

FORUM ON EXPERIENCES AND BEST PRACTICES OF CITIES AND SUBNATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN RELATION TO ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The COP at its nineteenth session decided to accelerate activities under the workplan on enhancing mitigation ambition, including by:

Facilitating the sharing among Parties of experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities, where appropriate, in identifying and implementing opportunities to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, with a view to promoting the exchange of information and voluntary cooperation.

The ADP requested the secretariat to organize a Forum, in conjunction with the fortieth meeting of the subsidiary bodies, to provide an opportunity for such information sharing. A Technical Expert Meetings (TEM) on Urban Environments will also take place during the same sessional period to allow for synergies in participation and focus.

The events will provide a basis for the discussion on the implementation of action at the sub-national and city level. The operation of the Forum will allow for the showcasing of specific initiatives and best practices in creating an enabling environment for action and mainstreaming climate change considerations into local development plans. The Forum will be chaired by Dr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, Deputy Executive Director, UN-HABITAT).

STRUCTURE

OPENING (15 MINS)

Welcome remarks by the Chairperson
Opening address by the Executive Secretary

MAPPING THE POTENTIAL (45 MINS)

Keynote addresses: Participants will have the opportunity to hear a series of focused and inspirational keynote interventions regarding the extent of potential action to respond to the challenge of climate change at the city and subnational level. These addresses will outline the extent to which such authorities impact the policy landscape, through planning and regulations, and their role in guiding and undertaking action across various sectors.

- Policies and regulations - *Mr. Mark Kember, the Climate Group*
- Transport and spatial planning - *Mr. Mark Watts, C40*
- Built Environment - *Mr. Edward Mazria, Architecture2030*
- Community involvement and climate resilience - *Ms. Vanessa Castan-Broto, 4CPPD*

EXPERIENCES OF IMPLEMENTATION (50 MINS)

Panel discussion: Building upon the outlined potentials for action a panel of representatives from city and subnational authorities will be asked to share their views in a moderated discussion on concrete actions taken by cities and subnational authorities in the design and implementation of climate sensitive development. The session will be an interactive dialogue with the panelists designed to draw out examples of building resilience and mainstreaming mitigation and adaptation into local development agendas, and the challenges faced in doing so.

Panelists:

- *Mr. Mussa Natty, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania*
- *Mr. Yann Francoise, City of Paris, France*
- *Ms. Louise Bedsworth, Republic of California, United States of America*
- *Gov. Jose Salceda, Province of Albay, the Philippines*

Following this initial exploration with the panel of the potential for action and challenges faced the Chairperson will invite Parties and the panel to elaborate on: “How the 2015 agreement can address barriers to action, facilitate cooperation and recognize the outcomes of city and subnational actions”.

TOWARDS ENHANCED ACTION (50 MINS)

Open discussion: The Chairperson will invite Parties and observers to share additional information and views from the floor and to further discuss information provided during the panel discussions. Building on the discussions earlier in the Forum, this session will aim to pick up on proposals for next steps, including voluntary cooperation, that can be taken forward after the Forum, through the TEMs or other means as appropriate.

CLOSING (20 MINS)

Options for taking proposals forward:

- *Mr. Gino van Begin, Representative of ICLEI, Focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency*
- *Mr. Brian Kilkelly, Facilitator of the TEM on Urban Environments*
- *Mr. Rohit Aggarwala, Bloomberg Philanthropies*

Summary and closing by the Chair

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