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Collaborating on Effective Climate Governance - ICLEI and the NDC Partnership

Background

It is critical that nations define how they will implement the Paris Agreement and that all levels of government, civil society, and the private sector form a grand coalition to advance climate action globally. There is a gap between current commitments and the emissions reductions needed to keep the global temperature rise well below two degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels – the target established in the Paris Agreement. This gap needs to be filled through higher national commitments and the ambitions of local and regional governments, as well as a diversity of stakeholders working at the local, regional and global levels.

National and Subnational governments are increasingly tackling the climate challenge with a sense of urgency, implementing integrated climate action in the areas of mitigation and adaptation. They are exploring the use of appropriate policies and technologies; mobilizing different stakeholders to take ownership of action; and access to finance to scale up and pick up the pace.

At COP23 in Bonn, nations will lay the foundation for defining and ultimately adopting the rulebook that will determine how national commitments will translate to action. In this context, the event aims to explore approaches to enhance multi-level governance and stimulate discussion among leaders at various levels of government on how to do so. Challenges, good practices and lessons learned will be shared and discussed with the participants.

The event will announce the collaboration between ICLEI and the NDC Partnership. The cooperation aims to advance multilevel governance through enabling opportunities for all levels of government to enhance institutional arrangements, processes as well as coordination instruments to effectively and jointly tackle climate change. A key input to the discussions will be provided by the information package on multi-level governance jointly developed by GIZ, UN-Habitat and ICLEI.

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Session Information

Date: 16 November 2017

Time: 10:00 – 12:30

Venue: Cities and Regions Pavilion – Bonn Zone, COP 23

Moderator: Maryke van Staden (tbc)



Session Outline

Activity	Speakers	Time
Breakfast Reception		10:00 – 11:00
Opening Remarks	Gino Van Begin – Secretary General of ICLEI Pablo Vieira – Global Director of the NDC Partnership Support Unit	11:00 – 11:15
Keynote Address	Tangmar Marmon, Coordinator, Global Programme Vertically integrated Climate Policies, GIZ	11:15 – 11:30
Panel Discussions	Manuel Alculete Lopes de Araújo – Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique Eckart Würzner – Mayor of Heidelberg, Germany Rizwan Mehboob – Climate Advisor to the PM, Pakistan Andrea Meza – Ministry of Environment & Energy, Costa Rica (tbc) Mariana Rojas – Ministry of Environment & Sustainable Development, Columbia (tbc) National Representative from Germany (tbc)	11:30 – 12:10
Discussions (Q&A)	All participants	12:10 – 12:30

City authorities and national government representatives will share insights around the following discussion points:

- To what extent and how is multi-level governance in place, and are national and local and other subnational governments jointly discussing climate change and coordinated responses?
- What are the needs and requirements of the various levels of governments towards each other to mutually reinforce approaches, coordinate effectively, and leverage synergies for NDC implementation?
- What practical challenges are currently being experienced (or what is foreseen) to advance with multi-level government among cities, towns, regions and their national governments? How can these challenges be addressed to the benefit of all?
- What good practices can be shared and up-scaled?