



**UNFCCC COP 24  
Katowice, Poland**

**Concept Note  
Action Event: Human Settlements**

Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action

Friday, 7 December 2018  
10:00 – 13:00

Organised by the Human Settlements Thematic Group

## Human Settlements Action Event: Integrated and Multilevel Action to Raise Ambition

### Description

The event will consist of the three panel discussions:

- Integrated action: integrated climate action for low-carbon and resilient societies;
- Raising ambition: sectoral progress and achievements, with a special focus on the buildings and construction sector;
- Looking forward: financing multilevel action

### Overall Narrative/Background

The MPGCA Human Settlements thematic group is making tremendous efforts to align policies across all actors and levels of governance to enhance ambition through integrated climate action, action in key sectors and multilevel action supported by means of implementation such as climate finance.

Jointly, local, regional and national governments can realise the transformation needed for achieving the mid-century goal of transitioning into low-carbon resilient economies with their ambitious targets and innovative policy solutions. Sectors with the highest carbon footprint in cities comprise energy, waste, buildings and transport. Cities and regions around the world would further benefit from increased capacity building support for accessing and using new finance instruments.

### Objective of the event: Impacts and progress made in 2018

Urban areas accounts for over 70% of global energy use and cities account for between 37% and 49% of total global greenhouse gas emissions. Buildings and construction alone are responsible for some 40% of energy consumption and related GHG emissions globally. The majority of the world's cities are in low lying flood-prone or coastal areas, which are vulnerable to climate hazards. Against this backdrop, strengthening institutional capacity to enable enforcement of standards and policies – for human settlements across all levels of government is crucial for achieving the long-term goal of the Paris Agreement.

Focusing on three pillars of integrated climate action, sectoral progress and financing multilevel action, this year's MPGCA Human Settlements thematic event aims to strengthen the five high-impact levers of the Human Settlements thematic group, which are as follows: 1) multilevel governance; 2) finance; 3) net-zero emission, efficient, and resilient buildings and construction; 4) low emission transport; and

5) zero-waste. These five high-impact levers will receive a thematic deep-dive through three 45-minute sessions that would comprise the 3-hour slot dedicated to the Human Settlements thematic group.

First, the integrated climate action session will feature speakers whose experience will provide key insights for enhancing NDC ambition and achieving sustainable territorial development with co-benefits to climate action and SDGs. Cities and regions are on the front line of a globally changing world and need to rapidly adapt to shifts in nearly every dimension of life. Policymakers at all levels of governments will share their views on latest developments for creating sustainable cities and regions as important hubs of economy, innovation, production, consumption, social and cultural interaction.

The second session will focus on raising ambition by highlighting sectoral progress made. Based on a reporting back on commitments made at the recent Global Climate Action Summit in California (net zero carbon buildings, 1.5 mid-century climate neutrality, zero emission urban mobility, 100% renewable energy, zero waste, and equity), the session will focus on experiences in the buildings and construction sector. Key policy briefs and outcome documents that would serve as background information for the session include the progress report on the Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction 2018, the Global Roadmap, and the [Call to Global Climate Action](#) from the Global Climate Action Summit (GCAS).

Third, the final session on “looking forward: financing multilevel action” will discuss next steps for financing multilevel action with a view to feeding into the third biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance, a COP mandated event to be convened in accordance with decision 3/CP.19. The session will focus on the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices regarding the use of project preparation facilities to make finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development, in line with the [Bonn-Fiji Commitment](#) and the [Marrakech Roadmap for Action on Localizing Climate Finance](#).

## **Types of speakers:**

### **Speakers**

Ministers/State Secretaries/Governors/Mayors of all levels of governments, international institutions, private sector representatives and civil society, all committed to the high impact lever areas of the human settlements group. Exact names TBC.

### **Moderators**

Technical and thematic experts working in the high impact lever areas of the human settlements group. Exact names TBC.

### **Role of high level champions**

The high level champions will provide guidance and support by strengthening high-level engagement on the specific policies, practices and actions to be discussed in the three events. The champions will highlight to the UNFCCC Executive Secretary, the COP Presidencies, and Presiding Officers key outcomes for the three events, including best practices that are scalable and replicable with a view to

enhancing a cross-jurisdictional climate governance model for coordination across boundaries. Where available, the high-level champions are invited to give opening and/or closing remarks.

## Programme 1: Integrated climate action

Date: Fri, 7 Dec 2018 Time: 10:00 – 11:00 Room TBC	Integrated climate action for low-carbon and resilient societies (100 characters including spaces as above)
10:00 – 10:05	Introduction by the moderator (5 minutes)  <b>Moderator: Mr Robert Kehew</b> , Climate Change Planning Unit Leader at UN-Habitat  -Introduce the structure of the thematic action event as a three-session event with the first session as the overarching concept, the second session as a sectoral deep-dive, and the third session on financing multi-level action. -Set the scene of the concept of integrated climate action through contextualising the post-2015 agendas for action (Paris Agreement, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, New Urban Agenda and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction) as the foundation for sustainable, zero-carbon and resilient development.
10:05 – 10:40	<b>Format:</b> Davos style roundtable (max. 35 minutes) <b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Ms Sheela Patel</b>, Director of the Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centres (SPARC)</li> <li>- <b>Ms Virginie Pfanner</b>, Regional Councilor, Auvergne Rhône Alpes, France</li> <li>- <b>Mr Marcelo Elias</b>, Deputy Secretary, Secretariat for Environment, Sao Paulo</li> <li>- <b>Alderman Bill Harvey</b>, City of Hobart, Australia</li> <li>- <b>Mr Constant Zango</b>, President Technical Alliance for Development Assistance, Centre Nord, Burkina Faso</li> <li>- Polish ombudsman (tbd)</li> </ul>
10:40 – 11:00	Interaction with the <b>audience</b> (20 minutes)
Contact person (only one person to be published on the UNFCCC online side event system):  Name: Sara Kupka Organization: Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD) Email address: skupka@nrg4sd.org Telephone number: +491726784738	
Logistical requirements (Not all requests may be accommodated but we will explore.)	
Interpretation for this session is desired, subject to the availability of resources.	

## Programme 2: Raising ambitions - Taking a deeper look at the buildings sector

<p>7 Dec 2018 11:00 – 12:00 Room TBC</p>	<p><b>Raising ambition: sectoral progress and achievements</b> (100 characters including spaces as above)</p>
<p>1:00 – 1:40</p>	<p>Format: Davos style roundtable (5 minutes each for introductory presentation, 10 min discussion lead and transition by moderator and representative of GCAS organisers, to give an overview of GCAS commitments Mr <b>Nick Nuttall</b>, responsible for communications at GCAS</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p><u>Speaker 1:</u> Minister/State Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tunisia - <b>Mr Noureddine Selmi</b>: Ministre de l'Équipement, de l'Habitat et de l'Aménagement du Territoire</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker 2:</u> Minister/State Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Madame Fatna EL-K'HIEL</b> (Secrétaire d'Etat auprès du Ministre de l'Aménagement du Territoire National, de l'Urbanisme, de l'Habitat et de la Politique de la Ville, Chargée de l'Habitat</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr Rafal Trzaskowski</b>, Mayor of Warsaw</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker 4:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Switzerland (Ambassador, <b>Dr. Franz Perrez</b>. Head of the International Affairs Division at the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN)</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker 5:</u> CEO of private sector company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adam Jdrzejczak</b>, CEO Danfoss Eastern Europe</li> </ul> <p><u>Speaker 6:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christine Lemaitre CEO</b> of German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB)</li> </ul>

<p>11:40 – 12:00</p>	<p>Interaction with the <b>audience</b> (20 minutes)</p>
<p>Contact person (only one person to be published on the UNFCCC online side event system):            Name: Natasha Nass            Organization: UN Environment/Global Alliance for Buildings and Construction (GlobalABC) Secretariat            Email address: Natacha.nass@un.org            Telephone number: +33 (0) 1 44 37 76 21</p>	
<p>Logistical requirements (Not all requests may be accommodated but we will explore.)            Microphones for all speakers, two microphones for audience interaction.            Chairs and water for all speakers.            Beamer, screen, laser clicker for the presentations.            Interpretation (English-French-Spanish) for this session is desired, subject to the availability of resources.</p>	

### Programme 3: Looking forward

<p>7 Dec 2018 12:00hrs – 13:00hrs Room TBC</p>	<p>Looking forward: financing multilevel action (<i>100 characters including spaces as above</i>)</p>
<p>12.00- 12.05hrs</p>	<p>Introduction by the moderator (5 minutes)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Ms Maryke van Staden, Director of the Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn Center) and Manager of ICLEI's Low Carbon City Agenda</p> <p>Role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap outcomes of the <b>second biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance</b>, and provide expectations for the third biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance to be convened at COP24 in accordance with decision 3/CP.19 on 10 December 2018, and provide implications for cities and regions on how to fostering global, regional, national and subnational cooperation.</li> <li>- Highlight the current landscape of climate finance for cities and regions including the latest developments made on efforts towards prioritising project preparation for integrated, sustainable urban and territorial development through greater mobilization of a wide variety of sources, instruments and channels, in line with the <a href="#">Bonn-Fiji Commitment</a> and the <a href="#">Marrakech Roadmap for Action on Localizing Climate Finance</a>.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide summary as well as the transition from the two previous sessions.</li> </ul>
<p>12.05-12.35hrs</p>	<p>Format: Davos style roundtable (Max. 30 minutes)</p> <p><b>Speakers</b></p> <p>Speaker 1: Yassine Daoudi, Mayor of Guisser, Morocco - Vice-President of the Moroccan Association of Mayors (AMPCC)</p> <p>Speaker 2: Monica Scatasta, Head of Environment, Climate and Social Policy, European Investment Bank (EIB)</p> <p>Speaker 3: Raúl Delgado, Climate Change and NDC Invest Lead Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)</p> <p>Speaker 4: Wilfried Morau, Director for Sustainable Development and Energy, Caisse des Dépôts et Consignations (National Development Bank), Gabon</p> <p>Speaker 5: Damien Navizet, Head of Climate Change Division, Agence Française de Développement (AFD)</p>
<p>12.35-12.55hrs</p>	<p>Interaction with the <b>audience</b> (20 minutes)</p>



12.55- 13.00hrs	<p>Closing remarks by H.E. Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Defence and National Security, Fiji; COP23 High Level Champion (5 minutes)</p> <p>H.E. Inia Seruiratu, Minister for Defence and National Security, Fiji, COP23 High Level Champion, will underscore the importance of scaling up and replicating the best practices on financing multi-level action as input for the third biennial high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance at COP24, to be convened in accordance with decision 3/CP.19 as well as for the UNSG Climate Summit in 2019.</p>
<p>Contact person (only one person to be published on the UNFCCC online side event system):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Name: Ms Jisun Hwang</li><li>· Organization: ICLEI—Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI)</li><li>· Email address: jisun.hwang@iclei.org</li><li>· Telephone number: +49-(0)228 / 976 299-23</li></ul>	
<p>Logistical requirements (Not all requests may be accommodated but we will explore.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Interpretation for this session is desired, subject to the availability of resources.</li></ul>	