



Event Details

Title of Event

CitiesWithNature: a global platform for urban nature as a pathway to showcase initiatives such as the Living Melbourne: our metropolitan urban forest strategy

Organization Details

Organization: The Nature Conservancy

Organization Country: Australia

Summary

The event will provide an opportunity for the WUF10's global audience to engage two founding organisations of CitiesWithNature, a first-of-its-kind platform for raising ambition on enhancing nature in and around cities. The Nature Conservancy and ICLEI will discuss their work on nature in cities and how it can be supported by the CitiesWithNature initiative. In addition, the ground breaking work undertaken by TNC and Resilient Melbourne on the Living Melbourne strategy will be showcased as a means of demonstrating local best practice towards living in harmony with nature. The Living Melbourne strategy deployed a whole-of-society participatory approach to work towards a shared vision for the urban forest: our thriving communities are resilient, connected through nature. The strategy, encompassing 32 local governments and 10,000 square kilometres, focuses on improving the quality and quantity of trees and vegetation in the urban forest – whether on public or private land, and sets out six actions to enable and inspire the rapidly growing city of metropolitan Melbourne to better protect and strengthen its natural assets. Living Melbourne can bring city-wide benefits through the power of collaboration and is a resource that CitiesWithNature will support in bringing nature back into our urban lives. CitieswithNature is a unique initiative that recognizes and enhances the value of nature in and around cities across the world. Formally endorsed by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) as the official platform to coordinate the local and subnational voice on the global biodiversity agenda, it provides a shared platform for cities and their partners to engage, connect, learn, act, and share, thereby inspiring a global movement towards a more sustainable world. The Living Melbourne strategy is a powerful resource that CitiesWithNature will endorse under its “Big-Tent” to inspire other cities and their urban communities to unite in safeguarding our shared urban future and in contributing to the global biodiversity agenda. The time is now, like never before, for cities, and the whole of society to act, and CitiesWithNature provides the shared global platform to grow and nurture this network. As an implementing pathway of initiatives like the Living Melbourne strategy, CitiesWithNature will showcase how cities can benefit from enhancing biodiversity in and around them, and thus mainstream nature in all aspects of urban life. The event will showcase the CitiesWithNature platform and explore the Living Melbourne strategy through the eyes of the CitiesWithNature founding partner organisations.

Other Organization name

Prospective moderator, speaker(s) or panelist(s)

	First Name	Last Name	Role	Organization
1	Joel	Paque	Speaker / Panelist	The Nature Conservancy
2	Cathy	Oke	Speaker / Panelist	Resilient Melbourne / University of Melbourne
3	Kobie	Brand	Speaker / Panelist	ICLEI local governments for sustainability
4	Lauren	Sorkin	Moderator	Global Resilient Cities Network
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