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Climate Action Event
Concept Note
“Human Settlements”

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

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10:00-12:00 Local Time

Action Room 1, Ibis, COP27 Blue Zone

Organised by High Level Climate Champions, ICLEI and GlobalABC



MP Human Settlements:

Action towards a zero-emission, circular, & resilient built environment and cities for everyone, everywhere

<p>Description</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The event will focus on solutions for people.</i> • <i>Cities are warming 2x faster than the global average– and the buildings and construction sector contributes ~40% of global greenhouse gas emissions; at a local level it is peoples homes, peoples schools, peoples hospitals and cultural centres that need decarbonizing– the transition must put people at the centre to help address the combined heat and energy crises, especially in the global south.</i> • <i>Transitioning to a circular economy in our densest urban areas is critical to transform human settlements and the built environment within them to a resilient, zero-carbon future. Putting the buildings and construction sector on a circular economy trajectory is essential for zero waste and for achieving national climate targets - over a third of construction waste currently goes to landfill.</i> • <i>This event will demonstrate recent signals of change from around the globe– highlighting the transition toward net-zero, resilient, equitable, affordable, safe human settlements– and the associated co-benefits, from job creation to reduced air pollution.</i>
<p>Headline</p>	<p><i>Human settlements both drive the climate crisis and are disproportionately burdened by it. Non-state actors are setting bold climate commitments and implementing solutions that will drive a circular, net-zero, resilient, and equitable future– but more, immediate investments in human settlements are essential through which jobs, healthy environments and economic gains will be created.</i></p>
<p>Suggested outcomes aligned to narrative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shift from ambition to action: <i>showcase action from non-party stakeholders toward low-carbon, circular, equitable and resilient human settlements– with local government and business leadership as a pivotal enabler.</i> • Demonstrate examples of and opportunities for finance flows, <i>with a focus on new business models and regionalised local projects that unlock resilient, zero-waste systems. Illustrate the synergies between fair and inclusive urban development and climate action, such as economic and social benefits.</i> • Highlight the impact of systemic multi-level collaboration <i>across the entire value chain, from national and local governments, business and finance communities necessary to reach near-term 2030 Breakthroughs for both</i>



	<p><i>mitigation and resilience. Use examples of collaboration to demonstrate how it can speed up solutions within human settlements, particularly highlighting examples from Africa and Egypt.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Deliver a specific, targeted call to action to financiers, philanthropic organisations, development banks, businesses, and policymakers, specifically at the national government level, to increase investments in mitigation, adaptation and resilience solutions for human settlements to deliver impact before 2030, to avoid the worst climate impacts.
<p>Objectives</p>	<p><i>Noting importance of HLCC’s priorities from COP27 guidance pack and the focus on near term action. We will move away from “ambition statements” only and focus on signals of change. The event will provide linkage to the Human Settlements A&R Breakthroughs and the 2030 Built Environment Outcome for mitigation.</i></p> <p><i>Participants will meet gender balance and geographic diversity.</i></p>
<p>*Participants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>City & sub-national policy leaders</i> ● <i>Built Environment frontrunner CEOs (supply, demand, owner, investor etc)</i> <p><i>Additionally:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>NGOs</i> ● <i>Race to Resilience partner initiatives</i> ● <i>Race to Zero actors</i> ● <i>Community voices</i> ● <i>SME business leads</i>
<p>Key messages</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Building equitable and resilient communities - Decarbonising our built environment and tackling our production and consumption of materials and products is essential for us to mitigate further climate change. However, the impacts of climate change are already being felt - creating equitable, resilient and protected communities for people to thrive is urgently needed. ● Cities are taking bold climate action now, but we need to increase the flow of finance. While the climate crisis is compounding in cities, local governments are fighting back with bold climate commitments and action– yet immediate, near-term investments are essential for cities to meet their 2030 goals. Cities & regions are not only policy makers, but are large owners of public building and infrastructure stock – from social housing, to schools to municipal office buildings. There is huge opportunity for policy makers to create the demand signal for low-carbon, circular and resilient construction and systems by utilising their capital assets to drive local market capability.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementing the circular economy in dense urban areas can bring tremendous economic, social, and environmental benefits If we are to build thriving, liveable, resilient cities, we clearly need to start thinking and acting systemically when it comes to buildings. Currently, around 95% of the value of construction materials is lost as our existing buildings decay into obsolescence and then demolition. The world’s building stock will be doubled by 2060, and as new construction creates an estimated third of the globe’s waste, the sector cannot afford to not tackle waste and consumption. Some cities are radically collaborating with business and industry to drive circular practices and construction, which demonstrate a new business model. Furthermore, low emissions, circular and resilient principles can assist Africa and the global south leapfrog the development gap.
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Agenda

0mins-20mins	<p><i>Introduction & Welcome Remarks - human settlement scene setter re: city-level action and unlocking the flow of finance.</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Kobie Brand, ICLEI Deputy Secretary General and Regional Director ICLEI Africa</i></p> <p><i>HLCC: Nigel Topping</i></p> <p><i>City in RTZ: Brigid Shea, Commissioner, Travis County, TX, USA</i></p> <p><i>City in RTR: Atiqul Islam, Mayor of Dhaka North</i></p>
20mins-50mins	<p>Opening Panel: Circularity in Construction <i>The construction industry is one of the largest producers of waste. Thus, a new perspective towards materials is needed. Reusing materials reduces the consumption of raw materials and depicts a first step from a linear to a circular economy.</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Kobie Brand, ICLEI Deputy Secretary General and Regional Director, ICLEI Africa</i></p> <p><i>City: Mr Evans Asamoah Adjei, Chief Resilience and Sustainability Officer, Accra, Ghana</i></p> <p><i>Design: Sarah El Battouty, Founder ECONSult Architecture</i></p> <p><i>Construction: Magali Anderson, CSO Holcim</i></p> <p><i>Finance: Philippe Akoa, CEO FEICOM</i></p>
50mins-52mins	<p><i>Video Intervention</i></p>	<p><i>Participant tbc x1</i></p>
52mins-72mins	<p>Fireside Chat: Waste & Consumption in Cities</p>	<p><i>Moderator: Jennifer Layke, WRI</i></p> <p><i>City: Risto Veivo, Climate Director, City of Turku</i></p> <p><i>Youth: Pedro Campos, Congressman for the State of</i></p>



		<p><i>Pernambuco, Brazil</i></p> <p><i>Nat Gov: Mr. Hiroshi Ono, Vice-Minister for Global Environmental Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i></p>
72mins-77mins	5 min -	<p><i>Video intervention linking Circularity to Built Environment</i></p>
77mins-97mins	<p><i>Fireside Chat: Action on Built Environment</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Jennifer Layke, WRI</i></p> <p><i>City: Aline Cardoso, Head of Economic Development and Labour, City of São Paulo</i></p> <p><i>Business: Jerome Frost, UK, India, Middle East and Africa Chair, Arup</i></p> <p><i>Nat. Gov: Majida El Ouardirhi, Secretary General, Ministry of National Territory and Urban Planning, Housing and City Policy, Kingdom of Morocco</i></p>
100mins-115mins	<p><i>Audience Q&A with all Fireside Chat participants</i></p>	<p><i>Moderator: Jennifer Layke, WRI</i></p> <p><i>All 6 fireside participants</i></p>
115mins-120mins	<p><i>Closing Remarks</i></p>	<p><i>Closing: Cristina Gamboa, CEO World Green Building Council</i></p>