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Invitation to participate in the Biodiversity Summit for Cities & Subnational Governments 2014

12 – 14 October 2014,
Pyeongchang, Gangwon Province, Korea

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to attend the **2014 Biodiversity Summit for Cities and Subnational Governments** (12-14 October), which will be held in support of, and in parallel with, the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). The 2014 Biodiversity Summit is convened in partnership between ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, the Secretariat of the CBD, and host, the Provincial Government of Gangwon. As an active player in the field of biodiversity and sustainable development, we are honoured to invite you to attend this prestigious event.

The theme for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity is “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development” and, accordingly, the Biodiversity Summit for Cities and Subnational Governments will highlight the invaluable contribution of cities and subnational governments towards greener national economies and improved quality of life across nations. The 2014 Biodiversity Summit will focus on bringing together representatives from all levels of government, to provide a platform for dialogue and to strengthen multi-level cooperation, with a view to multiply the implementation of the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 and the achievement of its Aichi Biodiversity Targets. Building on the ground-breaking outcomes of previous biodiversity summits for cities and subnational governments and pioneering CBD COP decisions on subnational implementation, the Biodiversity Summit will convene hundreds of representatives of local, subnational and national governments and their partners to discuss, showcase and advance the global agenda for the sustainable use and management of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

We greatly look forward to welcoming you at the Summit in Gangwon Province. Please kindly RSVP to Yeajun Chun at Yeajun.chun@iclei.org at your earliest convenience, should you be interested in attending. **Registration opens on 11 August.** Please register online through the Summit website: <http://www.biodiversity-summit.org/eng> by no later than **10 September 2014** to secure your participation. For more information do not hesitate to contact Ms. Georgina Avlonitis at georgina.avlonitis@iclei.org.

We look forward to welcoming you in the Republic of Korea.

Yours sincerely,

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