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**BERLIN URBAN  
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# Inaugural event of the Berlin Urban Nature Pact

**Berlin, 8-10 October 2025**

## Agenda:

*\*Please note some details may still change.*

### Day 1 – Wednesday, 8 October Political Segment & Reception

- 9:00-9:30      **Registrations & coffee**
- 9:30-9:45      **Welcome & Icebreaker**
- 9:45-10:00     **Welcome by [Andreas Kraus](#), Berlin State Secretary**
- 10:00-10:10    **Greetings from [Ilka Hirt](#), Deputy Director General, International Policy, Germany's Environment Ministry**
- 10:10-11:10    **Spotlight on Cities: Urban Nature in Practice**  
This session will highlight inspiring biodiversity initiatives led by cities around the world. Pioneering cities will each share their experience working on urban nature, focusing on practical actions, successes, and lessons learned. These short, dynamic presentations will provide participants with concrete examples of how urban biodiversity can be advanced across different contexts, and spark ideas for replication and collaboration.  
  
Speakers: Video message from the [Mayor of Kaohsiung Chen Chi-Mai](#), Video message from [Cali](#), [Gregoire Merrheim & Philippe Jacob \(Paris\)](#), [Bettina Scheiderbauer & Josh Mikocki \(Vienna\)](#)
- 11:10-11:30    **Break**
- 11:30-12:30    **High-level panel discussion on Urban Nature Leadership - [Cities as Champions of Global Biodiversity Action](#)**  
This high-level panel will explore the role of cities as champions of global biodiversity goals. While national governments negotiate international frameworks, it is in cities that commitments are tested, implemented, and brought to life. Political leaders from pioneering cities will share how they are driving ambitious urban nature agendas, the opportunities and challenges they face in aligning with global goals, and how city leadership can accelerate transformative change for biodiversity worldwide.  
  
Speakers: Berlin State Secretary [Andreas Kraus](#), Mayor of Nansana [Regina Bakitte](#), Council Member of Austin [Mike Siegel](#), Utrecht Alderwoman [Linda Voortman](#), Glasgow Councillor [Angus Millar](#)
- 12:30-13:00    **Press point**
- 12:30-14:30    **Lunch  
Neighbourhood stroll**
- 14:30-16:00    **Getting to know each other: [Track A \(political representatives\)](#) & [Track B \(technical staff\)](#)**  
This session is designed to provide tailored spaces for both political leaders and technical experts within the Berlin Urban Nature Pact community. Political representatives will use the time for bilateral exchanges and target dialogues with peers and hosts, while

technical representatives will engage in a dynamic joint discussion designed to break the ice and help participants get to know each other. The session concludes with a dedicated networking segment for technical staff, ensuring space for building personal connections, exploring collaboration, and exchanging practical experiences.

### **Bus transfer**

**17:00**      **Welcome Drinks**  
**Reception by the Governing Mayor of Berlin, Kai Wegner**  
**Celebrating old and new Pact cities**  
**Closing words**

**18:00**      **Dinner**

**19:30**      **Optional: Festival of Lights**

## **Day 2 – Thursday, 9 October**

### **Technical Exchange & Peer-to-Peer Learning**

**09:00**      **Welcome coffee**

**09:30-09:45**      **Opening the day**

**09:45-11:00**      **Developing the Pact Action Plan**  
The Berlin Urban Nature Pact is grounded in city-led action. This session will highlight how cities are developing their Action Plans — the practical roadmaps that connect global biodiversity goals to local implementation. Cities will share their approaches, challenges, and lessons learned. Participants will then exchange reflections in smaller groups, comparing strategies, identifying common needs, and exploring how their own cities can move forward in the action planning process. (Political representatives are welcome to join the session or can arrange bilateral meetings.)

Speakers: **Coordinator of the Berlin Strategy for Biological Diversity Rebecca Noebel, Utrecht Urban Greening Policy Advisor Albin Hunia, Council Member of Austin Mike Siegel**

**11:00-11:20**      **Break**

**11:20-12:30**      **Performance Indicators, Monitoring Framework and Reporting**  
This session will explore the Berlin Urban Nature Pact (BUNP) monitoring framework, focusing on its performance indicators and alignment with international standards. The session will present the framework, including its indicators, as well as relevant global platform for reporting, such as CitiesWithNature. The session will then engage participants in a 40-minute interactive Mentimeter exercise to gather feedback on target selection and indicator relevance. The discussion will center on participants' use of monitoring frameworks in their biodiversity strategies and how well the proposed BUNP framework aligns with existing practices.

Speakers: **Tony Nello and Loredana Scuto (IUCN), Ingrid Coetzee and Jade Sullivan (ICLEI CBC)**

**12:30-14:00**      **Lunch**

## Neighbourhood stroll

14:00-15:30

### Hot Topics in Urban Nature - City-led discussions

This interactive session gives space for cities to shape the conversation by spotlighting pressing issues they are facing in advancing urban biodiversity. Through four thematic discussions — housing, agrifood systems, species co-habitation, and blue-green infrastructure — cities will exchange approaches, challenges, and solutions. The conversations will also explore how these themes connect through the lens of integrated urban planning. Each discussion will be initiated by one city, followed by open dialogue with peers.

Speakers: **Gabriel Dias Mangolini Neves (Campinas)**, **Dr. Harald Schaich (Freiburg)**, **Gregoire Merrheim & Philippe Jacob (Paris)**, **Gillian Dick (Glasgow)**, **Josh Mikocki (Vienna)**

15:30-16:00

### Break

16:00-17:15

### Implementing the Pact: challenges & enablers

This session focuses on the practical aspects of implementing the Berlin Urban Nature Pact and exploring a future working mode for city collaboration. Participants will discuss governance, capacity building, resources, and knowledge transfer in two subgroups, guided by cities who flagged key topics: governance (Austin) and education/capacity building (Vienna). The session will conclude with a joint discussion to synthesise insights, highlight actionable opportunities, and identify priorities for collective collaboration and support.

Speakers: **Austin Council Member Mike Siegel**, **Bettina Scheiderbauer & Josh Mikocki (Vienna)**

17:15-17:30

### Closing by Berlin hosts and next steps

18:15

### Bus transfer

18:30

### Dinner

## Day 3 – Friday, 10 October

### Site visits

9:00-10:30

Meeting point: **Washingtonplatz**, Berlin Central station (Hauptbahnhof)  
**Government quarter: Birds & Glass**

10:30 -12:00

**Tiergarten: On tour with the nature city rangers**

12:00 -13:15

**Lunch break: Weltwirtschaft**

13:15 -14:00

**Bus transfer**

14:30 -16:30

**Rummelsburger Bucht: Sponge city**

16:30

**End of Tour and bus transfer back to central station and Alexanderplatz**