

Local Leadership for Climate: Solutions to the Climate Emergency

Saturday 21st of September – 15:00-18:00

Conference room 2, UNHQ, NYC

The Infrastructure, Cities, and Local Action (ICLA) Coalition and Nature Based Solutions (NBS) Coalition invite you to one of the first events of the 2019 United Nations Secretary General’s (UNSG) Climate Action Summit to highlight subnational mobilization, progress and action and to discuss areas for alignment, collaboration and investment to accelerate and support ambitious climate action.

While the Paris Agreement was agreed upon by nations, science shows that action by the world’s cities and local governments is critical to keep global warming from raising above climate safe limits. Cooperation among all levels of government is imperative to advance the technology, public policy, knowledge and capacity at the scale and speed necessary to meet Paris Agreement targets.

Bringing mayors and local leaders together with ministers and national government representatives, this event will discuss:

Session 1	Impact of Subnational Mobilization
Time	15:00-16:00
Structure	<p>Moderated panel discussion with local leaders and national government representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Showcasing subnational commitments to-date; – Exploring new opportunities through ICLA track initiatives to support cities; – Identifying largest gaps for subnational governments to realize ambition; – Discussing areas for greater vertical integration and collaborative action
Participants	<p>Subnational Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Markku Markkula, <i>First Vice-President of the European Committee of the Regions</i> • Lisa Helps, <i>Mayor of Victoria, Canada</i> • Mohamed Sefiani, <i>Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco</i> • Lee Kinyanjui – <i>Chair of the Urban Development Committee and Governor of Nakuru County</i> • Sub-National Representative (TBC) <p>National Government Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (TBC) • James Macharia, <i>EGH -Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure, Housing, Urban Development and Public Works, Kenya</i> <p>Moderator: Mexico Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ms. Martha Delgado, incumbent President of the Urban Assembly</p>

Session 2	NBS Enhancing Subnational Climate Action
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Time	16:00-17:00
Structure	<p>Moderated panel discussion with local leaders, international experts, civil society representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Highlight opportunities of how NBS can support cities to further strengthen resilience and increase emission reductions/removal; – Identify tools, areas of collaborative action, key opportunities and milestones in lead up to 2020 for subnational governments to enhance ambition; – Discuss initiatives to help cities act on opportunities and potential commitments at subnational levels.
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Government Representatives • Aupito William Sio, Minister of New Zealand • Xie Zhenhua, Special Representative for Climate Change Affairs of the People’s Republic of China • Mayors / Governors • Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, Albania • Powes Parkop, Governor of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea • Arthur Virgílio Neto, Mayor of Manaus, Brazil • Representatives UN and civil society • Qu Dongyu, Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) • Inger Anderson, Executive Director of United Nations Environment Program, (UNEP) • Maimunah Mohd Sharif, Executive Director of United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) • Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) • Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI) • Scott Francisco, Co-founder Cities4 Forests • Moderator: Frances Seymour, WRI.
Format (60 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 minutes kick-off presentation to highlight opportunities for NBS to strengthen resilience and enhance emission reduction/removal for cities • 35 minutes moderated panel discussion • 15 minutes moderated audience Q&A

Session 3	Financing Subnational Climate Ambition
Time	17:00-18:00
Structure	<p>Moderated panel discussion with local leaders and national government representatives to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Uncover the greatest challenges for cities financing climate planning and projects – Explore successful case studies on vertically integrated subnational climate finance – Identify potential solutions to fill the largest gaps in funding climate action.
Participants	<p>Subnational Representatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mohamed Boudra, Mayor Al Hoceima, Morocco / President of Moroccan Association of Mayors-AMPCCMs



- Philippe Saurel, Mayor of Montpellier, France
- Wycliffe Ambetsa Oparanya, EGH – Council of Governors Chairperson and Governor of Kakamega County
- Benoit Charette, Minister of Environnement and Climate Change, Quebec (TBC)

National Government Representatives:

- Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for Environment, Luxembourg
- Lejeune Mbella Mbella, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Cameroon

Financial Institutions and Partners:

- Emma Navarro, Vice President for Climate and Environment, European Investment Bank (TBC)
- **OECD** (TBC)

Moderator: Gregor Robertson, GCoM Global Ambassador, Former Mayor of Vancouver