

Cities and regions for raising ambition: Contributions to NDC implementation and scaling-up related climate finance

2018 UN Katowice Climate Change Conference (COP24) Side Event

- Date and time:** Monday, 10 December 2018, at 15:00—16:30hrs
- Venue:** Room Wisla, COP24 Venue, ZONE – G
- Conceptualisation:** In preparation for the focus on cities and climate finance by the UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance (SCF) Forum 2019, this session will present challenges and opportunities on enabling effective multilevel climate action and governance including ways to scale-up related climate finance for cities and regions (<http://www.cities-and-regions.org/talanoa/>)

Session description

Co-organised by ICLEI and EBRD, this side event will focus on highlighting the lessons learned by cities and regions in scaling-up climate finance and the promotion of multilevel governance approaches for raising NDC ambition. Drawing on the Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues as well as on-the-ground investment experience, in-depth discussions will identify mechanisms for replicating good practice, scaling up climate finance, and addressing challenges to low emission climate-resilient urban development.

Moderator

- **Yunus Arikan**, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, introducing Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues

Opening remarks

Ashok Sridharan, Mayor of Bonn, Germany and ICLEI President

Speakers

- **Sue Goeransson**, Director of the Municipal and Environmental Infrastructure team, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Kazumi Kobayashi**, Deputy Mayor of Yokohama City, Japan
- **Manuel Araujo**, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique; Vice-Chair of ICLEI Africa Regional Executive Committee
- **Maia Tskhvaradze**, Climate Change Office Chief Specialist, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- **Astrid Knutsen Hårstad**, Political Adviser, Ministry of Climate and Environment of Norway

Closing remarks

Mr Markku Markkula, Vice President, European Committee of the Regions