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Mobilizing Climate Science for Cities: Convening the Cities and Climate Change IPCC Conference in 2018

WHEN Thursday 10 November 2016 (15:00 – 16:00)

WHERE “Oasis” Venue, Blue Zone
UNFCCC COP-22, Marrakech, Morocco

OBJECTIVES

- To raise awareness about an International Scientific Conference on Cities and Climate Change, co-sponsored by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), to be held in 2018;
- To announce a call for Expressions of Interest from cities to host this Conference; and
- To mobilize the relevant stakeholders, including scientific researchers, national and city governments, local urban communities and international organization, on scientific research for cities and climate change.

Now, more than ever, cities are at the forefront of our sustainable, low-carbon and resilient future. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) at its 44th Plenary session in October in Bangkok took the decision to hold an **International Scientific Conference on Climate Change and Cities in 2018**. This conference aims at mobilizing researchers and other knowledge holders working on cities to generate the evidence base on Climate Change and Cities, which will inform upcoming IPCC reports. The Conference will identify existing research and gaps and will lead to generate new data and research on climate impacts and solutions at the local level. This

conference will ultimately support cities and citizens to build low-carbon and climate-resilient cities, and will help mayors, national governments and citizens to deliver on the ambition of the Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

This conference is organised with an innovative approach bringing together the research community, national and local decision-makers, and other private, citizen and public actors. The organising consortium (Cities Alliance, C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, Future Earth, Sustainable Development Solutions Network-SDSN, United Cities and Local Governments-UCLG, UN-Habitat, the United Nations Environment Programme-UNEP and the World Climate Research Programme-WCRP, reflects this approach.

Panelists will present the main objectives of the conference, the strengths and interest of this inter-sectoral and inter-actors approach to generate the evidence base to build sustainable and equitable cities from the perspective of the research, urban practitioners and local authorities and UN communities. The event will also be the opportunity to launch a call for expressions of interest from cities to host this historic conference.

Agenda

Start Time	Topic	Speaker
15:00	Welcome & introduction to session	Julie Greenwalt, Cities Alliance (Moderator)
15:04	Keynote address: Cities, climate change & the IPCC	Debra Roberts, eThekweni Municipality & Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II
15:16	Bridging urban science & practice	Seth Schultz, C40
15:20		Anne-Helene Prieur-Richard, Future Earth
15:24		Robert Kehew, UN-Habitat
15:28	Questions & interventions from the audience	Julie Greenwalt, moderator
15:40	Call for expressions of interest from cities to host the Scientific Conference on Cities & Climate Change / closing remarks	Yunus Arikkan, ICLEI
15:45	End of event	--