

INTERNATIONAL SIDE EVENT
AT CBD COP 12

EXTERNAL RESPONSIBILITY. AN ASSESSMENT OF ITS EFFECTS ON GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY LOSS

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Hall B, Room 1 - NGOs meeting room

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The growing internationalization of the economy is responsible for the effects that domestic decisions have beyond any political or administrative boundaries. That applies not only to States and unions of States such as the European Union, but also to subnational and local governments. In the context of the accelerated loss of global biodiversity at all levels that has been experienced over the last years, this side-event aims to discuss the need to include external responsibility criteria in governmental measures and actions as well as to use the link local-subnational-national-regional-global governance, all to halting the global loss of biodiversity. The side-event will present case studies at different governmental levels and will show the importance of territorial cooperation in tackling biodiversity loss. Technical experts with substantial expertise will bring in different case studies that may be replicated in other territories of the world. The side-event will be led by the Government of Catalonia in accordance to the commitments of the Work Plan 2013-2015 of the Advisory Committee of Subnational Governments of the Global Partnership on Local and Subnational Action for Biodiversity in the CBD.

PROGRAM

Welcome and introduction by

- **Marta Subirà**, General Director for Environmental Policy, Government of Catalonia.
- **Alain Chabrolle**, Vice-President of the Rhône-Alpes Region (France), in charge of the Environment and Health.
- **Andre Mader**, Programme Officer at United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

Subnational level: The Catalonia case. **David Llistar**, co-founder and researcher of ODG.

National level: The Switzerland case. **Christoph Dürr**, International Forest Policy Adviser Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland.

Regional level: The footprint approach. **Sebastian Winkler**, Vice President, Programme & Outreach at the Global Footprint Network.

Moderation: **Puri Canals**, President of MedPAN (Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas Network).

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