: 14:30-16:00

Rooms: S34-35

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OBJECTIVE

This workshop will focus on two different planning tools to support cities in decision-making. The first kick-off presentation will describe a decision support tool based on multi-criteria analysis, using GIS based data. It is an easy and user friendly application that creates scenarios in land use and building planning due to changing framework conditions. The second kick-off presentation will introduce "The Nature of Mainstreaming, a local integrated planning toolkit for biodiversity and ecosystem services", which is designed to assist local governments to incorporate biodiversity protection across departments. The toolkit, created on the basis of discussions with practitioners, includes a list of common barriers, a self-assessment quiz, and six tips for easy application.

OUTCOMES

Participants will leave the workshop session with:

- A broadened knowledge of these 2user-led decision support tools.
- Cutting-edge ideas and information on mainstreaming biodiversity into city planning, and how multi-criteria analysis can be utilized in decision-making.
- Increased understanding of how these introduced support tools can be integrated in local decision-making.

METHODOLOGY

Facilitator *Pamela Mühlmann, Officer, ICLEI European Secretariat, Freiburg, Germany*

14:30 - 14:35 **Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop**



14:35 – 14:55 **Kick-off presentation I: A Decision support system based on multi-criteria analysis for urban ecosystem services and quality of life**

Sophie Schetke, Post-Doc Researcher, University of Bonn, Germany

14:55 – 15:15 **Kick-off presentation II. Mainstreaming biodiversity and ecosystem services: a new toolkit for local planning**

Jennifer Rae Pierce, Graduate Student, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA

15:15 - 15:35 **Post (it) your opinion:** Participants will be able to comment on two posters that summarize each of the Kick-off presentations. They will do so by sticking up post-it's with comments and questions.

15:35 - 16:00 **Panel discussion:** The presenters, along with two additional experts - Chantal van Ham and Shela Patrickson from leading global organizations - will then reflect upon these comments and open the floor for further discussion.

Chantal van Ham, European Program Officer, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Brussels, Belgium

Shela Patrickson, Manager, ICLEI Cities Biodiversity Center, ICLEI Africa Secretariat, Cape Town, South Africa

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