



SCF Forum on sustainable cities

ICLEI –C40- GCoM- CCFLA proposition

With the goal to support the discussions of the SCF20 meeting on the forthcoming SCF Forum on sustainable cities, with the lead of ICLEI, GCoM Finance Technical Working Group, C40 Cities and Cities Climate Finance Leadership Alliance (CCFLA) members provided input on:

- Potential venue of the next SCF Forum
- Potential outcomes

Potential venue of the Forum

1. Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LoCS), Aug/Sept 2019 organized by ICLEI Africa, venue and exact date tbc
2. Asia-Pacific Climate Week (APCW), 2–6 September, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, organized by UNFCCC
3. Second Annual Meeting of the Malaga Coalition on municipal investment finance, Malaga, Spain on 3–4 October 2019
4. International Renewable Energy Conference (IREC), 22–25 October, 2019 in Seoul, organized by REN21
5. C40 Summit, which is taking place in Copenhagen from 9–10 October
6. 7th Asian Pacific Urban Forum, 15–17 October, Penang, Malaysia (www.unescap.org/events/apuf7)

Political messages and outcomes of discussions

1. Crucial role local governments play in reaching the goals of the Paris Agreement and close the finance gap + link with SDGs
2. Importance of advocating for vertical integration for NDC implementation and financing
3. Importance of supporting (already early stage) project preparation and capacity building with local and regional governments
4. Urge to have a coherent definition on subnational climate finance, as well as to track subnational climate finance flows
5. Urge direct city access to UN climate funds provided by its operating entities (GCF, GEF) and the Adaptation Fund to support project implementation, preparation and readiness of urban investments.
6. Support the creation of local financial intermediaries to develop adapted financial solutions and to localize funding and financing
7. Stop separation of adaptation and mitigation in providing funding for financing streams
8. Harmonization of existing infrastructure standards
9. The need for new development finance solutions that directly support city low carbon/climate resilience ambitions and accelerated implementation of city climate action plans