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## **6th Global Biodiversity Summit**

DEAR MR TAKAHASHI,

of Local and Subnational Governments

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE 6TH GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY SUMMIT OF LOCAL AND SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS

On behalf of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD), we thank you sincerely for your participation as speaker at the **6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments** held on 23 and 24 November in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt as official parallel event to the CBD COP14. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the 2018 Biodiversity Summit partners, delegates and observers and thank you sincerely for your contributions towards the success and wide reach of the Summit.

The 6th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments was an **important milestone** in **showcasing our diverse and widespread innovations and actions and for advocating collectively for a stronger, more recognised role by all local and subnational governments** in achieving the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Summit offered over 400 registered participants, from 46 countries, including 55 cities and local governments and 15 regions, the opportunity to engage in thematic plenary and parallel sessions and roundtables, as well as networking opportunities with experts, Parties, local and subnational government representatives, partners, donors and observers attending COP14.

## The **Summit's key highlights** include:

- the commitment to develop a Roadmap for Local and Subnational Action towards the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; and
- the adoption of the Sharm El-Sheikh Communiqué for Local and Subnational Action for Nature and People which was delivered to the COP14 Plenary by ICLEI First Vice President, Dr. Cathy Oke on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, calling on CBD Parties to strengthen their commitment to multi-level integration and collaboration with local and subnational actors to stem biodiversity loss and restore ecosystem health for the sake of people and nature. You will find more information, the Summit Communiqué, a picture board and presentations on the Summit website at <a href="https://cbc.iclei.org/event/6thbiodiversitysummit/">https://cbc.iclei.org/event/6thbiodiversitysummit/</a>.

We hope that you found the Summit, panel discussions, presentations and networking engagements both useful and stimulating, and that you enjoyed your stay in Sharm El-Sheikh. Thank you for your vital contribution in the Summit and we look forward to working with you as we now embark on the journey towards a post-2020 Framework.

Yours sincerely

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