

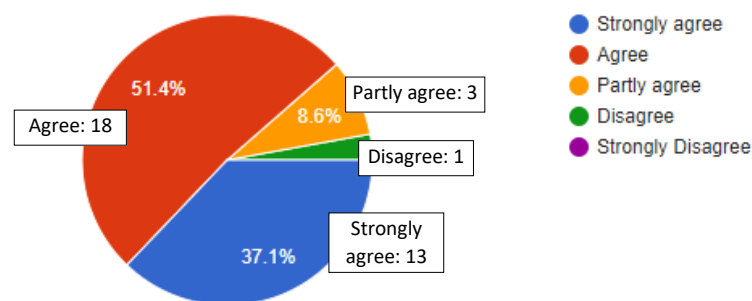
Outcomes of the 2019 SCF Forum participant survey

Total responses: 35

General assessment

The 2019 SCF Forum met my expectations.

35 responses



Please elaborate as needed

The Forum succeeded in bringing together relevant actors and ensure a real-life perspective on the issue of climate change & sustainable cities

City Level representation was low, and too supply side participants heavy

It was very helpful and an open door to learn how to access funds.

Very disappointed, too far from cities needs and too few cities attended, too many UN bodies, no representative from private investors, pension funds...

Would have benefited from more city officials and private sector actors being present. Too much input from SCF members.

More engagement of civil society (youth, private sector, academia) in future conference for a more dynamic sessions

More diversity in participants is needed to truly advance on some of the topics in the SCF agenda.

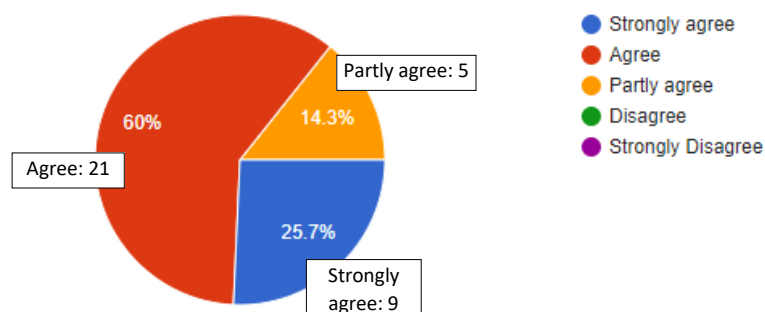
I saw how we can surely include the poor person and collaborations as well, and also prioritization of activities

Planning for climate action in cities and urban communities has to be cognizant of the complexity and multiple dimensions (economic, socio-cultural, environmental and governance) that interact and are in constant motion. The sectoral approach (water, building, transportation etc.) has to be integrated into an overarching interaction. The financial mechanisms must also reflect this. This did not fully come out at the forum.

Objectives of the Forum

The 2019 SCF Forum was successful in meeting its objectives.

35 responses



Objective of the Forum was to enhance the understanding on how to accelerate the mobilization and delivery of climate finance for sustainable cities by:

- (1) Bringing together key stakeholders and sharing good practices and lessons learned in financing sustainable cities and integrating climate considerations into cities' broader domestic infrastructure, development, and urban planning processes;
- (2) Identifying challenges faced by actors at the city level to access and attract climate finance and sharing information on available support and;
- (3) Exploring the role of climate finance to facilitate inclusive, participatory, gender-responsive and youth-oriented cities.

Please elaborate as needed

Some participants also wanted clear answers on how to get funding for their city projects, which was not the purpose of the meeting, but might have perceived to be so as part of the 'sharing info of available support'.

The panelist were clear in expending on objectives of the sessions, but i think objective 2 was not fully met.

For next time, it would be nice to invite the stakeholders from private sectors, banks, etc.

Same comment as above. Example invite developers for sustainable cities and conventional ones to exchange views and real life experience and challenges. Lessons learnt

Same as above. I think better challenge identification and categorization could also support the events outcomes. While the third objective was explored - depth was lacking - the conversation on these topics need more time to be explored and focused on.

stake holders surely give their experiences and also exclusivity in planning for cities during the a dress of climate finance

it was very usefull to conect with all the key stakeholders of the issue

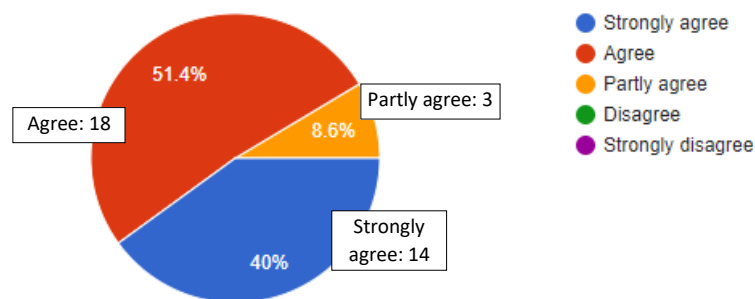
I share the view of some participants that more private stakeholders could be invited to some sessions as appropriate.

Day 1 of the Forum

Session 1 - Scene-setting plenary session

The session was useful to set the scene for the Forum and provoke further thoughts for subsequent sessions.

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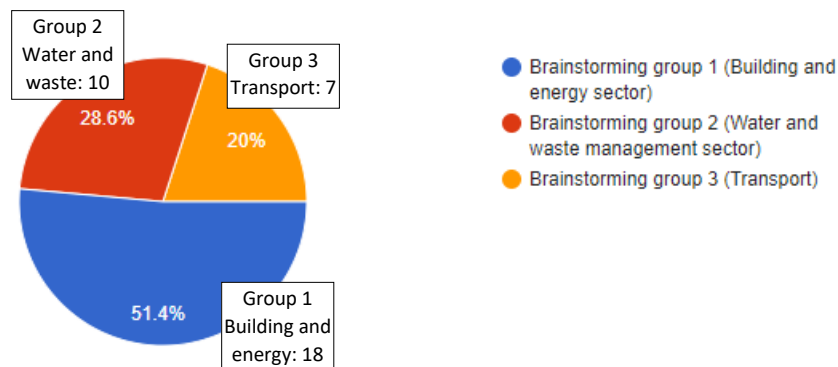
A new approach to tackle climate change through more dynamic conferences including discussion makers and members of civil society

very good occasion to understand the position of cities in terms of climate finance

Session 2 - Brainstorming session on sectors: building/energy; water/waste; transport.

Which brainstorming group did you join?

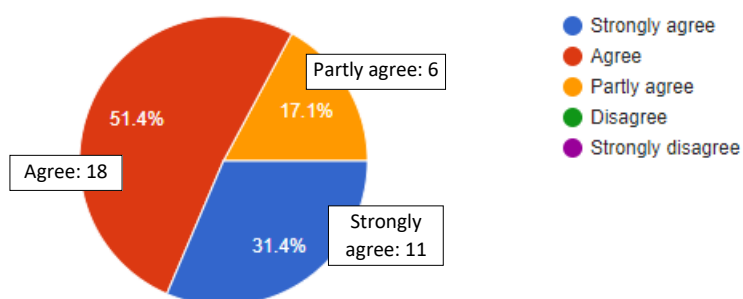
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The case study presentation within the brainstorming group was useful to trigger the discussion.



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Following the group discussion, it would be nice to have a site visit to actual infrastructure made by climate finance, if the next host city has such places.

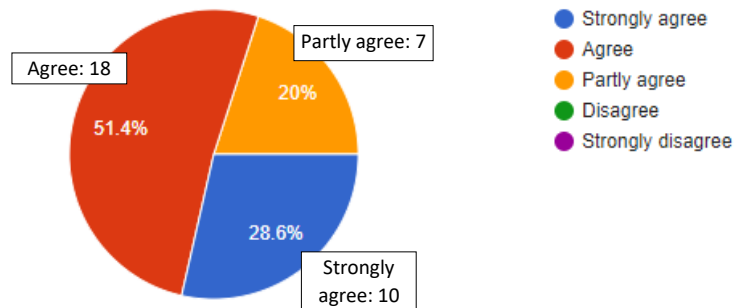
Good examples, annoying discussion between UN bodies to know which the best or more efficient

Brainstorming group could be more interactive

lady from Brazil gave the experience on how they surely manage the waste and the position of the government

The brainstorming group was facilitated well and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.

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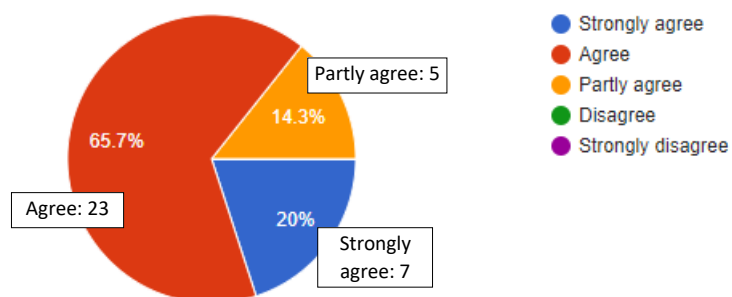
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Less interaction among participants- everyone was asked to speak which lacks reflecting on what others have said
needed more time to conclude the discussion

Session 3 - Plenary session on planning and financing sustainable cities

The presentation was thought-provoking and useful to set the scene for the discussions that followed.

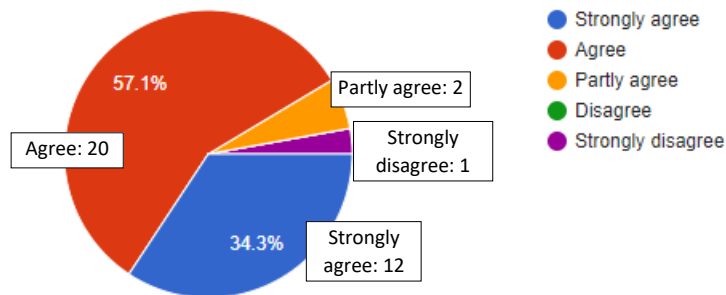
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The panel discussion was well-facilitated and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.



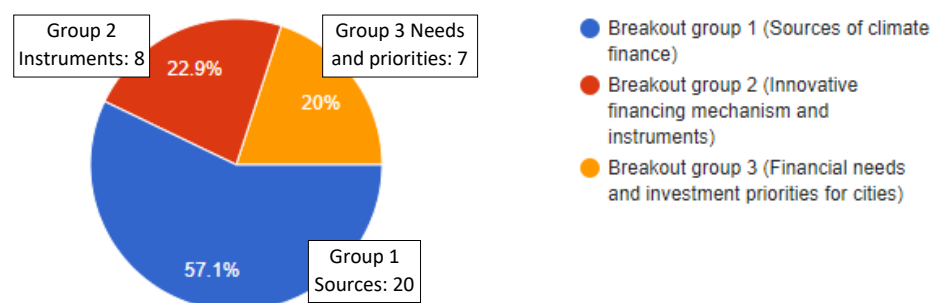
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Session 4 - Breakout groups on (1) Sources of climate finance for cities; (2) Innovative financing mechanism and instruments; (3) Financial needs and investment priorities for cities

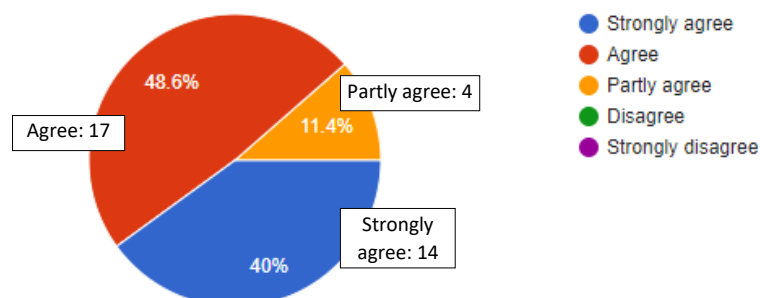
Which breakout group did you join?

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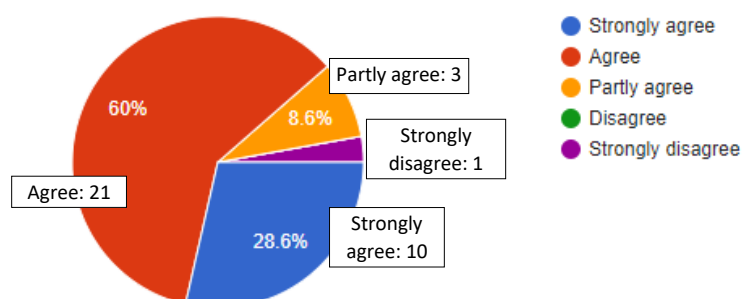
The case study presentation within the breakout group was useful to trigger the discussion.

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The breakout group discussion was facilitated well and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.

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Please elaborate as needed

It was only a discussion between UN bodies or funds members and no discussion with representatives from cities

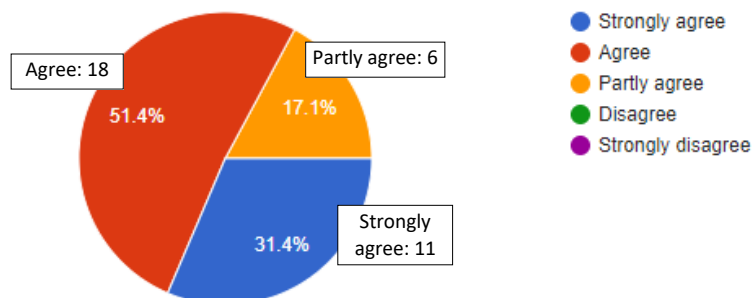
The plenary room venue did not provide a good space for interactive discussion.

As above

Themese were too specific and difficult to expand the discussion.

The plenary report-back discussion was useful to further elaborate on the topics at hand, building on the outcomes of the breakout groups.

35 responses



Wrapping up feedback on day 1

Do you have any additional feedback on Day 1? (Both in terms of the substance and logistics)

35 responses

The substance was as I expected and the logistics were superb! Clear presentations, easy-to-understand, smooth transition from video to real-life chats, the use of sli.do, etc.

we are at UNFCCC meeting and using plastic cups, why we advise people not to do it while we are not sustainable .

no, all good thanks. Appreciate the work that went into the logistics

all went well

I regret the absence of WB, EIB and EBRD.

It was an excellent day - full of novel angles for the discussion of the various issues

It was well organized giving sufficient time to all relevant issues

For logistics, no need to provide free pen\notebook for everyone. Just put on table to take if needed to avoid one-time use stationary.

some discussion after the wrap-up would have been helpful

Less presenters and more interaction would have been better

Let the city talks...

Cutting the break out sessions from 1h30 to 1 hour was an abrupt change and made dynamics of the small sessions difficult to manage. Also would really suggest not having small breakout group sessions take place in a huge plenary auditorium.

Very good

More collective coordination on expressing financing needs from cities ahead of time could have provided a better framing to start the event.

The content was rich.

it was awesome

weel organized. i loved the wrap up of the day in order to know what was discuss in each breacking group

Logistics was excellent.

Not at all

I have no additional comments

it was very informative

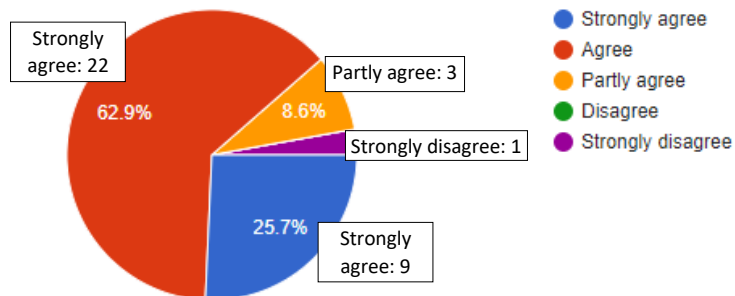
It was well organized.

Day 2 of the Forum

Session 5 - Capacity-building and enabling environments to mobilize and access climate finance

The video presentation was thought-provoking and useful to set the scene for the discussions that followed.

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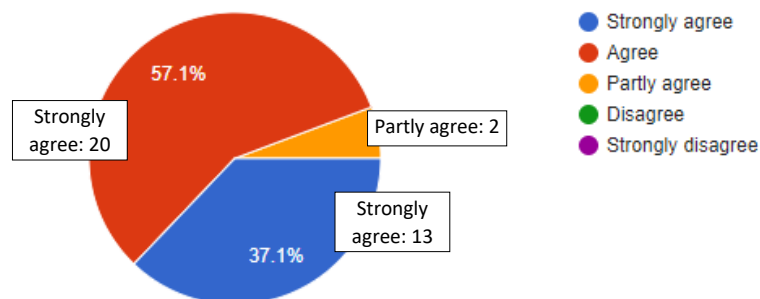
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set a good tone for the ensuing discussions by the panelists

It was good to have HSBC to have a "private" look

The panel discussion was well-facilitated and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.

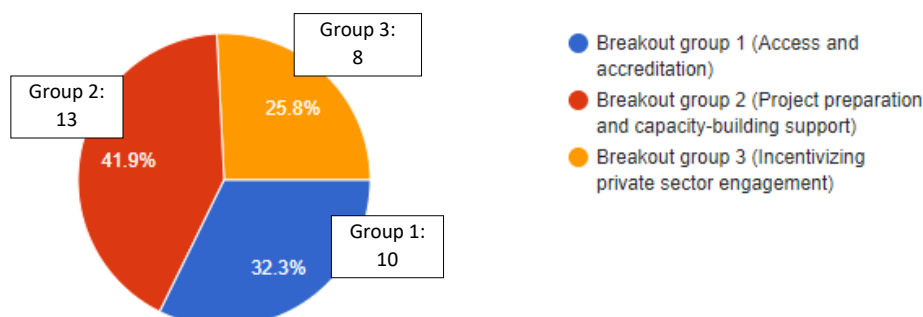
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Session 6 - Breakout groups on (1) access and accreditation; (2) project preparation and capacity-building support; (3) incentivizing private sector engagement

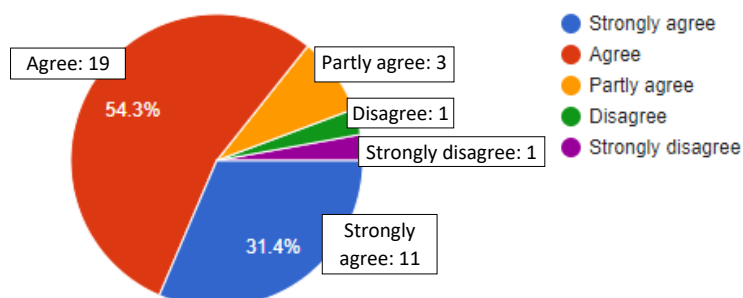
Which breakout group did you join?

31 responses



The case study presentation within the breakout group was useful to trigger the discussion.

35 responses



Please elaborate as needed

Bias alert - I was the session moderator. I thought it was a fun and informative and very interactive session. But my vote should not count!

It was difficult to hear due to AC noise.

Emergency is not in the Agenda, the way of thinking or funding from MDB is too far from our priorities to improve capacity buildings and developing their own autonomy of developing cities. It sounds like former "colonization" thinkings

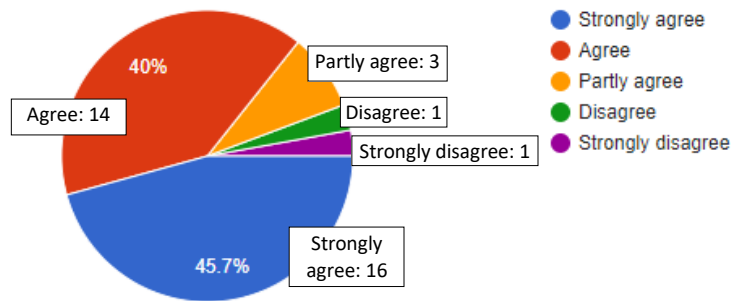
Second presentation not on direct access nor accreditation

The project preparation was really facilitated well, we agreed that always the beneficiaries or communities should always be part at all levels and we should do direct participation not consultation .

The breakout session was facilitated well and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.



35 responses



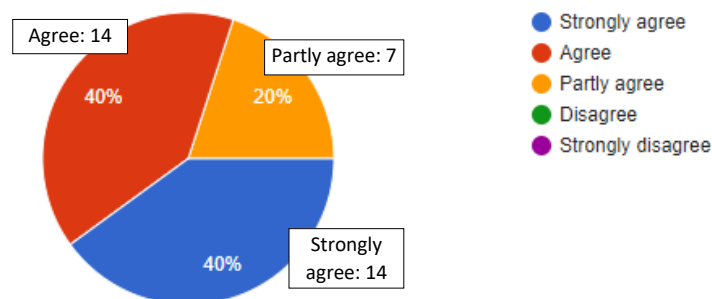
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very experienced Moderator, engaging and encouraging discussions
Moderator was excellent.
Very well facilitated
Moderator did not actively engage participants in the room
The case study presentation while very interesting and relevant did not really fit the topic of the breakout - or did not connect clearly enough during the discussion.
levels of engagement were clearly identified

The plenary report-back discussion was useful to further elaborate on the topics at hand, building on the outcomes of the breakout groups.



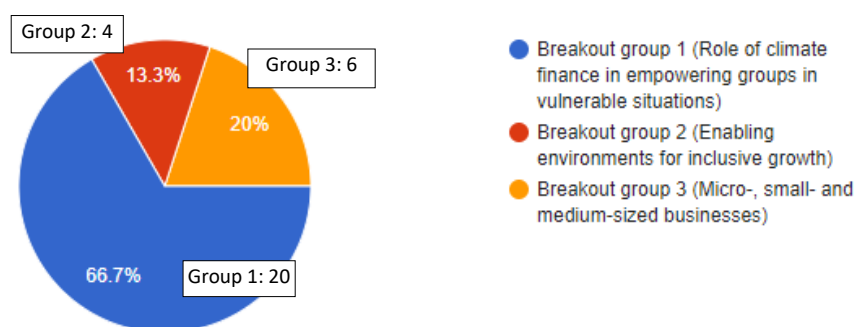
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Session 7 - Breakout groups on inclusiveness on the (1) role of climate finance in empowering groups in vulnerable situations; (2) enabling environments for inclusive growth; (3) micro-, small- and medium-sized businesses

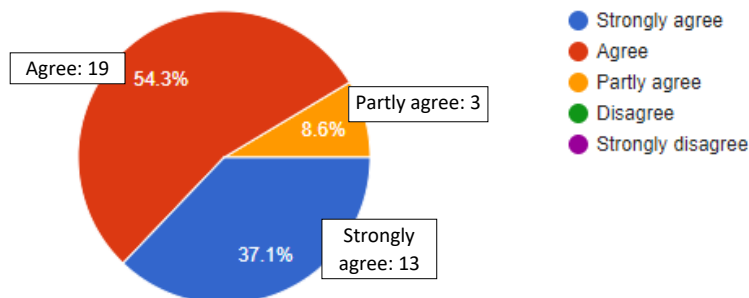
Which breakout group did you join?

30 responses



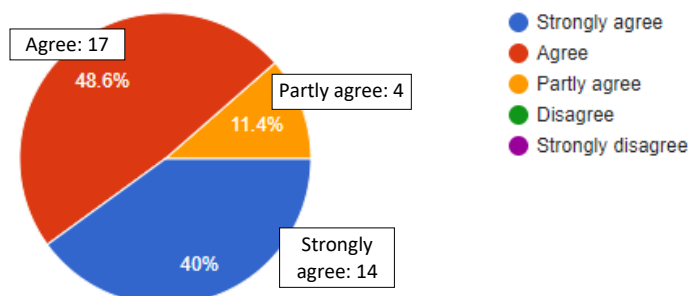
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The breakout group discussion was facilitated well and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.

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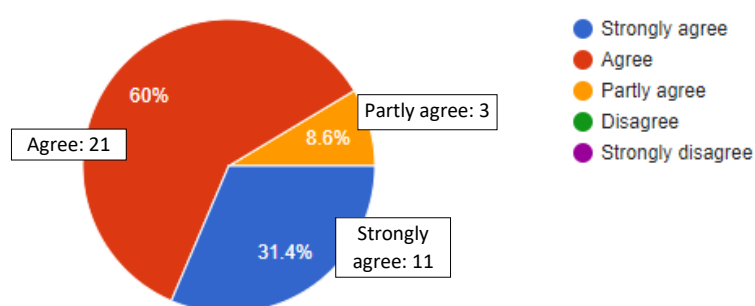


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Limited attendance in this session prevented engaged dialogue. Having representatives from MSMEs would have also helped to improve knowledge collection.

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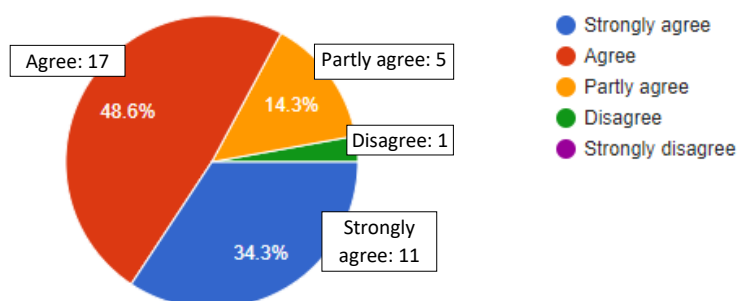
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Aided to putting all the discussions in context and also assisted in showing the potential interlinkages

Session 8 - Plenary session on inclusiveness

The panel discussion was well-facilitated and it enhanced my understanding of the topic.

35 responses



Please elaborate as needed

it showed a gap in collaboration between the actors and the communities

Wrapping up feedback on day 2

Do you have any additional feedback on Day 2? (Both in terms of the substance and logistics)

On Session 8, it seems that the list of speakers has not been updated.

The link of climate finance to urban settings was extremely important

NO

I think the time allotted for the breakout sessions were too short

well organized giving adequate time to relevant questions and answers.

For Day 2 afternoon, people started to feel bit tired being in the same style of forum. I would suggest to have a sectoral group discussion and site visit on Day 2 afternoon, to change the mood.

same, more discussion after reports back from BOGs

Overall logistics comment- it would have been preferred if the rooms had outlets to charge laptops.

Same than 1st day

Very good interactive sessions

No additional feedback

I can say the day is well fulfilled.

it was short time we needed like 4 days for better discussion and sharing as well

Day 2: it was very interesting the topic on inclusive cities.

Logistics was excellent.

I have no additional comments other than the one on the need to involve some (not too many, to avoid the Forum becoming a big conference) private sector actors with proven experience to enhance discussion, perhaps reaching out through associations/business organizations as appropriate to the selected theme of the Forum. The formula of sessions with breakout groups and panel discussions involving the audience to wrap up the breakout groups is excellent. I am looking forward to the summary report

it was great that it ends earlier. just standing for 15 minutes for a photo does not leave a good impression. maybe for next time, it is better to make sure everybody is ready before asking to take one.

Themes were too specific.

Overall assessment

Please list three positive elements from the 2019 SCF Forum

Focus on Cities, Participant Engagement, Organization

Great topic & presentations; Participation of diverse actors & audience; Beautiful city

Networking, side talks, diversity .

City of Beirut had a very positive impact on me. The venue was easily accessible. Hotel was well situated. Lunch was excellent best food every served at UNFCCC meeting. COP organisers should in future ensure to actually have local cuisine included in the food choices. Not just bread rolls and sandwiches. UNFCCC and ESCWA staff are all very helpful and friendly

networking, bottom-up examples, clear identification of gaps and barriers

Interactive that never made it boring, broad themes, diverse background and specialists that made the session groups very interesting.

role of cities in future action to tackle climate change, cobenefits of using climate finance that expands to unforeseen sectors like health and energy, better understanding on social and economic challenges facing cities climate related actions

Inclusive, Good balance between the Global, the Regional and the Local, Very good organization.

Cross cutting issues were integrated
Novel perspectives were explored
Frank and candid discussions about the current state of climate finance were presented

SCF admits now that local governments and authorities are part of the solutions, therefore they will need to finance their actions, consequently facilitating the access for these stakeholders is a must

Well done

Good Network
Clear articulation of the Needs of Cities to be matched with resources
Understanding the works ongoing in other parts of the world

Excellent organization and time management, great panelists, excellent moderators

1. Networking
2. Content
3. Location - Beirut was great

Requirement of domestic enabling environment, effective and efficient use of public money by leveraging all other sources of finance, efficient use of all instruments other than grants for mobilizing resources

Practic information, capacity-building

1) Networking with people, 2) disseminating my stories and ideas, 3) feeling the current situations and trends of the world's climate finance.

concrete discussion, practitioners outside UNFCCC box, mainly decent time management

Concrete examples, mix of backgrounds

Informative, Diverse expertise of participants & only 2 days focused meeting

Cities, cities, HSBC

good organisation, engaged participants, well kept time

Networking, interesting participants, lively discussions

2 days is a good duration, overall well attended, good mix of participants

1. Broader coverage of the topics
2. A wider variety of experts from multilateral, private and government institutions
3. Good location and venue for the meetings

1. Case studies very useful
2. Engagement of research institutes and banking sectors very useful
3. The topic of forum is well chosen and inline with climate action

1. Good representation from key actors in the city finance space. 2. Engaged participation from almost all participants. 3. Section on inclusiveness was valuable and interesting but can be further expanded in the future.

Experience sharing
Diversity of participants
Engagement of participants.

It was so interactive, Time management was so good, Facilitators were so good and new what to do when

connecting. information. perspective for the future discussions on climate change

Networking, knowledge gained and exploring potential partnerships.

Multiple actors involved; Diversity of topics discussed; Possibility of horizontal discussions

The forum should remain a small(ish) gathering, turning it into a big event should be avoided, working in breakout groups gives one a chance to actively participate in discussions, having plenary wrap ups of work in groups enables one to learn what was discussed in other groups, this formula should be retained

- different stakeholders were present. /- getting introduced to different projects in the region and internationally.
/- the agenda was well made

theme setting, regional coverage, and composition of the forum

Please list three areas of improvement for the future SCF Forums

Too few case studies in breakouts meant discussions less well rounded
How to translate what was learned at the forum into UNFCCC?; Lunch.
being sustainable in our logistics, fund youth to attend, time management.
Communication regarding water not been allowed into the meeting room would have been helpful. Fully understand the issue of using plastic bottles but then alternative should be provided, eg Water jugs for the speakers and panelist.
need for concrete solutions, finance and city people talking past each other
Lack of contact lists for future references (at least an email or web page of other participants and climate funding organizations), no written or digital material,
relevance of case studies, daily summary to be circulated and posted, more time for interactive discussions
More IFIS and banks should participate. It should be a kind of an obligation for WB, EIB, EBRD,... in the framework of their commitments to UNFCCC.
Inclusion of private sector investors
N/A
None
More City participants to bring the practical issues up More time for breakout sessions More City Needs to Matching Potential Finance Sources
More participation of local authorities if developing countries
1. IT systems - Secretariat ensuring all videos are loaded and working well prior to all sessions 2. Food and coffee - fruit at morning and afternoon tea, also need to have milk for tea and coffee 3.
Focus also on social infrastructure with a focus on experiences of developing countries.
how to include our country on fund access. what are the criterias
1) No good time management (always same persons speak long and no time left for others), 2) invite more variety of stakeholders including private sector, 3) add 1/2 day (within the 2-day program) or one-day excursion (after the 2-day programme as option) to visit actual sites implemented by climate finance.
more exchange after the reports back, perhaps less involvement by the SCF members in the panels
Flexibility in setup: substance over form
More interaction with less presenters, consider an exhibition or poster making and displaying practice and report back not in plenary but facilitator to present that in a poster form and have all the report backs in parallel and allow engagement on that as well.
City responsibility and autonomy, shift the trillions to private initiatives, Business actors are also the key with cities

more engaged SCF members, follow the topic of discussions, SCF members to interact more with participants

Bad organization, SCF members too involved not giving enough time to other participants to join, logistics need improvement

Forum could be more open in terms of participation, more central governments, more negotiators to link the discussion to practical recommendations for policymaking at UNFCCC, more interactive set up (work cafes, etc) videos, etc

1. The topics could be better tailored to represent needs in developing countries
2. Venues could also be more flexible and open to all. The limitations of participants based on whether they have visited Israel or have stamps from Israel or even goods from Israel is discriminatory.

1. Engagement of academia, private extortion, developers, civil society
2. Including an exhibition for environmentally friendly products and projects conducted by civil society
3. Engagement of youth
4. A more practical approach and enter active sessions

1. Increase in the diversity of actors present, 2. Better time management of the agenda to avoid late starts and rushing through collaborative discussion interventions 3. More focus on identifying challenges / showcasing solutions for adaptation financing.

The plenary room was very small

Time factor was too short, More vulnerable people to be invited and consistent at least 2-3 times the same people for proper tracking of the progress and understanding.. Private sector should also be more called for a balanced representation as well as understanding .

more videos

Grouping of countries which share similar climate risk (SIDS), more best practices with developing and least developed countries and milk for the coffee..lol

Make tables with greater specificity by regions or affinity of problems

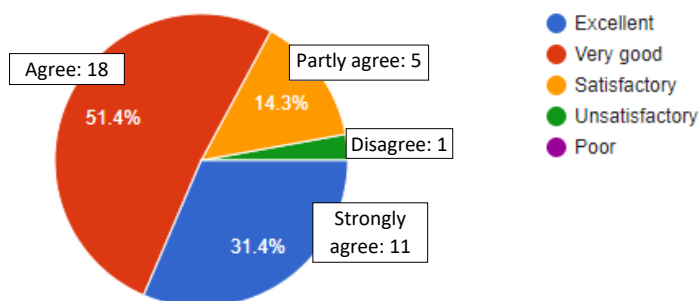
A careful selection of individuals representing relevant private sectors would help to connect the forum to the world at large and enhance the impact of the forum

- more engagement of youth and civil society/ followup with attendees during the year

networking, site-visit, and some external speaker

What is your overall assessment of the 2019 SCF forum?

35 responses



Thank you for completing this survey. If you have any additional comments, please feel free to leave them anonymously in the textbox below, or contact the secretariat at standingcommittee@unfccc.int.

Really appreciate the opportunity to participate, thank you

It was a wonderful idea to organise this meeting but unfortunately it was not a forum with true city reality but the vision from UN bodies, MDB, City networks... BUT not from cities practitioners and it lacks actors from local economy : companies and private investors...

Thanks for inviting me and looking forward to more events to support climate action

This forum constitutes a real opportunity to learn from many practitioners and researchers both from developed and developing countries. Very useful.

Thank you. It was a very useful experience to participate in the forum