



SESSION DESCRIPTION

A1 Multi-level governance to enhance integrated climate action: Good practices inspiring Talanoa Dialogues

Panel

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OBJECTIVE

The session aimed at offering 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 focused on sharing and discussing diverse good practice cases that highlighted 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 was on processes, structures and people - key stakeholders who can make this work. Insights into integrated frameworks and relevant research were 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 provided 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

Participants left 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.



- Catalyzed initial thinking towards establishing inter-city learning platforms and collaboration hubs to foster collaboration across NDC sectors and SDG themes and mobilize 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 were directly feed into discussions at the Bonn Climate Talks in May 2018.

METHODOLOGY

- Welcome, opening remarks and introduction by the facilitator. **(10 minutes)**
- ICLEI's approach to the Talanoa Dialogues and multi-level governance. **(5 minutes)**
- Presentations. **(20 minutes)**
- Panel Discussion. **(30 minutes)**
- Q&A. **(20 minutes)**
- Closing remarks. **(5 minutes)**

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Further recommended reading

23rd session Conference of Parties (COP 23) to the UN Convention on Climate Change: <https://cop23.unfccc.int/>
 Boosting Subnational Climate Action through New Climate Governance - carbonn® Climate Registry 2016-2017 report: http://carbons.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

ICLEI's GreenClimateCities Handbook for Local Governments:
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/>

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