



## SESSION DESCRIPTION

# **A1 Multi-Level Governance to enhance Integrated Climate Action: Good practices inspiring Talanoa Dialogues**

## **Facilitated Discussion**

**Date:** 26 April, 2018  
**Time:** 14:30-16:00  
**Rooms:** S00-00 (tbc)

**Language:** English  
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## **OBJECTIVE**

The session aims to offer insight into the importance of multi-level governance and its potential for bridging the often disconnected climate change mitigation and adaptation interventions to take advantage of co-benefits, while leveraging linkages and synergies with global development frameworks including the Paris Agreement (PA), Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA). Responding to the call for Talanoa Dialogues in all countries, regions and cities to address this, is in focus.

The PA recognizes the important role of local and regional governments in global climate action to help their national governments implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Yet, the challenge remains how to align strategies and approaches between all levels of governments to support coordinated planning and accelerated implementation. Cities, towns and regions are exploring the use of appropriate policies, technologies and actions, they are mobilizing stakeholders and trying to access finance for implementation of climate action. To optimize this, and achieve more ambitious NDCs to reach the PA goal, they will require (i) enhanced coordination between all levels of government, (ii) empowerment by enabling frameworks and policies, (iii) more effective communication and, last but not least, (iv) coherent monitoring and evaluation systems to track progress made. These elements of multi-level governance require collaboration among all levels of government, vertically and horizontally, to foster ownership of national climate planning and action.

This session will focus on sharing and discussing diverse good practice cases that highlight how local and national governments could take a more integrated approach to achieve synergistic outcomes in terms of resilience to climate change, integrated climate action and wider sustainable development. The focus is on processes, structures and people - key stakeholders who can make this work. Insights into integrated frameworks and relevant research will be presented to underscore implications for climate financing, and priority setting for scaling up with focus a on cities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Through information sharing and networking on a unique international platform, the session promises to provide added-value to the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues initiative launched by ICLEI and partners as part of the official UNFCCC mandated 2018 Facilitative Dialogue (Talanoa Dialogue) to deliver and advance NDCs through effective multilevel governance.



## OUTCOMES

Description of what participants will take away from the session in bullet points.

Participants will leave the session with:

- Improved understanding the importance of vertical and horizontally integrated governance. Thus understanding what joint planning, implementation, monitoring and tracking of an integrated climate change action mean in practice at the local level.
- Enhanced appreciation of how city level climate change priorities could be linked to sustainable development and imbibed principles such as inclusiveness, transparency and equity could be mainstreamed effectively.
- Catalysed initial thinking towards establishing inter-city learning platforms and collaboration hubs to foster collaboration across NDC sectors and SDG themes and mobilise improved financing.
- Enhanced knowledge of mechanisms to access finance, technology transfer and capacity building.
- Good practice cases illustrating how local, national and international climate and development goals can be implemented with a multilevel governance approach in preparation of second NDCs due by 2020 and SDGs by 2030 – The outcomes will directly feed into discussions at the Bonn Climate Talks in May 2018.

**METHODOLOGY** (Time break down of the session content, minimum of 45 minutes should be reserved for a substantive audience interaction with a meaningful outcome)

Facilitator(s)	<i>Maryke van Staden, Director of the Bonn Centre for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn Center) and Low Carbon Cities Program Manager, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, Bonn, Germany</i>
5 mins	Welcome and opening remarks <i>Maryke van Staden, ICLEI, Bonn, Germany</i>
5 mins	Introducing ICLEI's recommended approach to the Talanoa Dialogues and multi-level governance <i>Jisun Hwang, Senior Climate Advocacy and Policy Officer, ICLEI, Bonn, Germany</i>
20 mins	Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Multilevel Governance and Low Carbon Resilient Development: Comparative Analysis of Climate Planning and Implementation in Indonesian and Philippine Cities Marvin Lagonera, Project Officer, ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat, Manila, and Bima Fitrindana, Project Assistant, ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat-Indonesia Country Office, Jakarta</li> <li>2. Integrated NDC-SDG-NAP Policy Framework for Cities Nidhi Mittal, Urban resilience and Climate change specialist, Stevenage, United Kingdom</li> </ol>
30 mins	Panel Discussion – Local approaches of multi-level governance for integrated climate action



1. Kim Jong Geon, Director General for Air Quality Planning Bureau, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea – connecting air quality, climate and health in Seoul
2. Representative, South African City in the Urban-LEDS II Project (tbd) – integrated reporting from local to national level
3. Representative, South East Asian City in Urban-LEDS II or ACP Project (tbd) – breaking through silos at national level
4. Nidhi Mittal, Urban resilience and Climate change specialist, Stevenage, United Kingdom
5. Marvin Lagonera, Project Officer, ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat, Manila, Philippines and Bima Fitrindana, Project Assistant, ICLEI Southeast Asia Secretariat-Indonesia Country Office, Jakarta
6. Representative, NDC Partnership

30 mins Facilitated Discussion with Panel and Participants / Q&A

10 mins Summary of discussion and conclusion

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#### **Further recommended reading**

The 23rd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 23) to the UN Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
<https://cop23.unfccc.int/>

Boosting Subnational Climate Action through New Climate Governance - carbonn® Climate Registry 2016-2017 report  
[http://carbonn.org/20171101\\_cCR%20report\\_final-web.pdf](http://carbonn.org/20171101_cCR%20report_final-web.pdf)

The Enabling Subnational Climate Action through Multi-Level Governance  
[http://e-lib.iclei.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GIZ-ICLEI-UNHabitat\\_2017\\_EN\\_Enabling-subnational-climate-action.pdf](http://e-lib.iclei.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GIZ-ICLEI-UNHabitat_2017_EN_Enabling-subnational-climate-action.pdf)

From Strategy to Delivery: Measuring, Reporting, Verification (MRV) of Urban Low Emission Development From strategy to delivery: ICLEI's GreenClimateCities Handbook for Local Governments  
[http://urbanleds.iclei.org/fileadmin/user\\_upload/publications/Final\\_publications\\_2016/GCC\\_Handbook\\_Final.pdf](http://urbanleds.iclei.org/fileadmin/user_upload/publications/Final_publications_2016/GCC_Handbook_Final.pdf)

Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues  
<http://www.cities-and-regions.org/talanoa/>

Sustainable Development Goals  
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/?menu=1300>

The New Urban Agenda  
<http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda>

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