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Concept Note Cities, Regions & Built Environment Day Action Event: *Decarbonizing and Adapting our Built Environment and Cities*

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Cities, Regions & Built Environment Day Action Event: Decarbonizing and Adapting our Built Environment and Cities

Description	<p>Cities, regions and their built environment are at the forefront of the climate emergency. With their actions towards halving emissions by 2030, they are catalysts of the green and just transition and recovery from COVID-19. This event will explore how human settlements can inspire radical behavioural and consumption changes for people to lead lives compatible with a 1.5°C lifestyle, especially looking through the lenses of the key pillars of the Human Settlements pathway: the built environment and waste and consumption. Critically, the event will demonstrate the key enablers and market drivers of the entire buildings and construction value chain to influence innovative action, as well as circular economy approaches towards a net-zero resilient transition.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The event will focus on ambitious cities, regions and built environment stakeholders action providing a demand signal to policy makers and demonstrate the willingness to support more ambitious NDCs and NAPs by showcasing action that is being delivered. ● The event will highlight the magnitude of emissions related to cities, regions and the built environment lifecycle (including a specific focus on the overlap of powers and opportunities between cities, regions and the building and construction stakeholders in the built environment) and showcase that the goals of the Paris Agreement cannot be achieved without addressing this critical sector. ● The event will also make clear that circular development approaches implemented by cities and regions are key to decarbonize the economy, including the building and construction sector, and achieving climate neutrality. ● A smooth transition to COP27 Africa, ensuring continuity of ambition and actions, with COP26 Glasgow is seen as a culminating point, but the start of a decisive decade for humanity – a decade that will determine how we live, where we live, and if we live. ● Springboard to implementation: Global Stocktake in 2023 is the next major milestone in the race to net zero emissions, and pressure is already building ahead.
*Participants	<p>Full built environment and circular economy value chain participation (cities, regions, national governments, civil society, circular economy practitioners, designers, planners, contractors, developers and financiers).</p>



<p>Key messages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Considering the opportunities to raise climate ambitions nationally and globally through active engagement and empowerment of local and regional governments as endorsed in the preamble of the Paris Agreement and demonstrated in several new and enhanced Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and numerous commitments of local and regional governments, multilevel and collaborative climate action should become the new normal in the second phase of the Paris Agreement starting from COP26 onwards. ● Built environment (including circular development) as key sector to decarbonization of the economy, combining significant mitigation, adaptation and resilience potential, whilst promoting economic development, job growth, healthier and equitable societies. Without system transformation in the built environment and the global economy, we will not deliver on the Paris Climate Goals. ● Sustainable and innovative waste and consumption policies and practices play an essential role to implement 1.5°C compatible lifestyles addressing both climate, biodiversity and pollution emergencies and therefore should be effectively incorporated into commitments of local and regional governments as well as into the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans and other national and global policies.
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