

COP Presidency Cities and Sub-national Dialogue
21 November 2013

Overview

As part of the activities to engage with all stakeholders in the international climate process, the COP 19/CMP 9 Presidency will be conducting a series of events aimed at ensuring continued dialogue between Parties to the Convention and representatives of relevant constituency groups.

One of such events will be a dialogue with Mayors and other sub-national leaders. The COP/CMP Presidency will extend an invitation to selected Ministers, Mayors and other sub-national leaders to participate in this dialogue. The event shall be made up of two parts, with Ministers, Mayors and sub-national leaders and representatives of other observer groups participating as panelists in each part.

The event will be facilitated by Mr. Mark Kenber, CEO, The Climate Group, who will be the event moderator.

Date, time, location

The dialogue will take place on Thursday, 21 November 2013, from 09:30 to 12:30 hours, in Room Warsaw at the COP venue.

Participation

The dialogue will be open to all conference participants, including the press. The dialogue may also be transmitted via webcast, which will remain available on the UNFCCC web site for future reference. The event will be held in English.

Topics of each dialogue and format

The event will be convened by the COP/CMP President, who will invite a moderator to facilitate the dialogues. Topics of discussion are:

- *Enhancing adaptation and resilience at the local level.*
- *Enhancing global mitigation efforts through action at the local level.*

Each of the two parts of the event will last for 90 minutes. The dialogues will include interaction with participants from the floor. The facilitator should ensure that interactions are conducted in a manner to ensure a free exchange of views. Delegations are requested to not indicate their intention to make interventions prior to the dialogues.

Draft agenda

Moderator: Mr. Mark Kenber, CEO, The Climate Group

09:30-09:45	<p>Welcome and introductory remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>H.E. Mr. Marcin Korolec, COP/CMP President</i> <i>Keynote address by</i> • <i>H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-Moon, United Nations Secretary-General</i> • <i>Ms. Hanna Gronkiewicz – Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw</i> • <i>Ms. Christiana Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC</i>
09:45-11:00	<p><i>Enhancing adaptation and resilience at the local level.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p><u>Ministers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Paul H. Oquist, Minister and Private Secretary for National Policies of Nicaragua, Nicaragua 2. H.E. Ms. Wilma Mansveld, Minister of Environment, Netherlands 3. H.E. Mr. Tony De Brum, Minister in Assistance, Republic of the Marshall Islands <p><u>Mayors and sub-national leaders</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Tunc Soyer, Mayor of Seferihisar, Turkey 2. Dr. Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan, Governor of Delta State, Nigeria 3. Mr. George K. Heartwell, Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA 4. Mr. Gustavo Petro, Mayor of Bogota, Colombia <p><u>Civil Society and observers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Dr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat 6. Rachel Kyte, Vice-President for Sustainable Development, World Bank
11:00-12:30	<p><i>Enhancing global mitigation efforts through action at the local level.</i></p> <p>Speakers</p> <p><u>Ministers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H.E. Mr. Pascal Canfin, Minister for Development, France 2. H.E. Mr. Seongkyu Yoon, Minister of Environment, Republic of Korea 3. H.E. Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda <p><u>Mayors and sub-national leaders</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Mr. Geraldo Julio, Mayor of Recife, Brazil 5. Dr. Tang Jie, Deputy Mayor of Shenzhen, China 6. Ms. Penny Ballem, City Manager, Vancouver, Canada 7. Ms. Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor of Warsaw, Poland 8. Mr. Ronan Dantec, Councillor of Nantes, France <p><u>Civil Society and observers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Mr. Heinz Leuenberger, Director of Environmental Management Branch, UNIDO 10. Ms. Dominika Kulczyk-Lubomirska, Vice-President, Green Cross Poland
12:30 -12:40	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. David Cadman, President of ICLEI, Focal Point for the LGMA constituency • H.E. Ms. Aneta Wilmańska, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry of the Environment, Poland

Guiding questions for the discussion

Segment: Enhancing adaptation and resilience at the local level

- How can local and sub-national governments be engaged and strengthened in developing a strategic and systematic approach to reducing vulnerability to and disaster risks from climate change and building their adaptation capacity?
- What is the best practice in integrating adaptation measures into the most immediate local and sub-national priorities, such as promoting sustainable livelihoods, reducing poverty, resource management, health and education, and low emissions development?
- What role can development assistance agencies play in laying the foundations for the robust management of climate risk and the rapid scaling up of adaptation at the local and sub national level?

Segment: Enhancing global mitigation efforts through action at the local level

- What constitutes best practice in terms of multi-level governance modes that can enable national governments and the global climate community to harness the ambitions, potential and success stories of local and sub-national governments in reducing emissions and generating multiple co-benefits through engaging in low emissions development?
- Climate change issues cut across many sectors and require the strengthening of horizontal and vertical coordination. In this context, how can local and sub-national government cooperation offer an effective means to deal with cross-boundary mitigation issues, such as water resource management, transport management, and deforestation?
- International funding and technology transfer are essential for the success of adaptation and mitigation actions at regional and local levels. How can inter-governmental agencies enhance their capacity and services in the fields of capacity building and finance in order better to support local and sub-national governments and communities?

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