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City Climate Planner - Launch of training and certification scheme

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Session type: Panel Discussion and Presentation(s) with Question and Answers

Level of access: Open

Session description:

The City Climate Planner Program builds capacity in cities to take action on climate change. Cities contribute about 70 percent of global GHG emissions and use two-thirds of the world's energy, so measuring emissions at the city scale is a critical first step to managing emissions and tackling climate change.

The Program provides training and professional credentials to individuals who work in or with cities on climate action planning. The first certification, for Urban GHG Inventory Specialists, is based on the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC), the most comprehensive global protocol for calculating and reporting greenhouse gas inventories. In addition to a rigorous certification exam that allows candidates to demonstrate mastery of the content, the program also launched a robust training and online professional network to support this work. By using the GPC, city planners can measure emissions, build more effective emissions reduction strategies, set measurable and more ambitious emission reduction goals, and track progress more accurately and comprehensively.

The program was developed by the World Bank along with partnering organizations ICLEI, C40 and WRI. The City Climate Planner Secretariat is co-hosted by GBCI, ICLEI and WRI. These well-established reliable organizations will further expand the Program by adding a certification on Climate Action Planning in 2018. The program objective is to have a positive impact by developing the skills needed to design, plan and implement climate action plans in local communities.



This launch session will specifically focus on the main objectives and benefits of the Program while exploring with participants – practitioners and policy makers - their interests and opportunities for collaboration to strengthen local technical capacity relevant to climate change.

