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# Energy security starts local: cities, states and regions drive electrification ahead of COP31

Bonn, Germany — Subnational leaders showcase how electrification, clean energy and climate investment are delivering energy security on the road to COP31

## WHAT

As the incoming COP31 Presidency places electrification at the centre of the global climate agenda, cities, states and regions are demonstrating how the energy transition is already being delivered on the ground.

This high-level press conference will bring together subnational leaders and climate partners to showcase how electrification, renewable energy deployment and climate investment are strengthening energy security, reducing emissions and creating more resilient communities.

Building on the momentum of COP30, the Santa Marta conference and the growing focus on implementation, government and expert speakers will highlight practical examples of action across cities, states and regions, demonstrating how local and regional governments are turning climate commitments into tangible outcomes for their communities.

The event will also explore how stronger collaboration between national and subnational governments can accelerate implementation of the Paris Agreement, support the COP31 Action Agenda and help deliver the ambitions of COP31.

## WHO

### Speakers include:

- Dan Ioschpe, COP30 Climate High-Level Champion, Brazil (TBC)
- Rachel Lévesque, Government of Québec, Canada
- Diogo Soares de Melo Franco, Deputy Secretary of State of the State Secretariat for the Environment and Sustainable Development, Minas Gerais, Brazil
- Lindsey Horvath, Supervisor, Los Angeles County USA
- Katrin Stjernfeldt Jammeh, Mayor, City of Malmö, Sweden



**Moderator:**

- Ariel Dekovic, Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency Focal Point

**WHEN**

**Date:** Wednesday, 10 June 2026

**Time:** 9:00 - 9:30am

**WHERE**

Nairobi 4, Main Building - Entrance Level

**WHY**

We're beyond recognition and ambition. The challenge now is implementation and finance.

Cities, states and regions are responsible for many of the decisions that determine how quickly homes, buildings, transport systems and industries transition away from fossil fuels. As national governments prepare the pathway to COP31, subnational leaders are demonstrating that electrification is not only a climate solution, but also a pathway to greater energy security, economic resilience and long-term prosperity. Energy security is no longer a climate issue – it cuts across health and wellbeing, how we travel, how we live, how we work and how economies prosper.

At the Copenhagen Climate Ministerial, leaders highlighted electrification as one of the most powerful tools available to reduce exposure to volatile fossil fuel markets while strengthening energy security. Across the world, subnational governments are already delivering this transition through investments in clean energy, electrified transport, resilient infrastructure and local climate action.

The press conference will spotlight examples of implementation from across regions and cities and outline how stronger partnerships between national and subnational governments can unlock investment, accelerate delivery and support a just and inclusive energy transition.

As countries move from negotiation to implementation, cities, states and regions are proving that energy security, climate security and economic security increasingly depend on the same thing: accelerating the shift from fossil fuels to clean, electrified systems.



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## **ABOUT THE LGMA**

Since the first climate COP in 1995, the LGMA has served as the official voice for local and subnational governments within UN Climate Change, connecting them directly to global climate processes. The 2015 Paris Agreement marked a turning point, recognizing the essential role of these governments in enhancing NDCs and driving transformative climate action.

The LGMA has since advocated for a process that systematically recognizes, engages, and empowers local and subnational governments as central actors to global climate strategies.