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Monday 9 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00		
10:30 - 11:30		
12:00 - 13:00	**Enabling Environment on Climate Change Governance and Resilient Cities in Asia Pacific: Lesson Learned from National Strategy to Local Action** ***Organiser:*** *UCLG ASPAC* Urbanisation in the Asia-Pacific region has been growing at an unprecedented pace, making cities the epicentres of economic development, innovation, and social transformation. However, with rapid urbanisation comes a range of environmental and climate challenges that threaten the sustainability and resilience of cities. Climate-related risks such as rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and increasing carbon emissions are exacerbating vulnerabilities, particularly for low-income and marginalised communities. The session event will serve as a platform to share knowledge-experiences and discuss key challenges and opportunities in urban climate governance. It will show the best practice on Climate Actions and SDGs 11 to bring together representatives from national and local governments including urban practitioners to explore strategies for improving governance frameworks and fostering sustainable urban development. **Speakers:** • **Bernadia Irawati Tjandradewi**, Secretary General, UCLG ASPAC.	

	• **Nizhar Marizi**, Director for Environment, Ministry of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia (Bappenas). • **Danielle Bernos**, Mayor of La Paz, Abra, and Secretary General of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), Philippines. • **Ahmet Akın**, Mayor of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye. • **Mehmet Aktaş**, Director of Strategy Development, Sultanbeyli Municipality, Türkiye. • **Beyza Çetin**, Research Development and Projects Coordinator, UCLG-MEWA. • **Mehmet Duman**, Secretary General, UCLG-MEWA. Moderator: **Neil Khor**, Advisor to COP31 Türkiye and Zero Waste Foundation (ZWF).	
13:30 - 14:30	**Empowering Local Democracy and Multilevel Action** ***Organiser:*** *World Resources Institute (WRI)* ***Partners:*** *UCLG, CHAMP Secretariat, CCAC, C40 Cities* Anchored in the official LGMA constituency presence and the Global Taskforce (GTF) roadmap at COP31, this high-level flagship session places local and regional governments (LRGs) at the center of the climate debate. The session demonstrates how multilevel governance, horizontal and vertical integration can accelerate sectoral climate transitions, directly supporting the COP31 Presidency's target to increase electricity's share of final energy consumption to 35% by 2035. It achieves this by specifically focusing on clean energy integration (housing, the built environment and transport electrification) and zero waste (methane reduction), exploring how national frameworks must enable subnational execution to bridge the implementation gap for NDCs. Focus Areas Institutionalizing Multilevel Governance (MLG): Moving beyond dialogue to establish direct partnerships and fiscal transfer mechanisms between national governments and local authorities for joint climate planning in housing, transport electrification, and waste. Territorial Solutions in Housing, Transport and Waste: Showcasing concrete municipal experiences in building energy retrofits, district heating/cooling, clean mobility integration, and organic waste diversion that simultaneously cut emissions and methane. Social Justice and Inclusive Service Delivery: Centering equity, gender equality, and the just transition, ensuring local climate actions protect vulnerable communities and integrate the informal waste sector.	

Financing Local Action: Unlocking direct financial instruments and resource transfers to enable cities and regions to scale grassroots innovations into systemic municipal infrastructure.

Speakers

- **Uğur Ibrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya, President of UCLG and COP31 Presidency Special Envoy for Local and Regional Governments
- **Minister Ms Thekla Walker**, Ministry for the Environment, Climate and Energy Sector in Baden-Württemberg, Germany
- **Mr. Tarcísio Barbosa Pinhate**, mayoral representative, National Front of Mayors (FNP) in Brazil
- **Ms. Hailey Campbel**l, Co-Executive Director, Care About Climate (youth voice representative)

Moderator: **Mr. Rogier van den Berg**, Global Director, Sustainable Cities, WRI

15:00 - 18:00

Towards a new Climate Action: Taking stock locally in the era of global implementation

Organiser: *GTF / UCLG / LGMA*

Local and regional governments are responsible for, or closely involved in, the delivery of the public services on which climate adaptation, mitigation and social protection depend. Public services; such as water and sanitation, energy, waste management, mobility, health, housing and territorial planning; connect climate action to people's everyday lives and shape the capacity of communities, particularly those in vulnerable situations, to withstand and recover from climate-related shocks. Delivering climate action where people live therefore requires attention to the social and territorial consequences of climate change, alongside the measures needed to reduce emissions and strengthen resilience.

Despite their central role in implementation, local and regional governments continue to face significant constraints in accessing climate finance, securing enabling fiscal and regulatory frameworks, and participating as institutional partners in the design of national climate strategies and COP outcomes. Through the Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments (GTF), the coordination and consultation mechanism of local and regional governments in

international policy processes, they bring these priorities to COP31 with a shared message: local public services are essential to delivering climate action, and their contribution must be supported by the powers, resources and partnerships needed for a just transition.

Tuesday 10 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**Weaving Urban Futures: Co-production of Just Climate Action** ***Organiser:*** *United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)* **Partners:** *Transformative Urban Coalitions Project Consortium* Climate action in cities can either reduce risk or relocate it. Too often, adaptation and housing programmes reach low-income and informal neighbourhoods as top-down interventions, leaving residents to bear the risks of decisions they did not shape. City-makers from different sectors will discuss what local and people-centred climate action requires in practice: compensating community contributions, sustaining initiatives beyond political cycles, and connecting place-based action to institutional policy and planning. The discussion will identify what national governments and climate finance mechanisms must change to community-based climate action the norm rather than the pilot. This event draws on Weaving Urban Futures, a new guidebook that synthetizes the learnings from six years of the Transformative Urban Coalitions project implemented under the International Climate Initiative, where city-makers from 5 Latin American cities co-designed climate solutions in vulnerable territories. • **Lucas Turmena**, Senior Research Associate, UNU-EHS • **Rogier Van Den Berg**, Global Director WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, World Resources Institute • **Annika Schroeder**, International Climate Policy Advisor, Misereor e.V. • **Tahir Büyükakın**, Mayor of Kocaeli Metropolitan Municipality • **Samia Sulaiman (tbc)**, General Coordinator of Articulation and Partnerships, National Secretariat of Peripheries (Ministry of Cities, Brazil) • Sam Olando (tbc), Executive Director • **Pamoja Trust tbc** Moderator: **Simone Sandholz**	Policy dialogue and launch event
10:30 - 11:30	**From the grassroots to the global level: accelerating locally-led adaptation in national and sub-national plans and policy strategies, drawing**	Panel Discussion

on sub-national climate plans and local adaptation plans

Organiser: *Slum Dwellers International (SDI)*
Partners: *Association des Maires du Sénégal (AMS),ENDA-ENERGIE; Agence de Development Municipal & urbaSEN and The Senegalese Federation of Slum Dwellers/ Inhabitants (FSH).*

This COP 31 side event at the GTF/UCLG Pavilion will examine how locally-led adaptation (LLA) can be accelerated from grassroots to global levels and embedded in national and sub-national plans. Through a round-table and presentations, it will draw on ENDA Energie & Slum Dwellers's GA-LLA work and Senegalese experiences, including NAPs, territorial climate plans, and local adaptation plans to explore multi-level governance, climate finance, and links between local authorities, NAPs, and NDCs. It will highlight practical mechanisms for integrating community priorities into vulnerability assessments, budgeting, implementation, and monitoring.

Speakers

- **Dieynaba Sow,** PNA Focal Point in Senegal, Directorate of Climate Change, Ecological Transition and Green Finance, Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition
- **Dr Boubaccar Fall**, Professor and Vice President of the Senegalese National Committee on Climate Change (COMNACC), Cheikh Anta Diop University
- Association of Senegalese Municipalities (AMS), TBC
- **Rokhaya Fall**, GA-LLA Project Coordinator at urbaSEN / Slum Dwellers International, with input from Anta Guey, Senegalese Federation of Residents (FSH)
- **Elif Köse**, Mayor of Safranbolu
- **Oumar Ba**, UCLG Africa

Moderator: **Issa Sarr**, GA-LLA Project Coordinator at Enda Energie

12:00 - 13:00

Preparing for Climate Mobility

Organiser: *ICLEI USA / Lincoln Institute of Land Policy*

Climate impacts are already reshaping where people can safely live. Some communities in harm's way are weighing planned relocation as an adaptation option, while other, relatively safer places are preparing for population change. Anticipatory planning can help both, and land policy is a powerful yet overlooked tool: how land is used and

managed shapes who is displaced, where people can resettle, and whether adaptation is equitable. Therefore, local land use and management drive both climate-induced displacement and resettlement outcomes. This session brings together local governments and community voices from both sides of the challenge, drawing on emerging experiences in Cincinnati, India's Bengal Delta, Nairobi, Travis County, Texas, New Orleans, and three urban regions in Brazil. Speakers will show how places can decide whether and how to relocate, how receiving communities can plan housing, infrastructure, and services, and what national and multilevel frameworks local governments need to do so.

Speakers

- **Amy Cotter**, Director of Urban Sustainability, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA
- **Marisa San Martin Kellogg**, Senior Program Officer, ICLEI USA, USA
- **Brigid Shea**, County Commissioner, Travis County, TX, USA
- **Oliver Kroner**, Director of Cincinnati's Office of Environment & Sustainability, USA

Moderator: **Amy Cotter**, Director of Urban Sustainability, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, USA

13:30 - 14:30

Too hot to work, too poor to rest: what cities can do to protect informal workers from extreme heat

Organiser: *International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)*
Partners: *ALL ACT initiative, Sirajganj Municipality, OKUP and the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)*

Informal workers keep cities running, and they are losing workdays, income and health to extreme heat. IIED's study of informal worker households in Ajmer, Delhi and Agra in India and Dhaka in Bangladesh shows that indoor workers are no better protected than outdoor workers. In India, outdoor workers lose 24.29 workdays a year to heat and indoor workers lose 14.78. Heat exposure continues at home, where poor housing, water and sanitation give workers no chance to recover, and the psychological stress index more than doubles in the hot season. Co-organised with the Federal Government of Somalia, this session brings together city leaders, national governments, worker organisations and funders from South Asia and the Horn of Africa. They will discuss what local governments can do on housing, water, worksites and health, and what they need from

national social protection systems and climate and loss and damage finance.

Speakers

- **Antônio Francisco da Costa e Silva Neto**, Chief Advisor for International Affairs, Ministry of Cities, Government of Brazil, and Co-chair, Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP).
- **Shahadat Hussein**, Additional District Commissioner and Administrator, Sirajganj Pourashava (Municipality), Bangladesh.
- **Dharam Raj Uprety**, Chief Executive, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), Government of Nepal.
- **Ruleta Camacho-Thomas**, Climate Ambassador, Government of Antigua and Barbuda.
- **Arthy Hartwell**, Head of Policy for Climate and Health, Wellcome.
- **Suchismita Mukhopadhyay,** Lead Specialist, Advocacy, Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI).
- **Lamis Elkhatieb**, Research Coordinator, Loss and Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC).
- **Sandra Romboli,** Program Manager, Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD).
- **Özlem Çerçioğlu**, Mayor of Aydın Metropolitan Municipality
- **Elizabeth Carabine**, Senior Programme Manager, Santiago Network for Loss and Damage (TBC).

Moderator: **Ritu Bharadwaj**, Director, Climate Resilience, Finance and Loss and Damage, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)

15:00 - 16:00

Making Climate Action Fairer: Small States and Regions Shaping a Just and Resilient Future

Organiser: *Lombardy Region / Welsh Government*

Climate action must be ambitious, but it must also be fair. The impacts of climate change are not experienced equally: vulnerable communities often face the greatest risks, while having the fewest resources and opportunities to adapt. Ensuring that the transition to a climate-resilient, low-carbon future is inclusive requires approaches that recognise these inequalities and put people and communities at their heart.

Smaller nations and regions have an important role to play in

	demonstrating how climate action can be delivered fairly in practice. Through their responsibilities for areas such as planning, health, transport, housing, water management and economic development, subnational governments are well placed to connect climate ambitions with the needs of local communities. This session will bring together regional experiences from across Europe and beyond to explore how climate action can address both environmental challenges and social inequalities, drawing on practical examples of climate adaptation and a just transition.	
16:30 - 17:30		

COP 31 Side events

Time	Session	Venue
15:00 - 16:30	**UCLG–Konya Metropolitan Municipality Session I: Developing Climate Action Plans at the Local Level** ***Organiser:*** *United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Konya Metropolitan Municipality* Local and regional governments play a vital role in translating global climate ambitions into tangible action on the ground. Developing local climate action plans enables cities to identify their priorities, establish strategic frameworks, and implement effective measures to address climate change. Access to financing and investment is equally essential to advancing local climate action and fostering sustainable and resilient urban development. Against this backdrop, COP31 offers a unique opportunity to bring together national and local leaders to exchange experiences, share perspectives, and strengthen cooperation across different levels of government. The session will serve as a high-level platform to highlight the importance of locally driven climate action, explore approaches to climate planning, and reinforce the role of cities in achieving national and global climate goals.	Side Event Room 9 (Safranbolu)

Speakers

- **Mr. Murat Kurum**, Minister of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye and President of COP31 (TBC)
- **Ms. Tatiana Molcean,** Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (TBC)
- **Mr. Uğur İbrahim Altay**, President of UCLG and Mayor of Konya, Türkiye
- **Ms. Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh,** President of ICLEI and Mayor of Malmö, Sweden
- **Mr. Aibek Dzhunushaliev**, Mayor of Bishkek and Vice-President of UCLG for Eurasia
- **Mr. Ilsur Metshin**, Mayor of Kazan and President of UCLG-Eurasia
- **Mr. Rodrigo Neves**, Mayor of Niterói and President of Mercociudades (TBC)

Moderator: **Mr. Halil Hasar**, Director General for Climate Change, Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change of Türkiye

16:30 - 18:00

UCLG–Konya Metropolitan Municipality Session II: Cooperation for Local Climate Action and the 2030 Agenda

Special Event Room 3 (Assos)

Organiser: *United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and Konya Metropolitan Municipality*

Achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires stronger international partnerships that connect cities, regions, and institutions around shared priorities and collective solutions. In an increasingly interconnected world, cooperation across borders provides opportunities to exchange experiences, strengthen solidarity, and address challenges that extend beyond national boundaries.

City networks and international organizations play a central role in facilitating these partnerships, bringing together local and regional governments to share knowledge, foster innovation, and advance common development objectives. Through decentralized cooperation and multilateral engagement, cities can contribute to global policy discussions while promoting inclusive and sustainable development

within their communities.

At COP31, the session will focus on the practical impact of international cooperation, highlighting successful partnerships and initiatives that connect climate action with broader sustainable development priorities. Particular attention will be given to how existing networks and collaborative mechanisms can support long-term results, strengthen local capacities, and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Speakers:

- **Mr. Uğur İbrahim Altay,** President of UCLG and Mayor of Konya, Türkiye
- **Mr. Ahmet Akın,** Mayor of Balıkesir Metropolitan Municipality
- **Mr. Ahmet Aras**, Mayor of Muğla Metropolitan Municipality
- **Ms. Fatimetou Abdel Malick,** President of Nouakchott Region, Co-President of UCLG (TBC)
- **Mr. Aisen Nikolaev,** Head of the Sakha Republic, Co-President of UCLG
- **Mr. Berry Vrbanovic,** Mayor of Kitchener, Co-President of UCLG (TBC)
- **Ms. Fatiha El Moudni**, Mayor of Rabat, Treasurer of UCLG
- **Ms. Carola Gunnarsson**, Councilor of Sala, Vice-President of UCLG for Europe

Moderator: **Ms. Emilia Saiz**, Secretary General of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

Wednesday 11 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00		
10:30 - 11:30		
12:00 - 13:00		
13:30 - 14:30		
15:00 - 16:00		
16:30 - 17:30	**Building Wildfire Resilience through Leadership and Innovation** ***Organiser:*** *Government of Catalonia* Following an unprecedented European fire season, MCAP will be hosting a partner-facing discussion centering on wildfire as an urgent Mediterranean adaptation challenge. Wildfire seasonal duration and risk are increasing globally, and Mediterranean bioregions face particularly stark impacts with compounding impacts of long dry seasons coupled with increasingly chronic drought conditions. Subnational leadership plays a central role in coordinating wildfire response, that spans multiple jurisdictions and requires robust response infrastructure, and needs to be capacitated to respond to the rising risks and impacts. This session will engage philanthropies, governments, and practitioners responding to increasing wildfires and working to get ahead of crises to build resilience. **Speakers:** • **Jaume Duch**, Minister of the European Union and Foreign Action of Catalonia • **Sam Carter**, Founding Principal, Resilient Cities Catalyst, Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) Secretariat • **Karen Ross**, Secretary of the Department of Food and	Panel discussion

Agriculture, State of California

- **Nadia Pellefigue**, Vice-President in Charge of Climate, the Green Deal and Sustainable Housing, Regional Government of Occitanie (Région Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée)
- **Nabeel Rylands**, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, Western Cape Government

Moderator: **Sam Carter**, Founding Principal, Resilient Cities Catalyst, Mediterranean Climate Action Partnership (MCAP) Secretariat

Thursday 12 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**UCLG Eurasia session**	
10:30 - 11:30	**From Data to Action: Advancing Urban Climate Resilience through Nature-Based Solutions and Multilevel Cooperation** ***Organiser:*** *WWF-Türkiye* Cities play a critical role in translating global climate commitments into concrete local action. Yet effective implementation requires reliable climate data, practical solutions and stronger cooperation across different levels of government. This session will explore how local governments can advance urban climate resilience through Nature-based Solutions, evidence-based planning and multilevel cooperation. Drawing on experiences from Ankara, Renca and Lund, all participants in WWF's One Planet City Challenge (OPCC), the discussion will highlight how cities are translating climate commitments into action. The panel will also examine how climate reporting, peer learning, international partnerships and national platforms such as Viable Cities can support local governments in strengthening climate action and scaling practical solutions. **Speakers** • **Dr. Akgün İlhan,** Project Coordinator and Researcher, Sabancı University, Türkiye • **Charlotte G. Brynielsson,** Head of Multi-level Coordination & Climate City Contract 2030, Viable Cities, Sweden • **Reşit Serhat Taşkınsu,** Secretary General , Ankara Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye • **Nicolás Azócar,** International Affairs Advisor, Municipality of Renca, Chile • **Jon Andersson,** Director for Environment, City of Lund,	Panel discussion

	Sweden **Moderator**: **Tanyeli Behiç Sabuncu**, WWF-Türkiye Senior Climate-Energy Consultant	
12:00 - 13:00	**Climate Justice, Just Transition and the Private Sector: Connecting Business and Local Action** ***Organiser:*** *LACLIMA* **Speakers:** • **Adriana Albanese**, Director of Sustainability and Investor Relations, AEGEA • **Rosana Santos**, Executive Director, Instituto E+ Transição Energética • **Rodrigo Oliveira**, CEO, Green Mining • **Winnie dos Santos**, Project Coordinator, CEERT (Center for the Study of Labor Relations and Inequalities) Moderator: **Flávia Vieira**, Public Policy Coordinator, LACLIMA	
13:30 - 14:30	**UCLG Africa Session**	
15:00 - 16:00	**Making Cities Investable: Blended Finance, Direct Access and Domestic Capital Markets for Climate-Resilient Subnational Infrastructure** ***Organiser:*** *UNCDF*	75 mins dialogue, 2 panels
16:30 - 17:30	**From COP to 2030 and Beyond: Local and Regional Governments Building the Future of Climate Governance** ***Organiser:*** *CEMR* As the world enters a critical decade for climate action and sustainable development, local and regional governments (LRGs) are increasingly at the forefront of delivering solutions that respond	

to the realities of communities. While international agreements set the direction, implementation happens in cities, regions, and territories where climate impacts are felt most directly and where adaptation, mitigation, and resilience measures take shape.
This event will explore how LRGs can help bridge the gap between global commitments and local action, while contributing to a more effective and inclusive system of climate governance beyond 2030. It will highlight the importance of multilevel governance, adequate financing, and stronger recognition of subnational authorities as political partners in climate decision-making.
The discussion will identify pathways to scale ambition, accelerate implementation, and ensure that future climate frameworks reflect the essential role of territories in achieving a just, resilient, and climate-neutral future.

Speakers

- **Ronan Dantec,** Senator Loire Atlantique, CEMR spokesperson on climate and member of The French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AFCCRE)
- **Ms Carola Gunnarsson,** Sala Municipality, CEMR Spokesperson on International Cooperation and the SDGs, UCLG Vice-President for the European Section, UCLG Special Envoy for Freedom, Solidarity and Fighting violence against local political leaders
- **Tony Buchanan,** Councillor, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA), UK, male
- **Fatma Şahin Uzman,** Expert Foreign Relations Department, Türkiye, female
- **Representative FEMP, Spain**

Moderator: **Fabrizio Rossi, Secretary General CEMR**

Friday 13 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**Mayors' Dialogue: Local Leadership for a Just Climate Transition** ***Organiser:*** *UCLG-MEWA* ***Partners:*** *UCLG-AFRICA UCLG ASPAC* Cities and local governments across the Middle East and West Asia are facing increasingly complex climate challenges, including extreme heat, water scarcity, food insecurity, energy poverty, displacement, and growing pressure on essential public services. These challenges affect communities differently, with vulnerable populations, women, children, displaced people, and low-income households often facing disproportionate impacts. Addressing the climate crisis therefore requires more than environmental action; it requires a just and inclusive transition that improves people's lives, reduces inequalities, and ensures that no one and no territory is left behind. This Mayors' Dialogue will bring together approximately six mayors from across the MEWA region to share practical experiences, political priorities, and locally driven solutions for advancing a people-centered climate transition. Drawing on the realities of their territories, mayors will discuss how local governments can integrate climate adaptation and resilience into housing, water management, energy, food systems, sustainable mobility, public services, health, and social inclusion. Particular attention will be given to the links between climate action, territorial inequalities, gender equality, and the needs of communities affected by poverty, displacement, and environmental vulnerability. The dialogue will also explore how local and regional governments can strengthen multilevel governance by connecting municipal priorities with national climate strategies, international climate commitments, and the Six UN Transitions for accelerating progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. It will highlight the importance of empowering local governments with adequate financing, institutional support, technical capacities, and meaningful participation in climate decision-making. By placing mayors and territorial experiences at the center of the discussion, the session will identify practical approaches that can be	Panel discussion

	replicated across cities, strengthen regional cooperation, and contribute to COP31 discussions on climate implementation, climate finance, and inclusive resilience. It will also reinforce the role of UCLG-MEWA and its member cities in bringing local priorities and solutions to global climate processes. **Speakers** • **Tahir Büyükakın**, Mayor of Kocaeli • **Youssef Al Jabari**, Mayor of Al Khalil • **Dieudonné Bantsimba**, Mayor of Brazzaville • **Ahmet Metin Genç**, Mayor of Trabzon • **Danielle Bernos** , Mayor of La Paz, Abra and the Secretary General of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Moderator: **Dr. Mehmet Duman**, UCLG-MEWA Secretary General	
10:30 - 11:30	**Climate Resilience Cities** ***Organiser**: General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion of Türkiye*	
12:00 - 13:00	**The overlooked solution: culture and heritage in climate action** ***Organiser:** IFLA / LGMA Working Group on Culture* Culture and climate action are deeply intertwined. Climate change affects memory, identity, livelihoods and knowledge systems; but, in turn, culture also shapes the way in which communities perceive risk, act collectively and build their resilience. Culture and heritage are part of the solution, yet their contribution is often overlooked in climate policy. At every COP, more and more voices acknowledge their role as a key factor in climate action, and a growing number of initiatives are working to advance both the cultural and climate agendas. This session aims to gather them around the same table. The session will discuss the 'Guide for Negotiators', drafted by the LGMA Working Group on Culture, and will welcome intergenerational voices from different sectors, cities, civil society and networks to discuss joint efforts and future work.	Panel discussion

	The session is co-led by IFLA and the LGMA Working Group on Culture, with support of UCLG and its Culture Committee, which draws on more than two decades of work linking culture and sustainable development at the local level.	
13:30 - 14:30	**Roadmap to Climate Justice at Work: solutions in action from the Amazon to the world** ***Organiser:*** *Regional Labour Court of the 8th Region (TRT8)* This session will explore climate justice through the lens of work, examining how climate action can protect livelihoods, uphold workers' rights, and support a just transition. Drawing on an Amazonian perspective, the discussion will consider the connections between environmental change, working conditions, and social inequalities, and the roles of justice institutions, public authorities, and civil society in addressing them. The session will provide a space to discuss practical approaches to incorporating decent work and social protection into climate responses, identifying lessons that could inform cooperation within and beyond the Amazon region. **Speakers:** • **Paulo Isan Coimbra da Silva Júnior**, Appellate Labour Court Judge, Regional Labour Court of the 8th Region (TRT8), Brazil. • **Thalison Correa**, Manager, The Climate Reality Project Brazil. • **Renzo Mascote**, Climate Reality Leader and Youth Climate Ambassador, The Climate Reality Project Brazil. Moderator: **Caroline Medeiros Rocha Frasson**, Executive Director, Latin American Climate Lawyers Initiative for Mobilizing Action (LaClima), Brazil	Roundtable
15:00 - 16:00	**Mutirão Brasil: advancing implementation through urban climate action** ***Organiser:*** *National Front of Mayors of Brazil (FNP), C40 Cities and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)*	

	Brazil, as co-chair of the Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP), is showing what multilevel climate implementation looks like. The Brazil Mutirão Programme, led by C40 and the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) and delivered with the National Front of Mayors of Brazil (FNP) and other partners, helps Brazilian cities and states turn climate plans and commitments into projects across five priority areas: electric mobility, sustainable urban mobility, organic waste and methane, climate budgeting, and data-driven climate policy. The panel brings together three implementation cases across levels of government: ministries coordinating with subnational governments, a state financing municipal climate projects, and a city using climate data to guide planning. Speakers will share results since COP30, barriers and opportunities for collaboration. Peer cities from other countries will bring their own lessons, making it a two-way exchange. The session answers the implementation gap highlighted by the CHAMP agenda. **Speakers** • **Maria Clara Nascimento**, Engagement Lead – Multilevel Governance, C40/GCoM • **Danielle Costa de Holanda**, National Secretariat for Urban Mobility (SEMOB), Ministry of Cities of Brazil (MCid) • Representative of a Brazilian state government (to be confirmed) • Representative of the City of Rio de Janeiro (to be confirmed) • **Mohamed Sefiani**, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco (to be confirmed) Moderator: **Maria Clara Nascimento**, Engagement Lead – Multilevel Governance, C40/GCoM	
16:30 - 17:30	**The Territorial Age of Finance: Reshaping Financial Systems to Strengthen Subnational Climate Action** ***Organiser:*** *FMDV – Global Fund for Cities Development* ***Partners:*** *UCLG, OECD, İLBANK, Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks, AMUF Alliance of African Ministers for Urbanization Finance*	Panel discussion

How can financial systems be reshaped to connect territorial priorities, needs and opportunities with national climate investment strategies and plans and accelerate action in resilient, inclusive cities and regions?

This session will explore what it means to enter a Territorial Age of Finance, where local and regional governments are recognized as key financing and investment partners, and financial architectures are redesigned to respond to territorial needs, seize local opportunities, strengthen multilevel governance, and accelerate climate action.

Bringing together experiences from Türkiye, Africa and Latin America, the discussion will showcase complementary initiatives:

1. the Global Alliance of Subnational Development Banks;
2. the Finance Your Cities Country Platforms for Localizing Finance (CPLFs);
3. the World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (WOFI); and
4. the COP31 Presidency's Sustainable Urban Resilience Financing Facility (SURFF).

The discussion will move from territorial investment needs and priorities (Konya) to financial intermediation and multilevel coordination (İLBANK/SURFF and CPLFs/SDBs), and the role of evidence and data disaggregation (WOFI) in informing investment and policy decisions, identifying opportunities to connect these solutions and accelerate subnational climate action.

- **Uğur Ibrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya Metropolitan Municipality & President of UCLG, Türkiye, COP31 Special Envoy for Cities and Regions
- **Mehmet Tevfik Göksu**, Mayor of Esenler
- **Gamze Aslan**, Head of Department – Department of international relations, İLBANK
- **Atte Oksanen**, Project Manager of World Observatory on Subnational Government Finance and Investment (WOFI), OECD
- **Corine Nsangou**, Vice Director for international cooperation, FEICOM
- **Carlos de Freitas**, Executive Director, FMDV

Moderator: **Carlos de Freitas**

Saturday 14 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**No Municipality Left Behind: Building Climate Resilience in Small Municipalities** ***Organiser:*** *Associação Brasileira de Municípios / Rede Clima Municipal* Small municipalities face significant barriers to climate adaptation, including limited technical capacity, financial constraints and difficulties accessing the resources needed to turn climate commitments into local action. These challenges are particularly relevant across the Global South, where local governments are often at the forefront of climate impacts but have fewer means to respond. This session will bring together municipal leadership, practical experience in local climate planning and perspectives on urban finance to discuss how small municipalities can strengthen their resilience and access the support required to implement climate action. Bringing together municipal leadership, FMDV, UCLG and UN-Habitat, and drawing on the experience of Rede Clima Municipal in Brazil, the discussion will connect local experiences with broader questions of sustainable urban development, multilevel governance and climate finance. It will examine how local and regional government networks and international institutions can support municipalities in accessing resources, strengthening institutional capacities and integrating local priorities into national and global climate agendas, ensuring that smaller municipalities are included in decisions that directly affect their resilience and development. The session will also consider how local government networks and international cooperation can help ensure that municipalities of different sizes and capacities are not left behind in the implementation of global climate commitments. **Speakers** • **Anacláudia Rossbach**, Executive Director of UN-Habitat (TBC) • **José Antônio Alves Donato**, Mayor of Santa Bárbara do Tugúrio/MG, Brazil • **Carlos de Freitas**, Executive Director of FMDV - Global	Panel discussion

	Fund for Cities Development • **Indyamara Massaro Machado**, Technical Project Coordinator for Rede Clima Municipal Moderator**: Eduardo Tadeu Pereira**, Executive Director of the Brazilian Association of Municipalities (ABM)	
10:30 - 11:30	**Connecting Cities, Informality and Loss and Damage in Urban Climate Action** **Organiser:** *Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)* Regions across the Global South are experiencing increasing climate vulnerabilities, with its cities and particularly informal settlements often facing disproportionate impacts due to inadequate infrastructure, insecure tenure, limited access to basic services and dependence on climate sensitive livelihoods. Climate impacts also disrupt the livelihoods of informal workers, including street vendors and waste pickers, whose work is often excluded from city climate plans, heat action measures and disaster response systems. While cities and local governments are increasingly developing climate and resilience plans, they often have huge gaps with respect to centring informality and resilience building. A second key challenge remains decentralising the plans to sub-city levels and translating strategies into action and implementation. This session will explore how local governments and communities can deepen city-level climate planning and strengthen the link between planning and locally grounded action, particularly on adaptation and loss and damage. YUVA will highlight experiences of inclusive city-level planning, and implementing the Community Climate Action Planning model, to demonstrate connecting informality, community identified climate priorities and municipal planning and implementation. Contributions from Observer Research Foundation, IIED, UNU-EHS will extend the discussion to climate related loss and damage and urban environmental justice, informal sector workers' livelihoods, locally led adaptation and the critical need for localised financing and accountability mechanisms. **Speakers** • **Dulari Parmar**, YUVA • **Ritu Bharadwaj**, IIED • **Aparna Roy**, ORF	Panel discussion

	• **Simone Sandholz**, UNU-EHS • **Kabir Arora**, International Alliance of Waste Pickers (tbc) • **Ayesha Dinshaw**, Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CJRF) • **Ritika Bansal**, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India (tbc) Moderator: **Dulari Parmar**, YUVA	
12:00 - 13:00	**Nature as Urban Infrastructure: Local Solutions for Resilience, Biodiversity and Climate Justice** ***Organiser:*** *Brazil's National Front of Mayors (FNP)* Nature can serve as essential urban infrastructure. This panel will bring together Brazilian and international local governments to showcase concrete experiences with nature-based solutions, green and blue infrastructure, and ecosystem restoration for climate adaptation. Local governments from diverse territorial contexts and international partners will discuss how these solutions can reduce climate risks, protect biodiversity, improve quality of life, and address social and environmental inequalities. The discussion will also explore the challenges of scaling up these approaches, integrating them into urban planning and infrastructure investments, and mobilizing financing, community participation, and multilevel governance. The panel will identify pathways for transforming place-based solutions into long-term, structural urban policies. **Speakers** • **Germano Bremm**, Secretary of Environment, Urban Planning and Sustainability, Porto Alegre, Brazil • **Rodrigo Neves**, Mayor of Niterói, Brazil • Governor representing the Consórcio Brasil Verde (Brazil Green Consortium) To be confirmed • **Executive Director, Resilient Cities Network – To be confirmed** Moderator: **Representative of the Brazilian National Front of Mayors (FNP)**	Panel discussion

13:30 - 14:30	**Mediterranean Climate House Foundation**	
15:00 - 16:00	**Housing Justice is Climate Justice: Local Pathways to Safe Homes for the Most Exposed** ***Organiser:*** *Build Change* ***Partners:*** *Cities Alliance, Institute for International Development, Slum Dwellers International, Habitat for Humanity International* This session will explore how access to safe and resilient housing can become a central pillar of local climate action and climate justice. The discussion will examine pathways to improve existing homes and neighbourhoods for people most exposed to climate hazards, with particular attention to low-income households and informal settlements. It will consider how local governments, communities, and housing organisations can connect technical assistance, accessible finance, and inclusive planning to support safer living conditions while protecting affordability and addressing displacement risks. Particular attention will be given to residents' participation and the partnerships needed to translate housing resilience into practical improvements in people's lives. **Speakers:** • **Rebecca Ochong**, Director, Government Relations & Global Advocacy, Habitat for Humanity International, Kenya • **Ariana Karamallis**, Director of Global Engagement, Build Change, USA • **Modesta Mtambalika Kaphala**, National Leader, Federation of the Rural and Urban Poor in Malawi (SDI), Malawi • **Fatma Şahin**, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality	Panel discussion
16:30 - 17:30	***Financing Climate-Resilient Urban Futures: Land, Planning, and Housing*** ***Organiser:*** *Lincoln Institute of Land Policy* Where and how cities grow, what infrastructure they build,	

and how people are housed are climate decisions that will shape exposure and emissions for generations. Global temperatures are on track to exceed the 1.5°C threshold, yet only a fraction of urban climate and adaptation finance needs are being met. Housing and urban planning sit at the center of this challenge: billions of people live in inadequate housing, buildings drive a major share of global emissions, and most buildings expected to exist in 2050 have yet to be built. Urban and territorial planning are critical mechanisms for translating national and global climate commitments into integrated, place-based actions that simultaneously advance mitigation, adaptation, equity, and sustainable development goals. This session centers local and regional governments as drivers of change, exploring how land policy, urban planning, and finance can steer growth away from hazards, protect nature, and deliver resilient, low-carbon, affordable housing.

Speakers

- **Martina Juvara**, International Society of Cities and Regional Planners
- **Ariana Karamallis**, Build Change
- **Becky Ochong**, Habitat for Humanity International
- **Mehmet Sekmen**, Mayor of Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality
- *C40/GCoM representative (to be confirmed)*

Moderator: **Patrick Welch**, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

Monday 16 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**From Climate Crisis to Territorial Resilience: Rio Grande do Sul's Pathway for Multilevel Climate Action** ***Organiser:*** *Government of the State of Rio Grande do Sul – Secretariat for the Environment and Infrastructure (SEMA/RS)* Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, has been advancing an integrated approach to climate action in response to increasing climate risks and extreme events. This session will present how a subnational government is connecting mitigation, adaptation, resilience and multilevel governance through ProClima2050, the State Climate Action Plan (PLAC-RS) and the Rio Grande Plan. The discussion will highlight territorial climate risk assessment, greenhouse gas emissions management, municipal engagement, adaptation planning and strategies to strengthen climate resilience. Bringing together regional government representatives and partners, the session will explore how subnational climate policies can move from planning to implementation, mobilise municipalities and communities, and connect territorial priorities with national and international climate agendas. The experience of Rio Grande do Sul offers practical lessons on building more resilient territories while strengthening cooperation across different levels of government. **Speakers** • **Isa Carla Osterkamp**, Secretary of the Environment and Infrastructure of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. • **Mélisa Cran**, Regions4. • **Lincoln Alves**, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Brazil. • **Bianca Cantoni**, Coordinator of Institutional Relations and Advocacy, ICLEI South America. Moderator: **Isa Carla Osterkamp,** Secretary of the Environment and Infrastructure of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	Technical or policy dialogue
10:30 - 11:30	**From the Subantarctic to Antarctica: Gateway Cities Driving Territorial Climate Action**	Panel discussion

***Organiser**: Municipality of Punta Arenas*

Located at 53° South, Punta Arenas is a Subantarctic city and one of the world's main gateways to Antarctica. This panel will explore how gateway cities can translate global climate commitments and the SDGs into territorial action while responding to the social, ecological and energy realities of their communities.

Drawing on Punta Arenas' experience, the discussion will connect climate planning, wetlands and peatlands, biodiversity, youth-led action, public-private partnerships and the challenges of a just energy transition in a territory historically dependent on natural gas.

Bringing together local governments, youth, scientific and international voices, the session will examine how multilevel governance can accelerate locally grounded solutions while strengthening the connection between cities and globally significant ecosystems.

The central message is clear: protecting Antarctica also begins in its gateway cities, and territories often perceived as peripheral can be at the centre of global climate solutions.

Speakers

- **Claudio Radonich Jiménez**, Mayor, Municipality of Punta Arenas
- Representative of an Antarctic Gateway City, Australia or New Zealand
- **Gino Casassa**, Director, Chilean Antarctic Institute (INACH)
- Youth Climate Action Fund representative / young climate leader – Municipality of Punta Arenas Chile
- Representative of UCLG / ICLEI / LGMA or international local-government network – International – Female

Moderator: **Representative of UCLG / ICLEI / LGMA or international local-government network – International – Female**

12:00 - 13:00

Cartagena: The Making of a BiodiverCity

***Organiser:** Cartagena Public Environmental Establishment (EPA*

Cartagena)

This session will present Cartagena's approach to integrating biodiversity conservation, climate adaptation, and urban development through its BiodiverCity vision. Moving beyond the city's well-known built heritage, it will examine the role of mangroves, tropical dry forests, wetlands, beaches, coral reefs, and other ecosystems in territorial planning. The presentation will describe initiatives undertaken since 2024, including environmental land-use planning, coastal erosion mitigation, flood control, improvements to urban green spaces, and sustainable mobility. Through Cartagena's experience, the session will explore how local governments can connect the protection of natural assets with urban resilience and social and economic development, creating opportunities for peer learning and cooperation.

Speakers

- **Mauricio Rodríguez Gómez**, Director, Cartagena Public Environmental Establishment (EPA Cartagena), Colombia

  Moderator: **Not specified in the proposal**

13:30 - 16:00	**Energy Efficiency in Buildings: Local Governments** ***Organiser:*** *Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change – General Directorate of Professional Services* This panel aims to evaluate local governments' policies and practices on energy efficiency in buildings, climate-responsive building design, and their role in addressing climate change. Guided by the central question, "How can local governments contribute to climate targets by promoting climate-responsive design and energy-efficiency practices?", the panel will focus on sharing local experiences, good practices and challenges, and on developing practical solutions and opportunities for cooperation. **Speakers** • **Mehmet SEKMEN,** Mayor of Erzurum Metropolitan Municipality • **Fatma ŞAHİN**, Mayor of Gaziantep Metropolitan Municipality • **Mayor Participating from Azerbaijan** • **Mayor Participating from Europe**	
16:30 - 17:30		

Tuesday 17 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00		
10:30 - 11:30	**Local Climate Action - Local Climate Change Action Plans and Implementation Practices (Directorate of Climate Change Event)** ***Organiser:*** *UNDP Türkiye* Following the adoption of Türkiye's Climate Law, Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs) have become mandatory for all 81 provinces. The Presidency of Climate Change is developing the implementing regulation with support from the EU-funded EU for Local Climate Action in Türkiye Project, implemented by UNDP Türkiye. The project has prepared a Technical Guideline covering planning processes, climate vulnerability and risk assessments, greenhouse gas inventories and projections, and urban climate finance. It aims to establish a common methodological framework that supports consistency and comparability across provincial plans. A proposed international side event would compare Türkiye's approach with local climate planning frameworks in countries such as France, the United Kingdom, and Ireland, sharing good practices and lessons on preparing and implementing local climate action plans. **Speakers** • UNDP Türkiye – Ali Cem Deniz – Project Manager: Preparation Process of the Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) Regulation and LCCAP Studies Conducted in Six Pilot Provinces • Directorate of Climate Change: Ömer Öztürk – Head of Department of Adaptation and Local Policies Department, Legislation on LCCAP • UCLG-MEWA: TBC, Local Climate Action Best Practices from Member Municipalities • Delegation of European Union to Türkiye: TBC, EU Support for Local Climate Action in Türkiye: Strengthening Municipal Capacities and Supporting Implementation	

	• ICLEI Europe: Local Climate Action Planning in Europe: Implementation Tools and Current Approaches Moderator: **Tomica Paovic,** Deputy Resident Representative	
12:00 - 13:00	**Local Governments and Voluntary Participation Practices in Climate Action** ***Organiser:*** *Konya Metropolitan Municipality* The climate crisis manifests its impacts most directly at the urban scale, turning water stress, localized waste management, and carbon emissions into core structural challenges for local authorities. While international climate agreements and national frameworks set the overarching policy direction, successful implementation depends entirely on the capacity of local governments to translate these commitments into place-based, community-driven actions. This high-level flagship session brings together mayors, local leaders, and international partners to explore how climate action can be structurally integrated into municipal governance while unlocking grassroots civic synergy. The discussion will highlight concrete municipal experiences, including zero-waste mobilization, carbon and water footprint reduction campaigns, and eco-volunteering frameworks institutionalized through youth assemblies and neighborhood councils. The session aims to define institutional pathways that transform voluntary public participation from ad-hoc social initiatives into permanent, measurable, and sustainable local government policies. **Speakers:** • **Emrah Özdemir**, Mayor of Niğde • **Ahmet Pekyatırmacı**, Mayor of Selçuklu • **Mustafa Kavuş**, Mayor of Meram • **Hasan Kılca**, Mayor of Karatay • **İbrahim Önal**, Mayor of Karapınar • **Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ilıcalı**	
13:30 - 14:30	**Building Climate-Resilient Cities Through Local Action: Partnerships, Finance and Community-Led Adaptation** ***Organiser:*** *UCLG-MEWA*	Roundtable

	Partners: *Marmara Municipalities Union UN-Habitat Jordan International Cooperation Agency of the Association of Netherlands Municipalities (VNG) Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD)* Cities are on the frontline of the climate crisis, facing increasing risks from extreme heat, water scarcity, floods, displacement, and infrastructure vulnerabilities. Local governments are leading adaptation efforts, yet many continue to face significant barriers in accessing finance, technical expertise, and institutional support. This session will showcase practical, implementation-oriented experiences from municipalities and international partners on building climate resilience through collaborative governance, integrated urban planning, innovative financing, and community participation. The discussion will highlight successful partnerships between local governments, international organizations, civil society, and development partners, demonstrating how these collaborations translate climate commitments into measurable local action. Special attention will be given to inclusive and gender-responsive approaches that strengthen the resilience of vulnerable communities while empowering women as leaders in climate adaptation. Participants will gain practical lessons, transferable tools, and partnership models that can be replicated across cities and regions. **Speakers** • **Ms. Deema Abu Thiab**, Head of Country Programme UN-Habitat Jordan, Jordan • **Ms. Neila Akrimi**, VNG International, Netherlands, Female • **Mr. Ahmet Akın**, Mayor of Balıkesir, President of Marmara Municipalities Union, UCLG-MEWA Ambassador of Climate, • **Ms. Marie Therese**, Chairman & Executive Director of Human Environmental Association for Development (HEAD) Moderator: **Dr. Mehmet Duman**, UCLG-MEWA Secretary General, Türkiye	
15:00 - 16:00	**Green Infrastructure as Public Policy: The Experience of Itapipoca, Ceará, in Building a Resilient Territory** ***Organiser:*** *Prefeitura Municipal de Itapipoca*	Panel discussion

To present the experience of Itapipoca, Ceará, in integrating green infrastructure into urban planning and public policies for climate adaptation, highlighting the initiatives of PRODESA (Itapipoca's Socio-Environmental Development Programme) and its contribution to building a more resilient, sustainable territory that is better prepared to address the impacts of climate change.

Speakers

- **Felipe Souza Pinheiro,** Prefeito Municipal de Itapipoca
- **Jayne Braga,** Coordenadora do PRODESA
- **Rita Carolina de Oliveira,** Superintendente, Brasil - Mulher

Moderator: **Francisco Fabricio de Lima**, Analista Ambiental -Brasil - Homem

16:30 - 17:30

Climate Justice and the Private Sector: Connecting Business and Local Action

Organiser: *LACLIMA*
Partners: *UN Global Compact Network Brazil*

Achieving a just climate transition requires the private sector and local and regional governments to act together. LACLIMA and the UN Global Compact Network Brazil have developed the Climate Justice and Private Sector Thematic Papers, a series examining how economic sectors affect people and territories, how they are exposed to climate change, and how they can adopt fairer and more sustainable practices. After editions on Fashion and Textiles, Health, and AFOLU, the partnership now launches its latest papers, on Energy and Resilient Infrastructure: Sanitation. At the event, LACLIMA will present the papers' findings and the UN Global Compact Network Brazil its initiative connecting companies and subnational governments, illustrating how multilevel cooperation can turn these recommendations into practice. Two representatives of subnational governments will share how these issues play out in their territories and what they expect from the private sector, highlighting concrete local solutions for a people-centred transition.

Speakers

- **Edison Carlos**, President, Instituto AEGEA

- **Aguinaldo Maciente**, Employment and Labour Market Policies Specialist, International Labour Organization (ILO)
- **Rosana Santos**, Executive Director, Instituto E+ Transição Energética
- **Daniel Bento**, Executive Director, CEERT (Center for the Study of Labor Relations and Inequalities)

Moderator: **Sierra Craig**, Environment and Climate Coordinator, UN Global Compact

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00	**Youth Voices, Local Action: Engaging Communities in Climate Solutions** **Organiser:** *Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative (GeSI)* Young people can turn climate learning into action by organising peers, sharing scientific experiences and engaging their communities. This session will feature youth initiatives from Monash Energy Club, Nord Anglia and Polar Hub, followed by a moderated discussion and expert reflections. Connecting youth-led projects with city and institutional perspectives, the conversation will explore what helps communities participate, how young organisers overcome barriers, and what support is needed to sustain and expand local climate action. **Speakers:** • **Tim Feng**, SVP of GeSI • **May McGrath**, Monash Energy Club • **Yolanda Zhu**, Nord Anglia Chinese International School (NACIS) • **Ayden Xu**, Polar Hub • **Hongpeng Lei**, Deputy DG of UNEP Climate Division • **Mr. Ahmet Aras**, Mayor of Muğla Metropolitan Municipality Moderator: **Tobias Schäfer**, Founder, Purpose Stories	
10:30 - 11:30	**From Climate Technology to Measurable Water Resilience** ***Organiser:*** *Ulusal Atmosferik Sistemler ve İklim Teknolojileri A.Ş. (UASIT)* Using the proposed atmospheric ionization pilot in the Lake Eğirdir Basin as a case study, the session will explore how emerging climate technologies can be integrated into drought response and water resilience policies in a credible, measurable and transparent manner. Discussions will cover baseline meteorological data, permitting procedures, environmental safeguards, independent monitoring,	Panel discussion

	verification and an implementation model that could be scaled to other basins. **Speakers** • **Chris Williamson**, President, RIBA • **Emma Edhem**, Alderman Professor, City of London Corporation • **Ilhama Jafarli,** CEO, Association of Azerbaijani British Professionals • **Mete Coban MBE,** Deputy Mayor of London – invited, confirmation pending Moderator: **Dr. Yıldız Tuğba Kara**, Founder and President, Society 5.0 Institute	
12:00 - 13:00	**Governance, Participation and Local Governments** ***Organiser***: *Esenler Municipality* The session will address the development and implementation of municipal projects to tackle climate change and build climate-resilient cities in cooperation with academia and relevant institutions. It aims to strengthen communication and cooperation among local governments, academia and other stakeholders and to discuss practical implementation tools, including monitoring and evaluation indicators and the matching of pilot projects. **Speakers** • **Prof. Dr. Güleda Engin**, Vice Rector, Yıldız Technical University • **Prof. Dr. Evren Erşahin**, Head of the Department of Environmental Engineering, Istanbul Technical University Assoc • **Prof. Dr. Betül Hande Gürsoy Haksevenler**, Director, Urban Issues and Local Governments Research and Application Centre • **Zeynep Nur Nasir,** Eco-Balance: Economic Policies and Environmental Costs, Boğaziçi University Moderator**: M. Cemil Arslan,** Secretary General of the Marmara Municipalities Union	

13:30 - 14:30	**Cities That Deliver Results: Five Levers for Climate-Resilient Urban Transformation – A City of London Perspective** ***Organiser:*** *Society 5.0 Institute* The session will examine how climate commitments can be translated into practical, financeable and people-centred action at the city level through five main areas of implementation: design, governance, finance, technology and people. Drawing on London's experience, it aims to identify transferable principles relating to low-carbon and resilient buildings, municipal implementation capacity, climate finance, artificial intelligence and digital technologies, and institutional and societal resilience. **Speakers** • **Chris Williamson**, President, RIBA • **Emma Edhem,** Alderman Professor, City of London Corporation • **Ilhama Jafarli,** CEO, Association of Azerbaijani British Professionals • **Mete Coban MBE,** Deputy Mayor of London – invited, confirmation pending Moderator: **Dr. Yıldız Tuğba Kara**, Founder and President, Society 5.0 Institute	Panel discussion
15:00 - 16:00	**Spatial Planning for a Multi-Hazard-Resilient Future** ***Organiser:*** *Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change – General Directorate of Spatial Planning* The session will explore the role of spatial planning in strengthening resilience to multiple disaster and climate risks, focusing on risk-sensitive land use, climate-responsive policies, ecosystem-based approaches and green and blue infrastructure. Drawing on Türkiye's post-earthquake reconstruction experience and international examples, participants will share approaches to resilient recovery and reconstruction, as well as practical planning tools. **Speakers** • **Yavuz Erdal Kayapınar**, Director General, General Directorate of Spatial Planning	Panel discussion

	• **Bünyamin Derman**, Architect, DB Architecture • **Prof. Dr. Şükrü Ersoy**, Member, Board for Local Government and Disaster Policies • **Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) (confirmation pending)** Moderator: **Prof. Dr. Savaş Zafer Şahin**, School of Land Registry and Cadastre, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University	
16:30 - 17:30		

Thursday 19 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00		
10:30 - 11:30	**Carbon Sinks Sustainable Management Financing** ***Organiser***: *General Directorate of Combating Desertification and Erosion of Turkiye*	Panel discussion
12:00 - 13:00		
13:30 - 14:30	**Financing climate justice at the local level: territorial solutions that improve people's lives** ***Organiser***: *ONG PENACONI* ***Partners***: *OBPE* The climate crisis first manifests itself in the territories: water stress, degradation of ecosystems, vulnerability of housing and infrastructure, energy poverty, food insecurity, health impacts and population displacement. However, local authorities and communities directly exposed often have limited access to the financial, technical and institutional resources necessary to implement adaptation and transition solutions. This event is based on a simple observation: the climate transition can only be just and effective if territories and communities have the means to act. **Speakers** • **NIMFASHA Joseph,** coordinator, Bujumbura -Burundi • **MASUMBUKO Vianney,** project manager, Bujumbura Burundi • **NSABIMANA Salvator**, meal , PENACONI, BURUNDI • **NGENDAKUMANA ERI**C, Legal represent PENACONI, Burundi • **NYANDWI SYVESTRE,** SPECIALIST SIG, OBPE BURUNDI Moderator: **MASUMBUKO Vianney**	
15:00 - 16:00	**Defining a Just Climate Transition** ***Organiser***: *International Alliance of Waste Pickers* Climate change and other forms of pollution are motivating a range of	Panel discussion

	policy responses to reduce emissions and prevent pollution. These efforts can generate considerable disruption in the lives and livelihoods of workers in the informal economy, such as waste pickers, if designed without a just transition in mind. This panel explores real world climate solutions that waste pickers are leading around the world to protect both the environment and livelihoods. **Speakers** • **Ali Mendillioğlu**, Katik Waste Picker Cooperative, Turkiye • **Eva Mokoena**, African Reclaimers Organisation, South Africa • **Joanna Daganta Amican**, Nagkakaisang Lakas ng Mangangalakal ng Longos (Philippines waste picker organization) Moderator: **Kabir Arora,** General Secretary International Alliance of Waste Pickers	
16:30 - 17:30		

Friday 20 November 2026

Time	Session	Format
09:00 - 10:00		
10:30 - 11:30	**Climate Justice Starts in Our Communities: Building Resilient, Inclusive and People-Centred African Territories** ***Organiser:*** *Municipality of Pikine Nord* ***Partners:*** *Association des Jeunes pour le Développement Durable (AJDD) – Senegal* This event will explore how African local governments can turn climate action into a practical tool for climate justice, social inclusion and improved living conditions. Drawing on the experience of Pikine Nord Municipality in Senegal and the Association des Jeunes pour le Développement Durable (AJDD), the session will highlight the role of youth engagement, citizen participation, essential public services, health, environmental action and local resilience in addressing climate challenges. The discussion will examine how local initiatives can reduce inequalities, strengthen access to essential services and empower communities, particularly young people and vulnerable groups. It will also explore the importance of climate finance, multi-level governance and partnerships between local governments, civil society, national institutions and international actors. The event will provide a space for sharing practical experiences and identifying scalable, people-centred solutions that connect climate action with the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. **Speakers** • **Ibrahima MANDIANG,** Chief of Staff to the Mayor, in charge of Health and Social Action, Pikine Nord Municipality • **Auguste Tony Fourtado,** President, Association des Jeunes pour le Développement Durable (AJDD) • **Danilo Dolce,** International Cooperation and Sustainable Development Expert, International / Civil Society Partner • **Dr. Aïssatou Tounkara,** Climate and Sustainable Development Expert	Roundtable

	Moderator: **Ibrahima MANDIANG**	
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