

THE DARING CITIES 2025 BONN DIALOGUES: INSIGHTS FOR MULTILEVEL ACTION

18 JUNE, WEDNESDAY, GIZ AUDITORIUM, 09:30 – 16:15 CEST
(With livestreaming in the morning)

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Master of Ceremony: **Yunus Arikan**, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI

09:30-10:00

Opening of the high-level dialogues for multilevel action

- **Katja Dörner**, Mayor, City of Bonn, Germany; ICLEI Global Executive Committee Member; Association of German Cities (DST) Vice President
- **Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Managing Director, GIZ
- **Marjorie Kauffmann**, State Secretary for Environment and Infrastructure, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil; Vice-President, ICLEI

Moderator: **Kobie Brand**, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa and ICLEI Deputy Secretary General

10:00-10:45

All in: A new generation of multilevel partnerships in challenging times

- **Jane Lomax-Smith**, Lord Mayor, City of Adelaide, Australia
- **Kazuhisa Takeuchi**, Mayor, City of Kitakyushu, Japan
- **Dorah Marema**, Head Municipal Sustainability Portfolio, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
- **Gutemberg de Vilhena Silva**, President Director, Director-President of the Amapá Research Foundation, Amapá State Government, Brazil
- **Steve Patterson**, Mayor, City of Athens, United States; President, National League of Cities (video message)

Moderator: **Asif Nawaz Shah**, Head of Impact and Global Partnerships, CHAMP, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

10:45-11:05

Family Photo and Coffee Break

11:05-11:50

Deep dive discussion groups: Localizing NDC3.0

Table 1: **Regional Deep Dive on North America**

With funding from the

- **Rachel Lévesque**, Senior Advisor for Climate and Environment, Government of Quebec, Canada
- **Serena McIlwain**, Secretary of Maryland Department of Environment, Regional Government of Maryland, United States (invited)

Facilitator: Champa Patel, Executive Director, Governments and Policy, Under2

Table 2: **Country Deep Dive on Brazil**

- N.N., Local Government Representative
- **Antonio Da Costa e Silva**, Ambassador, Ministry of Cities, Brazil

Facilitated by: Rodrigo Corradi, Deputy Director, ICLEI South America

Table 3: **Country Deep Dive on South Africa**

- **Dorah Marema**, Head Municipal Sustainability Portfolio, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
- **Pemy Gasela**, Chief Director of International Climate Change Relations and Reporting, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Government of South Africa (*to be confirmed*)
- **Kobie Brand**, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa and ICLEI Deputy Secretary General

Facilitator: Holger Treidel, Head of Group, Climate and Climate Policy, GIZ

Table 4: **Deep Dive on Mobilizing for Town Hall COPs**

- **Bianca Cantoni**, Coordinator for Institutional Relations and Advocacy, ICLEI South America
- **Kale Roberts**, Deputy Director, ICLEI USA
- **Luigi Zarro**, Manager, Operations, ICLEI Oceania
- **Ola Nord**, Head of Office at City of Malmö European Union office, City of Malmö, Sweden
- **Pinar Okyay**, Deputy Secretary General, Izmir Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye
- **Cihan Dünder**, Head of Climate Change and Zero Waste Department, Muğla Metropolitan Municipality, Türkiye
- **James Magesa**, Board member, YOUNGO UNFCCC

Facilitated by: Alyssa Chenault, Operations Manager, Climate Action, ICLEI

11:50 -12:35

Policy to action: Partnering for effective implementation

- **Lin O’Grady**, Deputy Director, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- **Anna Hall**, Head of Public Affairs, Energy Division, Alfa Laval
- **Xu Liu**, Director of the Ecology and Environment Bureau, China-Singapore Tianjin Eco-City Administrative Committee
- **Nancy Metayer Bowen**, Vice Mayor, City of Coral Springs, United States

*Moderator: **Cerin Kizhakkethottam**, Special Advisor, UN-Habitat*

12:40-13:00

Closing of the high-level dialogues for multilevel action

- **Niels Annen**, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- **Philip Yang**, COP30 Urban Solutions Envoy
- **André Godinho**, Extraordinary Secretary for COP30, City of Belém, Brazil; COP30 Host City

*Moderator: **Rodrigo Corradi**, Deputy Director, ICLEI South America*

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00-15:30

Roundtable discussions

Engaging Science for Climate Emergency

Table 1: The role of grey literature in shaping the IPCC SR-Cities Report

- Co-Facilitators: **Simone Sandholz**, Head of Urban Futures and Sustainability Transformation Programme, United Nations University - Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS) & **Aikaterini Karapantsiou**, Policy Advisor – LOUIS, GIZ
- Chair: **Pourya Salehi**, Head of Urban Research, Innovation, and Development, ICLEI
- Resource Persons:
 - **Takemoto Kazuhiko**, Chair, IIASA Council; President, Overseas Environmental Cooperation Centre Japan; Chair, ICLEI Japan
 - **Bart van den Hurk**, the Co-Chair of Working Group II, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
 - **Debra Roberts**, Coordinating Lead Author, IPCC SR-Cities Chapter V, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
 - **Benjamin Best**, Climate Coordinator, City of Bonn, Germany

- **Bernhard Barth**, Programme Coordinator, Climate Change and Urban Environment at UN-Habitat

Table 2: The Power of a Shared Data-Driven Framework to Operationalize Multilevel Governance

- Facilitator: **Maryke van Staden**, Director, carbonn Climate Center
- Resource Persons:
 - **Tomer Shalit**, Founder, ClimateView
 - **Christoph Höppener**, Head of Climate and Environmental Protection Division, Ruhr Regional Association (RVR)
 - **Clare Wharmby**, Programme Co-Director, Scottish Climate Intelligence Service (SCIS) *(to be confirmed)*
 - **Amanda McKee**, Director of Knowledge and Learning, NDC Partnership
 - **Nancy Metayer Bowen**, Vice Mayor, City of Coral Springs, United States (tbc)
 - **Kale Roberts**, Director of Membership and Local Diplomacy, ICLEI US (tbc)
 - **Dorah Marema**, Head Municipal Sustainability Portfolio, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
 - **Henning Wuester**, Director, ICAT (tbc)

Engaging Business for Climate Emergency

Table 3: Scaling energy efficiency for cities: A business roundtable for accelerated action

- Facilitator: **Giorgia Rambelli**, Director Mission Innovation Urban Transitions Mission, GCoM
- Resource Persons:
 - **Anna Hall**, Head of Public Affairs, Energy Division, Alfa Laval
 - **Paolo Ceccherini**, Public & Governmental Affairs, Signify
 - **Roman Mendle**, Head of Munich Climate Mission, City of Munich, Germany

Table 4: Accelerating climate action: Financing pathways to COP30 through nature-based solutions

- Facilitator: **Natalia Salazar**, Head of Innovative Finance, ICLEI
- Resource Persons:
 - **Rahel Hermann**, Project Manager, C40 Cities Finance Facility, GIZ

- **Lan Deng**, Deputy Director General of the Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC)
- **Costanza Strinati**, Manager, Climate Policy Initiative
- **María Pilar Bueno**, Undersecretary for Climate Change and Ecological Transition, City of Rosario, Argentina

15:40-16:15

Closing Plenary

- Report back from Roundtables (20 min)
- Towards COP30; LGMA agenda including Town Hall COPs and Daring Cities Virtual Forum (10 min)
 - **Yunus Arikian**, Director of Global Advocacy, ICLEI
- Reflections (5 min)
 - **Axel Graef**, Strategic Sustainability and Climate Advisor at the Mayor's Office, City of Niterói, Brazil

*Moderator: **Alyssa Chenault**, Operations Manager, Climate Action, ICLEI*