



CITIES and CLIMATE CHANGE | **18 October**
Harmonizing national strategies with local actions
09:30 -10:30 room MR13, H3 Venue | **2016**



OBJECTIVE

The side-event discusses the linkage of national climate change policies and strategies, particularly Intended National Determined Contributions INDCs, with local policies and actions in cities. It aims at presenting the preliminary results of a systematic review of current INDCs provisions and implications for cities; and to showcase leading practices for adaptation and mitigation in cities.

The side-event will highlight barriers and opportunities for harmonizing national climate policies with local action, in relation to both adaptation and mitigation; through an urban resilience approach, ultimately contributing to a better understanding of the integration between the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda.

Two international initiatives to harmonize national strategies and local actions will be pre-launched:

Urban Resilience Institute: aiming at harmonizing international research collaboration

Urban Resilience Observatories: aiming at supporting informed policy and decision making locally

SPEAKERS

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BACKGROUND

Human settlements and cities are responsible for the current climate change trends and dynamics; at the same time human settlements are vulnerable to the increasing negative effects of climate change, also because climate change is having a multiplying effects on current urban challenges: i.e poverty, sprawl, inequality, and health.

By 2050, over 5 billion people will live in urban areas, thereby cities have a central role in tackling climate change, and their resolve and action can champion the ambitious transformative changes which are indispensable to reduce emissions and to limit the negative impacts of climate change. Cities have already started to take action developing plans, actions and policies for addressing climate mitigations, adaptation and risk reduction although the progress remain still sparse and scattered.

The Paris Agreement calls for increasing ambitions both in terms of mitigation and adaptation, over 160 parties have submitted INDCs and National Adaptation Plans, which are having direct provision and/or implications for cities. To understand and strength the linkage between climate national policies and local actions it recognized as fundamental for both the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda implementation; although this linkages is still to be fully understood and exploited.

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PROGRAM

Introduction and presentation

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Bridging International and Local Climate Action: RECNET-RESURBE

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INDCs and Urban Implications: Scope and Objectives

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INDCs and Urban Implications: Preliminary Results

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Bridging International and Local Climate Action: local climate action support

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Upcoming Initiatives on Urban Resilience

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Questions and Answers

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