

24th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24)

AfDB-GPSC Side Event (T2): “Resilient pathways for sustainable urban development in Africa”



Saturday, 8 December 2018, 11:00 – 12:30
African Development Bank (AfDB) Pavilion, Katowice, Poland

It is reported that all continents are experiencing high urbanization rates although it is expected to decrease progressively in the next 50 years, except in Africa where the phenomenon will continue to accelerate. Africa’s 1.1 billion population is projected to double over the next 30 years, and more than 80% of that increase will occur in cities. This means by 2050, more than 1.3 billion Africans will call a city home, which thus implies that Africa’s future is urban. It is therefore essential to have the proper mechanisms in place to prevent drastic repercussions from occurring to already vulnerable populations impacted by lack of access to safe drinking water, healthy and hygienic living conditions and climate hazards.

The event “**Resilient pathways for sustainable urban development in Africa**” will help explore possible avenues for collaboration between various development and private sector partners to mainstream resilience in urban development on the continent. With an estimated thirteen (13) African cities that will surpass New York City in size over the next 80 years, it is critical for the continent to identify and implement sustainable models of urban growth. This will require strong political will and sound integrated planning to set a developmental path that is environmentally friendly, sustainable and resilient to various shocks and stresses while ensuring the highest possible quality of life for current and future citizens.

The technical panel session will be followed by an open interactive questions and answers session which will provide an opportunity for the audience to react to the content presented. It is with pleasure that the AfDB and the GPSC welcome you to join the event.

Event Program

“Resilient pathways for sustainable urban development in Africa” Saturday, 8 December 2018, 11:00 – 12:30, Room TBD	
11:00 – 11:10	<p>Opening Remarks (10 min)</p> <p><i>Mr. Anthony Nyong, Climate Change & Green Growth Department, Director, AfDB (5 min)</i></p> <p><i>Mr Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice, Senior Director, World Bank (5 min)</i></p>
11:10 – 11:35	<p>Technical Panel Session: Expert contributions to the urban development space (25 min)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Mr. Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, Senior Director, World Bank</i></p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mr. Raphael Edou, Deputy-Mayor, Cotonou (5 min)</i> • <i>Mr. Alope Barnwal, GEF-7 Impact Program Manager, GEF (5 min)</i> • <i>Mr. Stefan Atchia, Acting Division Manager, AfDB (5 min)</i> • <i>Ms. Nicolette Bartlett, Director of Climate Change, CDP (5 min)</i> • <i>Ms. Jisun Hwang, Senior Climate Advocacy & Policy Officer, ICLEI (5 min)</i>
11:35 – 12:25	<p>Questions & Answers from the Audience (50 min)</p> <p><i>This session will provide an opportunity for the audience to react to the content presented by the technical panel.</i></p>
12:25 – 12:30	<p>Closing remarks from the technical panel (5 min)</p> <p><i>Following the interactive session between the panel and the audience, the technical panel members will deliver in 1-2 minutes their reflections and closing remarks.</i></p>
Please note that refreshments will be provided during the session	