



**IFLA ASIA PACIFIC REGION REPORT**

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**AGENDA ITEM No.** :  
**TITLE OF THE REPORT** : **Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group (CCWG)**  
**OFFICER NAME AND IFLA POSITION** : Paul Chan, Chair of CCWG

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT.**

To communicate to the ExCo and representatives of member associations attending the council meeting of the works and plans of the IFLA-APR CCWG.

**SUMMARY OF THE REPORT (UP TO 100 WORDS).**

The report outlines the works and achievements for the past year of the IFLA-APR CCWG and plans for the coming year.

**REPORT.**

It has been an honour to serve as the IFLA-APR CCWG Chair for the first time in the past year, started with the following tasks:

1. Consolidate membership of the working group and encourage those member associations currently not having a representative in the working group to participate.
2. Follow up with IFLA World Climate Change and Biodiversity Working Group and members of the IFLA APR on the questionnaire regarding climate case studies.
3. Follow up with member institutions on IFLA APR regarding the signatories of the IFLA Climate Change Commitment.

On item 1, I approached 7 members from the last term, 3 of them confirmed their intention to stay in the working group. We have admitted 3 new members, together there are currently 7 members including myself in the working group from 7 different countries/ regions.

Name	Country/ Region	Affiliated Association
Paul Chan	Hong Kong, China	HKILA
Sridevi Rao Cherala	India	ISOLA
Shao Alex	China	CHSLA
Matthew Bradbury	New Zealand	NZILA
Chiru Chang	Taiwan	CTLAS
Rubeena	UAE	Nil
Tamara Obradovic	Australia	AILA



On item 2 and item 3, with the help of the secretariat, another round of invitation to presidents, official delegates, and secretariats of all member associations to complete the questionnaire on climate case studies and reminder on the IFLA Climate Action Commitment was sent via email on 13 August 2024, no return on the questionnaire has been received to date. To the best of my knowledge, only NZILA has filed a return on the previous rounds of invitation. HKILA has filed its support as a signatory of the IFLA Climate Action Commitment in August 2024.

HKILA is organizing a Climate Change and Biodiversity Conference (exact name of the conference may be subject to change) tentatively on 06-07 March 2025. As agreed by ExCo during meeting on 07 August, IFLA-APR will act as co-organizer of the event. The event has received in-principle funding support from the Hong Kong Tourism Board under its Convention Ambassador programme covering the flight and accommodation of international speakers for up to approximately USD28,000. To cater for the preparation works of the conference, HKILA has recruited a public-relation company and a group of volunteers comprising of academics and practitioners to support, next step would be to invite members of ExCo and the Working Group who are interested to join the organizing committee.

Facilitated by the IFLA World president, I joined the COP16 UN Convention on Biological Diversity at Cali, Colombia between 22 and 26 October 2024. One of the highlights was the 2-day event BIOPOLIS where IFLA was a major contributor in collaboration with a number of other international organizations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS (MOTIONS TO VOTE):**

NIL

**APPENDIXES (TO BE ATTACHED):**

NIL