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The conference will summarise scientific and practical approaches towards implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in urban areas in an international context, to raise the profile of this important area of work during the COP 9 meeting in Bonn, Germany (May 2008).

Topics & Sessions
Biodiversity of urban-industrial areas and its evaluation
Keynote: Rüdiger Wittig, University of Frankfurt, Germany
Sessions:
- Origin and development of urban fauna and flora
- The value of different urban habitats for biodiversity
- Urban habitats and ecological services
- Cities and biotic homogenisation?

Cultural aspects of urban biodiversity
Keynote: Andy Millard, Leeds University, United Kingdom
Sessions:
- On the value and risk of ornamental plants
- Evaluation of exotic plants and animals in cities
- Cultural influence on the biodiversity of urban forests
- Evaluation of historical parks & gardens for biodiversity

Social aspects of urban biodiversity
Keynote: Sarel Cilliers, North-West University, South Africa
Sessions:
- Urban agriculture, community gardens & useful plants
- Human well-being and the green environment
- Nature experience and wilderness areas in cities
- Effects of neocolonialism on human health

Urban biodiversity & climate change
Keynote: David Nowak, USDA Forest Service, Syracuse, USA
Sessions:
- Urban ecosystems - anticipating climate change
- Potential of green areas in climate change mitigation

Design and future of urban biodiversity
Keynote: Maria Ignatieva, Lincoln University, New Zealand
Sessions:
- From biodiversity analysis to evaluation and design
- Master planning for biodiversity
- Function and evaluation of biosphere networks
- Shrinking cities - new chances for biodiversity
- Fast-growing cities - challenges for biodiversity
- Ecological restoration and design for biodiversity in cities
- Design and management of parks and gardens
- Living walls and living roofs
- Integrating renewable energy and biodiversity
- People participation to design urban green areas
- Preservation of original natural vegetation in cities

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Kaisersaal in the historic city of Erfurt
Futterstrasse 15/16, 99084 Erfurt, Germany

Excursions
Mid conference excursion 22. May 2008: Historic city of Erfurt
Thematic excursions 24. May 2008:
- UNESCO World Heritage Park “An der Ilm”, Weimar
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- Nature Reserve Schönöberger Railway Area, Berlin
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