

Title: Accelerating Research, Innovation & Technology for African Cities

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2019

Time: 08:30 – 10:55

Venue: Committee Hall 2

Status: Open to all participants

Organized by: Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy

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Session Overview: The IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C has warned that current nationally-determined contributions under the Paris Agreement are *not enough* to avoid drastic consequences that will impact communities around the world and in Africa specifically. This session will bring together cities and local governments along with leading partners from the cities community to discuss data and technology priorities – specific to collaboration, data access, renewable energy, and transportation – that are key to support local governments to act on climate at the speed and scale necessary to support parties to meet their Paris Agreement commitments.

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| <p>Welcome: Session Framing</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Pierre Mbassi, Secretary General, UCLG Africa <i>Welcome remarks</i> • Amanda Eichel, Executive Director, GCoM <i>Introduction of Innovate4Cities</i> |
| <p>Access, Barriers, Solutions</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loglo Kossi Amétowoyona, Mayor, Mayor, Tsévié, Togo (TBC) <i>Cities work identifying data barriers and developing processes to engage youth, community leaders, CSOs</i> • Christopher Ede-Calton, World Resources Institute <i>Discussion on data barriers for cities and presentation of opportunities for technology to advance data access for African cities</i> • Q&A, led by Christopher Ede-Calton |
| <p>Academia & Science</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meggan Spires, Senior Manager, ICLEI Africa <i>Collaboration in practice, reflection from partner's work on the continent</i> • TBC Academic Speaker • Macoura Coulibaly, Mayor of Fombolo, Ivory Coast (TBC) • Q&A/Discussion and Opportunities for scaling through multi-sector collaboration and national government support |
| <p>Private Sector & Collaboration</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Hastings Chickok, C40 Cities (TBC) • Blake Robinson, Officer, ICLEI Africa <i>Presentation on partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transportation (SLoCaT) and the TUMI Initiative in Africa</i> • Gurbuz Gonul, Director Country Support Partnerships, IRENA <i>Case study presentation on SolarCityEngine</i> • Joanne Yawitch, CEO, National Business Initiative of South Africa <i>Public private partnerships to advance environmental sustainability</i> • Q&A/Discussion and Opportunities for scaling through multi-sector collaboration and national government support |
| <p>Closing Remarks</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manuel de Araújo, Mayor of Quelimane, Mozambique (TBC) |