

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 August 2019

**Time:** 10:00 – 12:25

**Venue:** SDG 1

**Status:** Open to all participants

**Coordinating Organizations:** WWF and GlobalABC

**Supporting Organizations:** GCoM, CAF, SloCat, Regions4, UNEP, WMO and ICLEI

**Title:** Pathways to a low-carbon & resilient future in Latin America and the Caribbean urban areas and settlements

**Objective:** To jointly develop a set of key recommendations for a vertically integrated regional roadmap towards a resilient and low-carbon development in Latin American and the Caribbean urban areas and informal settlements.

<b>Vivace</b> [5 mins]	<b>Welcoming words</b> by Tabaré A. Currás, Technical Lead, WWF Cities (MEX) (TBC).
<b>Andante</b> [100 mins]	<p><b>Keynote speech</b> “[TITLE TBC]” by Geraldo Júlio Rodrigues, Mayor of Recife (BRA) (TBC). [10 mins].</p> <p><b>Panel discussion - Chapter I: “Mitigation &amp; vulnerability Hotspots”</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Carlos Fuller, International and Regional Liaison Officer, Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (BLZ).  <u>Panelists:</u> Lisa Morris Julian, Mayor of Arima (TTO); Roberto Cláudio Rodrigues, Mayor of Fortaleza (BRA) (TBC); Debora Domina, Coordinator Red Argentina de Municipios Frente al Cambio Climático (ARG).</p> <p><b>Panel discussion - Chapter II: “Forging pathways to low-carbon &amp; resilience”</b>  <u>Moderator:</u> Martina Otto, Head of Cities Unit Global ABC (DEU).  <u>Panelists:</u> Sergio Bergman, Secretary of Government of Environment and Sustainable Development (ARG)(TBC); Ruth Buendía, Secretary Asociación Interétnica de Desarrollo de la Selva Peruana (PER); Felipe Faria, CEO Green Building Council (BRA)(TBC).</p>
<b>Moderato</b> [30 mins]	<b>Q&amp;A</b> including a “Targeted intervention” [5 mins] by Katia de Pinho, Coordinator PAHO/WHO (BRA) (TBC).
<b>Allegro</b> [10 mins]	<b>Final remarks</b> (Special address) by Gonzalo Muñoz, High Level Climate Action Champion (CHL).

This thematic block aims at addressing hotspots, collaborative actions and tangible solutions for improved climate mitigation and resilience in Latin American and Caribbean urban areas and informal settlements. Broken down in two panels, this dialogue will give particular emphasis on clear mechanisms for vertical integration of climate policies between national and sub-national governments, and specific means to scale up and make financial flows more accessible to cities and local governments to address significant emission reductions and decreasing vulnerability in urban and informal settlements. Ultimately, this thematic block will make visible readily-available, feasible and cost-effective options for a *roadmap* towards resilient and low-carbon development in Latin American and the Caribbean urban areas and informal settlements. The thematic block will be structured in 4 movements: *Vivace (introduction)*, *Andante (main sessions I and II)*, *Moderato (Q & A)* and *Allegro (summary)*.

**Vivace** [5 mins]: this is the prelude; it will serve to give welcome words, describe the program, introduce speakers, and acknowledge efforts from LACCW organizers and partners [5 mins]. Master of ceremony leads.

**Andante** [100 mins]: this is the central dialogue of the thematic block; will serve to present arguments by speakers (first round of interventions). This movement will comprise a keynote address and two panels viz. Chapter I and Chapter II.

- **Keynote Address [10 mins]**  
A Local Mayor will address key ideas behind low-carbon development and resilience in infrastructure, cities and local action in Latin America and the Caribbean, highlighting successful stories based on own experience.
- **Chapter I: Mitigation & Vulnerability Hotspots [45 mins]**  
Speakers will converse on (i) hotspots in Latin America and the Caribbean regarding mitigation and resilience needs.  
ii) Leverage points which would generate change at scale. Topics from speakers could cover (but not limited to):
  - Status of urban mitigation and resilience in and for urban areas, resilience and informal settlements in LAC.
  - Challenges and needs, in particular financial flows regarding mitigation and resilience in and for urban areas and informal settlements in particular for urban resilience in LAC.
  - “Hotspots” for informal settlements in LAC.
  - Collaborative action between national and local governments.
  - Cities and sub-national governments experiences in addressing barriers to improve climate resilience for the most vulnerable urban dwellers.
- **Chapter II: Forging pathways to low-carbon & resilient urban areas and settlements [45 mins]**  
Speakers will converse on (i) entry points to support collaboration and vertical integration and (ii) clear and tangible solutions to scale-up and make financial flows more accessible to cities and local governments to address climate change in urban areas and informal settlements. Dissertations from speakers could cover (but not limited to) the following topics:
  - Examples of local commitments, their link to national commitments, and their implementation.
  - Vertical integration in NDCs for climate mitigation and resilience in urban areas.
  - Financial flows for effective, low-carbon urban planning, and resilient, efficient informal settlements are needed and the form they can take.
  - Suggestions for incorporating informal settlements in NDCs.
  - Needed climate policies for 2030 and 2050 to align to 1.5 °C.
  - City-level adaptive capacities to develop or strengthen.
  - Linkages among GHG emission reduction, air quality and co-benefits for adaptation of health sector.
  - Financing measures and financing mechanisms for cities and sub-national governments.
  - Roadmaps for low-carbon and resilient urban areas and informal settlements.

**Moderato** [30 mins]: this is the Q&A section, will provide an opportunity for attendees to raise questions and make responses to all speakers. Participate speakers, moderators and general audience.

**Allegro** [10 mins]: this is the epilogue; this section will serve to draw recommendations and conclusions based on speaker’s participation. Run by a Climate Champion from COP25, this section will reach conclusions in terms of:

- Where is LAC in terms of climate mitigation for urban areas, resilience in informal settlements, collaborative action between cities and countries for both, and financial flows for cities and local governments to address climate change?;
- Where does LAC want to go in terms of climate mitigation for urban areas and climate resilience for the most vulnerable settlements?; and,
- How does LAC get to climate-resilient and inclusive low-carbon urban areas both for formal and informal settlements?