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Welcome to the German Pavilion!



Urbanisation is one of the most significant global trends. Today, over half of the world's population is living in cities and until 2050, an estimate of two thirds of humanity will be living in urban areas. This migratory movement gives rise to both considerable challenges and great opportunities. As driving forces for economic development, innovation and social transformation, cities have enormous potential to meet the emerging challenges. They play a major role in fighting climate change and poverty; they can promote integration, social inclusion and political engagement. Cities are the place where progress and change is shaped. Therefore, we have to recognise urban centres as the source of solutions for our global challenges.



With the adoption of the New Urban Agenda (NUA), the international community has reached a milestone that highlights the importance of cities and the local level. The NUA is a vital tool for achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the goals set by the Paris Agreement. It is an important step, that this year's theme of the World Urban Forum places the focus on the implementation of the NUA. Cities are key development actors, for implementing global agreements, creating liveable cities and for realising integrated sustainable development. Successfully implementing

the commitments made for sustainable development, however, will require new approaches, ideas and partnerships. The Federal Republic of Germany cordially invites you to discover and discuss action-oriented urban solutions for implementing sustainable development at the German Pavilion as well as during official Side, Networking and Training Events organised by Germany.

The German Pavilion brings together various German stakeholders from politics, academia, cities and municipalities, representatives of civil society organisations, development institutes and many more committed to promoting integrated and sustainable urban development in Germany and internationally. Guided by the motto "Germany – Partner for Implementing Sustainable Urban Solutions", the German Pavilion offers a forum for dialogue, discussion and exchange as well as for strengthening partnerships and fostering new alliances. We welcome and invite you to share your ideas, experiences and thoughts to contribute to the discussion on implementing sustainable urban solutions.

In this brochure you will find a programme of events taking place at the German Pavilion, some of the major additional events with German participation in the official WUF9 programme and an overview of the main strategies and approaches of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to support the implementation of the NUA in Germany and worldwide.





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Germany's national and international commitment in sustainable urban development

NATIONAL COMMITMENT

Integrated and sustainable urban development has been a political priority at national level in Germany for many years. The German constitution guarantees that towns and cities are autonomous in shaping their development and that they have their own revenues.

- The German government supports sustainable urban development in Germany with its urban development assistance, for example, to increase social cohesion and facilitate inclusion. Other programmes address urban regeneration, architectural heritage, local climate action or the greening of cities to promote environmentally sound, resource-efficient and liveable urban areas.

- In Germany, social housing subsidies for home ownership and financial assistance for low-income households ensure adequate housing for disadvantaged households. A well-balanced tenancy law promotes private rental housing and provides protection against arbitrary termination of tenancy and excessive rent increases. In addition, an increasing number of newly built dwellings have been completed to meet the growing demand for housing.
- For the national implementation of the NUA, the German government continues developing its multi-level initiative “National Urban Development Policy” as a platform of exchange for all relevant stakeholders. The ‘Leipzig Charter’, established in 2007, is the underlying document that enshrines the importance of integrated urban development. Germany, together with EU member states, will be updating this document until 2020. This ‘Leipzig Charter 2.0’ will take into account the NUA and the SDGs.

In addition to these activities, the German government, together with stakeholders from the regional and local levels, plans to draw up new participatory formats for the integrated implementation of the NUA and the SDGs.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT

Germany also supports partner countries to tap the potential that exists in cities, for example through the support of regional and national governments in drawing up integrated urban strategies and programmes or through projects that strengthen civil society at the local level.

Appropriate national and sub-national legal frameworks and good municipal governance, integrated urban planning as well as sustainable municipal financing lay the foundations for sustainable urban development. Therefore, Germany puts a strong emphasis on these areas. Building on these pillars, Germany's international cooperation also focuses on, among others:

- supporting sustainable construction and housing;
- creating low-carbon and resilient cities;
- facilitating a sustainable digital transformation of cities;
- enabling sustainable urban mobility for all;
- strengthening rural-urban linkages and achieving food security in cities;
- promoting local economic development and creating opportunities for income generation and
- securing the provision of basic services for all and making use of synergies for integrated urban solutions.

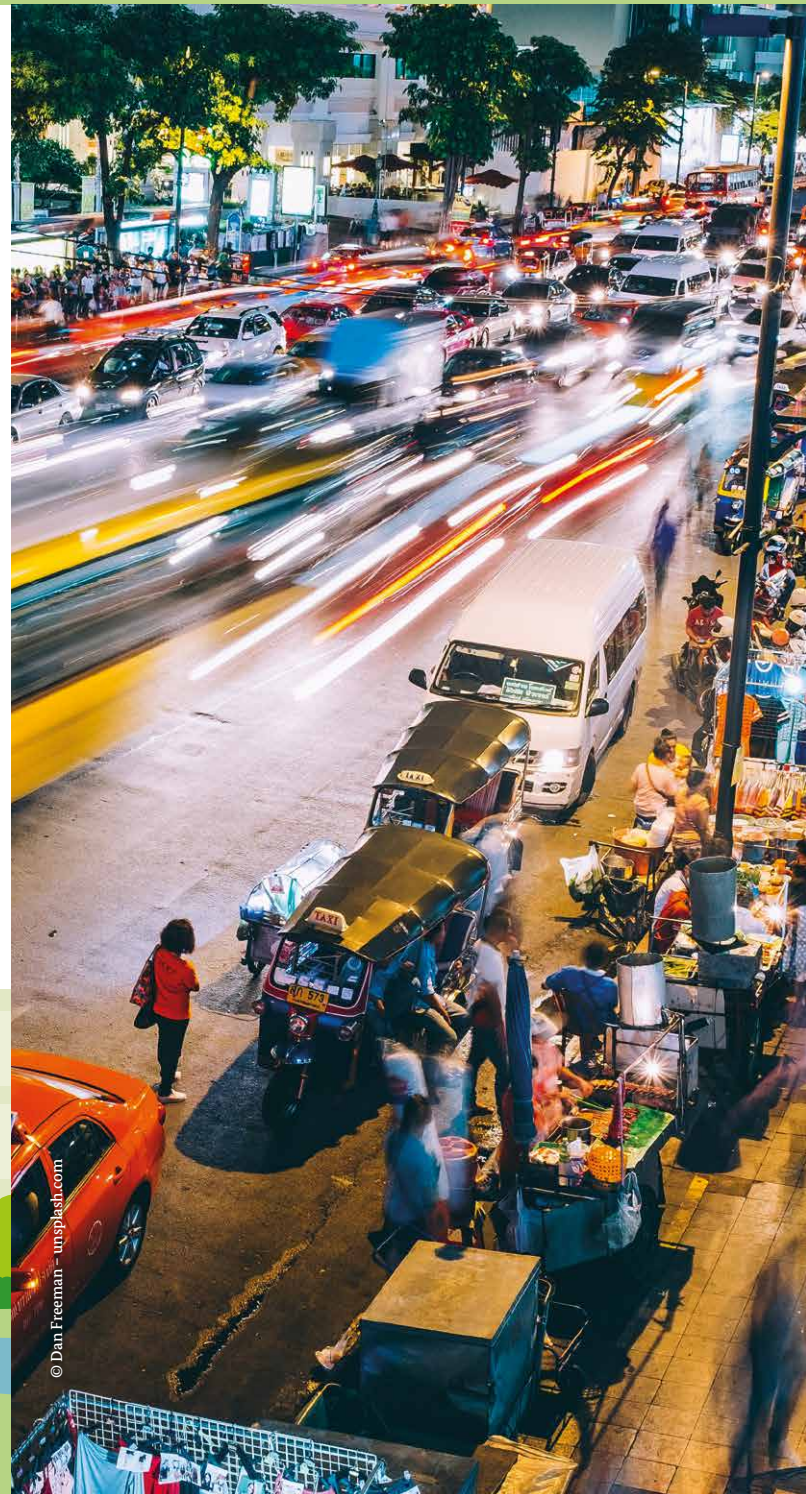


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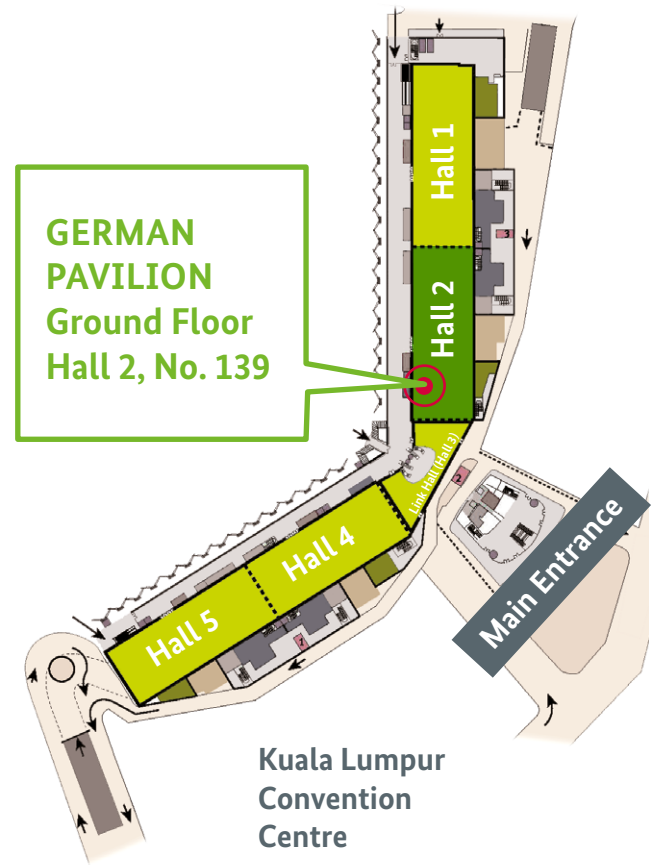
German cooperation currently carries out urban development projects with a total volume of more than 20 billion euros in over 50 countries, including:

- The Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI), through which Germany with its partners supports climate-friendly and robust urban mobility solutions to keep cities healthy, clean and free of congestion. Furthermore, TUMI aims to provide access to affordable transport for all. In particular, TUMI provides substantial financing for urban mobility projects, supports leadership development and career building for urban leaders, decision-makers, planners and students; ultimately connecting 1000 leaders worldwide.

- The URBAN PATHWAYS project, carried out by UN Habitat, will help delivering on the Paris Agreement and on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the context of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will develop national action plans and local implementation concepts in four key emerging economies with a high mitigation potential (India, Brazil, Kenya, Viet Nam). These plans will include an assessment of the political, technological, socio-economic and financial viability. The local implementation concepts will be developed into bankable projects.
- Through town twinning arrangements and project partnerships with cities, German municipalities directly support sustainable urban development in developing countries and vice versa, for example in the areas of municipal services such as waste management, local climate protection or citizen involvement. German cities also involve themselves in Connective Cities, a global Community of Practice for sustainable urban development, which supports the networking among urban practitioners from Germany and cities from around the world. The platform facilitates an exchange on good practices and enables cities to support each other in the planning and implementation of urban projects.
- The project “Information and Communications Technology (ICT)-based adaptation to climate change in cities” brings together urban development, climate change adaptation and digitalisation. With local partners, the project develops, customises and tests digital solutions such as crowd-sensing or crowd-mapping to engage citizens in the co-creation of their cities to achieve urban resilience in Peru, Mexico and India.



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In line with our commitment to sustainable development, we pursue to apply sustainable principles at the German Pavilion by reusing and recycling all the materials used. Furthermore, we work with local resources and only serve vegetarian food. In order to minimise our impact on the environment, we have also decided to implement paperless options where possible. Accordingly, our publication booklet provides an overview of a wide selection of publications that you can also browse through on the tablets at our information counter and send directly via email.

EVENTS AT THE GERMAN PAVILION



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POLYCENTRIC MANAGEMENT OF URBAN WATER RESOURCES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA – A LOCALISATION OF THE SDGS

The event will present the first findings from the initial phase of a project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The practice-oriented research project aims to develop instruments that support rapidly growing cities in Southeast Asia in the implementation of polycentric urban development schemes and integrated, cross-sectoral water management – thus enabling the localisation of the Agenda 2030 in a strategic field of urban development.

MAIN CONVENOR: Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association (BORDA)

CO-CONVENORS: Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok; City Cooperation “People-Sanitation-Cities”; Habitat Unit of Technical University Berlin, University of Applied Sciences, Cologne; Vietnam Academy for Water Resources, Hanoi



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GOVERNANCE, FINANCE AND LOCAL PLANNING – (DIS)ENABLING FACTORS FOR CLIMATE-FRIENDLY CITIES

This session will feature local and national level practitioners to discuss how global agendas, such as the Paris Agreement can be implemented more efficiently with the local level. More precisely the event will provide an insight into current governance, finance and planning challenges for climate-friendly cities and how they can be addressed.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

ENHANCING THE NATIONAL URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY – IMPLEMENTING GLOBAL AGREEMENTS AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL

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Over the past two years, the global community has adopted several landmark decisions that are relevant to urban actors, such as the New Urban Agenda, the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development, and the Paris Climate Agreement. The event will address the implications of these agreements for urban development policies and practices at the national and local levels. It will also discuss potential approaches and instruments to support local implementation at the national level.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

CO-CONVENOR: adelphi

DROWNING IN MUCK: INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR CITYWIDE SANITATION SOLUTIONS – THE CASE OF KERALA

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The state of Kerala has adopted an integrated approach to tackle the sanitation challenges existing in the state. This event is planned to be an interactive discussion based on the support provided by GIZ India's Support to the National Urban Sanitation Policy (SNUSP II) to the state of Kerala for better wastewater and septage management. We will commence by highlighting the need for an integrated approach to the management of sanitation systems. Then we will elaborate on the concept, key components and country-wide experiences and conclude with a dynamic panel discussion with eminent experts.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENOR: Local Self Government Department, Government of Kerala

GEO-INFORMATION FOR RESILIENT CITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION – PRINCIPLES AND ILLUSTRATION ON THE CASE OF DHAKA

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Geo-information is rarely given much consideration in urban planning. Hence, due to a lack of information, land for building is often identified in unsuitable areas. Buildings keep standing until collapses and other damage to public infrastructure occur. Based on the work of the technical cooperation with Bangladesh, the following topics will be discussed: (1) cooperation between geo and planning experts, (2) relevance of geo-information to urban planning, and (3) methodical support for urban planning.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)

CO-CONVENORS: Urban Development Directorate, Bangladesh



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11:45**CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA: MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS AND PRACTITIONER NETWORKS**

In order to implement the New Urban Agenda and to address manifold urban development challenges, cities need to strengthen their capacities. Peer-to-peer learning in practitioner networks and municipal partnerships are effective tools for exchanging good practices and facilitating joint learning. Hosted by Engagement Global in cooperation with Connective Cities, the event addresses urban actors already active in municipal cooperation and those who would like to establish new contacts and identify opportunities.

MAIN CONVENORS: Association of German Cities; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Engagement Global

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12:45**NEW URBAN AGENDA'S IMPLEMENTATION IN AND WITH GERMAN CITIES**

The New Urban Agenda (NUA) and its accompanying Quito Implementation Plan represent a political and substantive framework for German cities. They relate their climate, spatial and environmental investments to visions, methodologies and NUA recommendations, which are subject to an additional impact assessment. In addition, municipalities are also responsible for engaging internationally in municipal development cooperation.

MAIN CONVENOR: Association of German Cities

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14:45**MAINTAINING POLITICAL ATTENTION: FOLLOWING UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**

The first progress report on the New Urban Agenda (NUA) is due in 2018. How can the report continue to attract political attention? How can linkages to the 2030 Agenda be provided for, and how can the report gain relevance to policy formulation? Which process should be set up for developing the report that enables the meaningful cooperation of different stakeholders? The event discusses these questions and develops recommendations for the follow-up and review of the NUA.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

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15:45**METHODS OF REPORTING ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

Reporting on the implementation of the New Urban Agenda requires new approaches. Germany, the Member States of the EU, the OECD and others are proceeding differently in integrating national, regional and local institutions, civil society, the private sector and the scientific community. In addition, they are choosing varying strategic focuses and subjects. Instruments and subjects will be presented on the basis of selected country reporting methods.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)



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UNLOCKING THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CITIES: PRIORITIES FOR ACTION

In its report „Humanity on the move: Unlocking the transformative power of cities“, the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) explains why the success or failure of the global transformation towards sustainability will be decided in cities. From this background, the event will address major challenges in implementing the New Urban Agenda with case studies from Southeast Asia.

MAIN CONVENOR: German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU)

CO-CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



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CLIMATE SMART ADAPTATION IN CITIES

Digitally enhanced public services offer great potential to enable climate resilience in cities, providing platforms for inclusion, improving the dialogue between administrations and citizens, and thus contributing to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Putting citizens – not technology – at the centre of public services design is the only way to achieve truly smart cities. The event highlights citizen-centred design approaches to digital services from Germany and Mexico.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH



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IMPLEMENTING CLIMATE ACTION IN THE URBAN ARENA – CHALLENGES, ENABLERS AND BEST LOCAL PRACTICES IN CHINA AND GERMANY

Guided by Germany's 100% Climate Protection Initiative and China's 13th Five Year Plan, many cities have already shown leadership in setting targets and implementing plans to cut their greenhouse gas emissions at the local level to achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the New Urban Agenda targets. During the event, local municipal leaders and representatives of global institutions fighting for climate protection will shed light on the current status of this implementation.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

CO-CONVENOR: Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MoHURD), China

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CITIES FOR DIVERSITY

Lunchtime-Event

At this lunch event we will discuss the following questions: How do cities benefit from diversity? What contribution can cities make to foster a society that is shaped by openness and mutual respect? Which strategies do cities have available to them to effectively fight populism, radicalisation and group-focused enmity (GFE)?

MAIN CONVENOR: City of Mannheim

CO-CONVENOR: Welcoming America, Global Parliament of Mayors

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COOPERATION OF RAPID PLANNING PROJECT AND UN HABITAT'S URBAN PLANNING AND DESIGN LAB

The event will present the project Rapid Planning by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) as a contribution of German research, as well as the cooperation with UN Habitat's Urban Planning and Design Lab. Both Rapid Planning and The Lab are working on practical solutions for integrated and sustainable urban development, and are also contributing to the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. Due to its approach to resource management, the cooperation is suitable for both experts in climate change mitigation as well as for better adapting cities to climate change.

MAIN CONVENOR: AT-Verband

CO-CONVENOR: UN-Habitat

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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR REGENERATIVE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The urban ecosystem can provide several services to cities. Nature-based solutions aim to use an ecosystems approach to provide more services for the city, to protect and to restore the blue and green infrastructure in cities. The workshop will discuss how to use more nature-based solutions to protect and restore urban ecosystems so as to provide more services. The workshop will share experiences from China and Germany and pursue more cooperation opportunities in the future.

MAIN CONVENOR: World Future Council

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GET TO KNOW THE TRANSFORMATIVE URBAN MOBILITY INITIATIVE (TUMI)

The Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI; → transformative-mobility.org) and its partners move substantial funds to finance urban mobility projects, scale pilot projects, and provide policy advice to transform urban mobility globally. TUMI is shaping the future of sustainable urban mobility, and this event provides an opportunity to learn about the opportunities it offers around the world.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

CO-CONVENORS: Asian Development Bank (ADB); C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group; Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) [Corporacion Andina de Fomento]; ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; Institute for Transportation & Development Policy (ITDP); Partnership on Sustainable, Low Carbon Transport (SLoCaT); World Resources Institute (WRI)

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10:45**FRAUNHOFER GLOBAL SMART CITIES:
GLOBAL APPROACH – LOCAL
STRATEGIES & SOLUTIONS**

Fraunhofer's Global Smart Cities Initiative transfers global expertise and technologies into local urban solutions and bankable strategies in Europe, Asia and South America. Learn about the Morgenstadt City Labs, a collaborative tool developed by Fraunhofer Innovation Network Morgenstadt: City Insights. What are the lessons learnt from implementation and replication of the European Smart City Consortium Triangulum including 70 cases and solutions in six countries?

MAIN CONVENOR: Fraunhofer Institute for Industrial Engineering IAO

11:00
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11:45**CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT
FOR FINANCING CITY LEVEL
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS**

Cities, especially in developing and emerging economies, struggle to prepare transformative infrastructure projects that incorporate climate and sustainability goals and to find the right financing for these. Demand-driven capacity development for local governments to access financing is imperative to enable cities to achieve sustainable urban development and to implement the New Urban Agenda. Three urban project preparation facilities (CFF, CDIA, FeliCity) will share and discuss their experiences in capacity development at the local level.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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13:30**LOCALISING SDGS AND IMPLEMENT-
ING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA – EXPE-
RIENCES FROM THE CITY OF HAGEN**
Lunchtime-Event

The City of Hagen aims to mainstream the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into their urban development and local planning by using a new approach piloted in Germany. The approach joins global responsibility, e.g. decentralised cooperation and fair procurement, and integrated urban management. This expertise can be shared on a reciprocal basis in networks and partnerships. Hosted by the City of Hagen, the event addresses practitioners interested in strategies for sustainability and knowledge exchange within municipal partnerships.

MAIN CONVENOR: City of Hagen

CO-CONVENOR: Engagement Global/Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)

14:00
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14:45**CLIMATE CHANGE, CONFLICT AND
CITIES: WHAT CAN CITIES DO TO BE
MORE RESILIENT TO CLIMATE AND
SECURITY RISKS?**

Peace, security, and social cohesion are important components of urban resilience. Climate change affects them all. However, the linkages between climate change impacts and urban violence are insufficiently understood. During this event, we will identify some of the knowledge gaps regarding potential connections between climate change impacts and adaptation and urban violence, as well as starting points for future action to promote peaceful and sustainable cities within a changing climate.

MAIN CONVENOR: adelphi

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15:45**IMPLEMENTING MUNICIPAL
FINANCE IN GERMANY – PRACTICAL
LESSONS FOR DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES**

What are the key factors, the challenges and the success stories of German municipal finance? Which part of these best practices and lessons learnt are transferable to developing countries? Which are the no-goes? The event will give insights into the German municipal finance structures and provide impetuses for the way ahead.

MAIN CONVENOR: KfW Development Bank

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16:45**DIGITALLY LINKED AND LOCALLY CON-
NECTED? THE POTENTIAL OF NEIGH-
BOURHOOD PLATFORMS FOR SOCIAL
COHESION AND PARTICIPATION**

Digitalisation offers new possibilities for communication and networking. Recently, a range of neighbourhood platforms and social media groups that seek to connect people on the ground have been growing in Germany and abroad. Thus far, little is known about the implications of these platforms for social cohesion and participation. During this workshop we will present the results of the project Connected Neighbours and discuss how these platforms change the way we live and participate locally.

MAIN CONVENOR: adelphi

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10:45**BALANCING ECOLOGICAL MEASURES
AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN CITIES
WITHOUT EVICTIONS**

Climate change mitigation and adaptation are obligations of cities. Infrastructural development for adaptation of cities implies balancing serious ecological as well as social consequences. Often, affected areas are densely informally populated, and the people living there are displaced without compensation. The discussants examine what the Human Right to Adequate Housing and the concept of Loss and Damage (which is a part of the Paris Agreement) offer for affected communities.

MAIN CONVENOR: MISEREOR e.V.

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11:45**THE CONTRIBUTION OF MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT TO
SDGS AND THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**

The event will discuss how cities can provide sustainable and inclusive waste management services and assess progress in this regard. Representatives of UN organisations and BMZ will present initiatives to support city governments in improving local waste management systems and in measuring progress in achieving waste related SDGs. City representatives and practitioners will outline priorities, actions and tools for preventing climate change and the pollution of air, soils, water and the ocean.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENORS: Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA); Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ); UN Environment; UN-Habitat

12:00
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13:30**CITIES AS PARTNERS FOR
MONITORING THE NEW URBAN
AGENDA***Lunchtime-Event*

The event will discuss the following questions: Which sets of sustainability indicators are available for local authorities in order to effectively measure the implementation of the New Urban Agenda in conjunction with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)? What contribution can cities and their statistics departments and sustainability monitoring systems deliver in this regard? Which potentials arise from municipal open data portals?

MAIN CONVENOR: City of Mannheim**CO-CONVENOR:** Global Parliament of Mayors, The New School14:00
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14:45**BUILDING OUR URBAN FUTURE –
EFFICIENTLY AND INCLUSIVELY**

Urbanisation makes cities the home of humankind. However, millions of urban dwellers currently live in degrading conditions. A significant share of urban greenhouse gas emissions results from heating and cooling, and construction remains extremely CO2 intensive. Ensuring adequate housing for the growing urban population will be a major task in the years ahead. Meeting the exploding demand requires substantial financing and well-prepared projects leading to socially inclusive and also efficient housing conditions.


MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)**CO-CONVENOR:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH15:00
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15:45**INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE
MOBILITY AND CITIES FOR ALL**

Wheelmap is an experiential urban mobility solution. The presentation includes a demonstration of WheelmapPro and the Accessible Kuala Lumpur map, which participants engage with directly by uploading info on accessibility in Kuala Lumpur. The second presentation details the interaction of construction and technical solutions in accessible way finding processes; it also presents an inclusive mobility solution allowing for greater independence and spontaneity for people with disabilities.

MAIN CONVENOR: Behinderung und Entwicklungszusammenarbeit e.V. (bezev)**CO-CONVENORS:** Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments (GAATES); Senate Department for Urban Development and Housing, Berlin; World Enabled; Global Network on Disability Inclusive and Accessible Urban Development (DIAUD)16:00
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16:45**CITY REGION FOOD SYSTEMS: AT THE
INTERSECTION OF THE NEW URBAN
AGENDA AND THE SDGS**

City-region food systems represent a fundamental and dynamic opportunity for sustainable development. The New Urban Agenda calls for an integrated approach in the localisation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), strengthening of urban-rural linkages, and integrated territorial development. It specifically addresses urban food security as a major urban development challenge and field for action. Join us to discuss good practices, strategies, and policies, and learn more about the potential of city-region food systems.


MAIN CONVENOR: ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability**CO-CONVENOR:** Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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SAFE CITIES FOR CHILDREN!

Kindernothilfe e.V. will present the activities of its supporters in Germany and its partners around the world in improving safety for children in cities. Kindernothilfe e.V. contributes to solutions for this issue with the upcoming urbanisation strategy of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The presentation will start with a film about Kindernothilfe's activities followed by a presentation setting the scene for a discussion on opportunities to improve the safety of children in cities.

MAIN CONVENOR: Kindernothilfe e.V.


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BOOSTING URBAN CLIMATE ACTION

The Urban Pathways project will help deliver on the Paris Agreement and the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) in the context of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. This event is part of a joint initiative and aims to showcase international activities in the fields of sustainable urban development, energy, mobility and climate change mitigation. The partnership that will be launched will focus on closing the implementation gap between technical potential and action to foster sustainable development.

MAIN CONVENOR: Wuppertal Institute for Climate, Environment and Energy

CO-CONVENOR: UN-Habitat


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STRATEGIC ACTIONS IN ADDRESSING INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS WHILE CONSIDERING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA

In the realm of urban upgrading processes, it remains up for debate on how best to localise international agendas, policies and strategies into local implementation practices as well as to translate and scale-up local implementation into policies and national directions. The session aims at exploring different urban upgrading experiences and projects from Egypt and other partners, while examining the New Urban Agenda paradigm shift and the country's national policy orientation.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENORS: Cities Alliance; Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Communities, Egypt

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INTEGRATED & SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY: EFFECTIVE SECTOR TRANSFORMATION THROUGH INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS & INVESTMENT

This event links global and local agendas, the challenge to enhance sustainable urban mobility at the national and local level and planning, financing & investments to allow effective sector transformation. Common tools for that are e.g. National Urban Mobility Policies and Investment Programs (NUMPs) and Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs).

MAIN CONVENORS: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB); MobiliseYourCity Partnership

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15:45**STRENGTHENING URBAN
RESILIENCE THROUGH RISK-IN-
FORMED URBAN PLANNING AND
LAND USE MANAGEMENT**

The New Urban Agenda calls upon cities to “adopt and implement disaster risk reduction and management, reduce vulnerability, build resilience and responsiveness to natural and human-made hazards and foster adaptation to climate change”. Coherent risk information, risk-informed urban planning, and land use management processes can play a critical role in achieving these targets, especially in the rapidly growing intermediate cities. The event will discuss good practices from the Asia-Pacific region.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENOR: Asian Development Bank

16:00
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16:45**TOWARDS A GOOD LIFE FOR ALL:
LOCAL ECONOMIC APPROACHES
FOR INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE
TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Territorial approaches for integrated economic development foster inclusive metropolitan regions, and connect cities and their rural hinterlands. The event will show mechanisms of inter-municipal cooperation and vertical coordination in mobilising the potential for local economic development. Innovative approaches for LED (e.g. sharing economy, corporate urban responsibility) will be discussed. The event will also highlight concepts contributing to balanced territorial development.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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10:45**URBAN AND SPATIAL MONITORING
AS PART OF THE BILATERAL
COOPERATION BETWEEN
GERMANY AND INDIA**

In the context of the bilateral urbanisation partnerships of the German Federal Government, BBSR (Berlin/Bonn) and NIUA (New Delhi) will cooperate in further developing their urban and spatial monitoring systems, defining territorial classifications in a contemporary way, and setting up-to-date data standards. The monitoring systems serve the purpose of evaluating national urban funding programmes and contribute to developing scientific standards and instruments for reporting and policy advice.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)

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11:45**TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE AND
RESILIENT URBAN WATER SUPPLY –
THE CASE OF WINDHOEK**

According to the New Urban Agenda, universal and affordable access to water and sanitation must take into account water resource conservation, especially in water-scarce areas like Namibia’s capital Windhoek. Namibian authorities, supported by German cooperation, implemented innovative approaches to water storage and reuse. The session presents Windhoek’s experience in water management and addresses technical and economic aspects of future supply options such as inter-basin transfers and desalination.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR)

CO-CONVENOR: KfW Development Bank



SIDE, NETWORKING & TRAINING EVENTS

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 09:00 – 11:00

GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT IS COMING TO TOWN – LOCAL ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDGs AND THE NUA

★ Networking Event

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The adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda (NUA) are milestones of global governance towards an inclusive world where no one is left behind. With the considerable participation of relevant stakeholders, governments achieved passing these ambitious frameworks for sustainable development.

After successful negotiation and adoption, now is the time for implementation. Looking at our rapidly urbanising world, there can be no successful implementation without the effective participation and engagement of cities and municipalities. With the majority of global population being urban, it is undeniable that urbanisation determines the sustainability of global development. Hence, cities and municipalities are the essential places where development takes place. The NUA in turn provides the necessary orientation for implementing the 2030 Agenda in and with cities.

However, local implementation calls for the recognition and strengthening of local actors as agents for sustainable development and the promotion of decentralised governmental systems. National development plans and policies need to be drafted according to local realities. To secure ownership, local populations need to be included in planning and decision making processes. This requires the strengthening of urban capacities and administrations in order for them to fulfil their responsibilities and be responsive to local needs.

This event addresses the needs for action to empower cities and municipalities to implement the SDGs and the NUA. First experiences and success stories of early movers implementing the SDGs are shared. Especially, the respective requirements for successful implementation are elaborated. For the discussion to be vivid, evidence-based and linked to developmental realities, the event brings together different actors from the global north and south. It provides the opportunity to share successful approaches for the implementation of the SDGs and the NUA. It also sheds light on the challenges of local action and facilitates an exchange on strategies to overcome them.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

CO-CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

 11:00 – 14:00

URBAN PRACTITIONERS' NETWORKS FOR BETTER URBAN SERVICES – URBAN MOBILITY AND URBAN RENEWAL

★ Training Event

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Experience shows that at global level cities are facing similar challenges for example regarding the mitigation of and adaption to climate change. They have an urgent need for learning about urban solutions. There are numerous cities with proven experience, not only in technical aspects, but also related to the process of how to implement sound urban solutions. Cities' practitioners are convinced that they can learn a lot from each other.

How can cities benefit more from existing urban solutions and from networking? How to apply networking effectively for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the achievement to the SDG? How to co-create new knowledge by a community of urban practitioners?

Connective Cities, the organiser of the training event is an international community of practice for sustainable urban development, facilitating global exchange among urban practitioners on urban solutions in good urban governance, integrated urban development, local and regional economic development and provision of urban services. The training event represents an applied capacity development approach via networking among urban practitioners. Exchanging experiences in the fields of Urban Mobility and Urban Renewal, which serve as practical examples, participants of this workshop will learn about sharing of good practices for urban solutions and apply the peer-to-peer-advisory method in two thematic fields of interaction. At the same time, they will reflect on learning methodology and the use of networking to advance on the New Urban Agenda and the achievement of the SDGs.

MAIN CONVENOR: Connective Cities – international community of practice for sustainable urban development

CO-CONVENORS: Association of German Cities; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Engagement Global/ Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)

11:00
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14:00**HOW DO I IMPLEMENT GLOBAL AGENDAS IN MY CITY? – EXAMPLES AND ENTRY POINTS FOR ACTIONS**

★ Training Event

📍 Room 407

Main goal of the training “How do I implement the Global Agendas in my city?” is to raise awareness about the overall importance of cities and local governments in the implementation of the global agendas, about challenges, opportunities, examples and concrete entry points for action.

From awareness campaigning to aligning of different goals into local planning processes and strategies, from creating platforms for collaboration and partnerships to attracting innovative financing mechanisms, from data collection and monitoring to evidence-based decision making and understanding enabling conditions, some of these issues will be handled in this very interactive and practice-oriented training, which builds on the experiences from capacity development approaches and other relevant tools developed by CityNet, CDIA, GIZ, ICLEI, UNESCAP and UCLG-ASPAC.

Main audience for the course includes middle/senior municipal officials and consultants but also high-level decision makers and elected representatives, as well as any other relevant local/urban stakeholders.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

CO-CONVENORS: Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA); CityNet –The regional network of local authorities for the management of human settlements; ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, United Cities and Local Governments Asia-Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC); United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

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14:00**METROPOLITAN DISCIPLINE: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE METROPOLITAN COMPLEXITY**

★ Training Event

📍 Room 401

One of the main objectives of the World Urban Forum 9 is to discuss how to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and advance for the implementation of the New Urban Agenda. This training is designed to demonstrate how achieving the SDGs and implementing the NUA is linked to decision making at metropolitan scale. The training will consist of two parts: After the introduction, participants are invited to play a virtual game where participants can take roles of different stakeholders in a metropolitan area and take decisions to define various metropolitan projects. The game is designed to reach a consensus amongst various actors and demonstrate the sustainability of the project in the long term with metropolitan visions. The actions taken are linked to the qualifiers for sustainable urban development. The impact that those decisions have on the metropolitan area are reflected in a rating on SDG indicators.

In the second part, participants will be split into groups – discussing the difficulties faced during the game, and being introduced to different tools that the partners have developed for supporting metropolitan key players. The participants will be working in groups on specific projects created in the first part of game or thematic areas such as the metropolitan society, with focus in gender, metropolitan economy, with focus in finance, and metropolitan governance. The partners will provide tools and strategies how to support metropolitan areas in their efforts for sustainable. The discussions will include topics such as mapping stakeholders, setting priorities for the metropolitan area, defining projects and making proposal for planning, implementing, governing and financing them, discuss values linked to the SDGs. The role of the partners leading each group is to guide the participants through the complexity of a metropolitan project, and the cross-scale influence within the metropolitan context.

MAIN CONVENOR: Politecnico di Milano

CO-CONVENORS: CIPPEC (Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Metropolis – World Association of the Major Metropolises

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SMART CITIES BEHIND THE SCENES: GOVERNANCE, VIABILITY & CAPACITIES

★ Side Event

📍 Room 407

The digital transformation leads to significant changes in how cities are understood, developed and lived. Modern information and communication technologies (ICT) are spreading in all urban sectors and smartphones are ubiquitous in cities all over the world. The digitalization offers cities and municipalities opportunities to reduce resource consumption, enhance transparency and participation, increase efficiency of administrative processes and improve quality of life in cities for everyone. Nevertheless, the digital transformation has to be actively shaped: Digital solutions remain tools towards sustainable and inclusive urban development and are not a goal itself. Digitalization also poses challenges for municipalities. They are confronted with dynamically evolving technology, questions of data governance, or the danger of increasing digital divide. To make the digital transformation at the local level sustainable and use its potentials for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) international partnership and learning from each other is necessary. The side event looks behind the scenes of smart cities and focuses on governance, viability and capacities for sustainable and inclusive Smart Cities. Thus, the event aims to internationally disseminate and enrich the dialogue around Cities and Digitalization with the following three objectives:

- Enhanced awareness on the potentials and challenges of information and enhanced awareness on the potentials and challenges of information and communication technologies (ICT) for implementing the New Urban Agenda (NUA);
- Newly built and strengthened strategic partnerships for sustainable Smart Cities;
- Increased knowledge about Smart Cities approaches to implement the NUA by disseminating best practices and showcasing concrete examples.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

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SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE (IKI)

★ Networking Event

📍 Room 403

This Networking Event introduces the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the Germany's Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) for the first time on a World Urban Forum and provides an overview on its new priority funding theme of Sustainable Urban Development.

The event will highlight how IKI is working, what it is currently funding and how actors can become involved. The Networking event will also provide the opportunity to exchange in depth on selected key topics for achieving climate friendly sustainable urban development. These exchanges will take place in three parallel working sessions:

1. Integrated Urban Low Carbon Planning;
2. Digitalisation in Urban Mitigation/Adaptation to climate change;
3. Sustainable and Affordable Housing in Urban Quarters.

The sessions are introduced by IKI project partners and subsequently followed by an open discussion among participants ranging from IKI and non-IKI project partners, implementation organizations, urban stakeholders, donors, and civil society.

The International Climate Initiative (IKI) of BMUB has been a key innovative actor in climate financing since 2008 and has supported more than 500 projects in developing and emerging countries. Cities are key in both driving as well as being vulnerable towards climate change, for example highlighted by the climate negotiations in Paris 2015 (COP21), reiterated in Marrakech 2016 (COP22) and in Bonn 2017 (COP23). Sustainable Urban Development has therefore become a cross-sectoral funding priority in the IKI since 2015, with a range of new projects that started recently. IKI projects support partner countries to develop sub-national strategies on climate change mitigation and on adaptation to the effects of climate change in cities while fostering sustainable, integrated planning with special emphasis on Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the New Urban Agenda (NUA).

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)

CO-CONVENOR: C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group; Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; UN-Habitat

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17:00**TOWARDS THE CITY THAT
LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND –
PERSPECTIVES ON INCLUSIVE
URBAN GOVERNANCE**

★ Networking Event

📍 Room 410

Cities need to become more inclusive. The 2030 Agenda explicitly calls for making the needs of the poorest and the most vulnerable the focus of development, in other words: for leaving no one behind (LNOB). In the same way, one of the transformative commitments declared in the New Urban Agenda is for social inclusion and ending poverty.

The event facilitates a dialogue among stakeholders who support and lead LNOB practices on the individual and community level and in sustainable built, social and virtual environments. These LNOB practices include the participation of citizens including migrants and refugees in urban development, the issuing of non-discriminatory regulations in favour of the socially disadvantaged and of persons with disabilities, and accountable and effective decision-making in favour of marginalized groups including youth and migrants. The practises also consider improved data collection and use of disaggregated data to uncover spatial inequalities and to improve access to basic services for all. The event illustrates what makes municipal inclusion effective and innovative, and asks where cities need more action and support for leaving no one behind.

The event will discuss achievements and shortcomings in forming a migrant-inclusive urban society and addressing the needs of persons with disabilities. The example of South Africa will particularly show why young people are overrepresented among the victims and perpetrators of violence and how youth based initiatives including networks applying crime and violence preventive approaches are able to implement policies of inclusion in their communities. The panel discussion will also refer to the spatial divide of cities and mapping accessibility to services for all within urban agglomerations.

The event closes with key recommendations for development partners how to operationalize the LNOB principle in cities worldwide.

MAIN CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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11:00**LOCALISING THE SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS BY IMPL-
MENTING THE NEW URBAN AGENDA**

★ Networking Event

📍 Room 403


The implementation of the New Urban Agenda (NUA) is inevitable for the global community to succeed in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Article 89 of the NUA emphasises the importance of policy frameworks that allow municipalities to become actors of development. In this regard, context-sensitive decentralisation reforms are crucial.

This event discusses opportunities and approaches for strengthening multi-level governance frameworks that empower cities and municipalities to implement the NUA and localise the 2030 Agenda. As decentralisation reforms are highly political processes, they need to be aligned with the overall public sector reform process and consider national urban policies. On the one hand, this requires a multi-stakeholder dialogue between different levels of government and the promotion of decentralised governmental and administrative structures. On the other hand, it requires active urban ownership and leadership, strengthened local capacities as well as participatory planning processes and local governance mechanisms that ensure accountability. This event addresses the role of municipalities and national governments in aligning the NUA and the 2030 Agenda as well as the support provided by international development partners. It highlights ideas for partnerships and initiatives for the localisation of the SDGs and emphasises the need to provide coherent, harmonized and aligned support for building the capacities of key actors of decentralisation reforms. For a lively evidence-based discussion, the event brings together representatives from different levels of government, bi- and multilateral development partners as well as practitioners. An academic input will frame the discussion.

About DeLoG: DeLoG is a network of 29 bi- and multilateral development organisations active in the field of decentralisation and local governance. DeLoG provides a platform for joint learning and knowledge exchange on the implementation of decentralisation reforms.

MAIN CONVENOR: DeLoG (Development Partners Network on Decentralisation & Local Governance)

CO-CONVENORS: Asian Development Bank (ADB); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; EU DEVCO; Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, France; United Cities and Local Governements (UCLG)

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IMPLEMENTING GLOBAL AND NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION IN CITIES – THE LOCALISATION OF THE NDCS

★ Side Event


 Room 404

Cities account for approximately three quarters of global energy-related greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, their significance for transitioning to a low-carbon future cannot be underestimated. The Paris Agreement recognises the importance of cities and other non-state actors in reaching international climate goals. Two-thirds of the National Determined Contributions (NDCs) already list urban fields of action in their national priorities. However, this high level of attention must still be underscored with action. Specific targets, conducive national urban policies and sub-national action plans as well as incentive schemes are still missing in many NDCs. These concrete measures will be required to unleash the full potential of cities’ contributions to a more resilient and low-carbon urbanisation, as well as, ultimately, to achieving the global 1.5 degree climate goal.

This event will illuminate the way towards enhanced urban climate action in the context of the NDC implementation. In her keynote, Frauke Kraas (University of Cologne, former WBGU member) will present the WBGU report “Unlocking the transformative power of cities” and explain why the success or failure of the global transformation towards sustainability depends on cities. The expert panel will then analyse the drivers and challenges for climate action led by cities. The discussion shall feature an overview of urban content in NDCs and the state of play in harmonising local and national policy approaches. Examples of well-coordinated multi-level climate action as well as obstacles to such efforts shall lead the panellists to identify the imperatives for future international support in fields such as policy advice, monitoring and reporting, capacity building and access to finance for coherent local-national climate action.

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

CO-CONVENOR: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

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URBAN PATHWAYS – BOOSTING URBAN ENERGY, MOBILITY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

★ Networking Event

 AFINUA Room

Urban energy, transport and resources sectors have a vital role to play in delivering on the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement. The policy environment critically determines the success of the implementation of urban energy, mobility and waste management solutions. This session will deal with policy, finance and political issues affecting the implementation process.

This event will aim to bring together players working on climate change and urban development objectives and will explore the interface between urban and national actions. The team will build directly on the commitments delivered by countries as part of the UNFCCC and Habitat III processes and discuss concrete implementation actions. This event will present the Urban Pathways project, funded by the International Climate Initiative of the BMUB and will outline the programme to develop concrete low-carbon energy, mobility and waste-management implementation action to deliver on the New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement.

MAIN CONVENOR: UN-Habitat

CO-CONVENOR: Wuppertal Institute Climate Environment and Energy

THE TRANSFORMATIVE URBAN MOBILITY INITIATIVE – NAVIGATING THE NEW URBAN MOBILITY WORLD

11:00
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14:00

★ Training Event

📍 Room 402

The new mobility world offers plenty of opportunities to make cities better places: shared mobility services, digital solutions and attractive urban places among many others. At the same time, these solutions require financial resources, technical expertise and political leadership for implementation. The training session will help to identify the current state of affairs, optimal solutions for cities worldwide as well as potential support opportunities by partners of the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative (TUMI) Initiative. The objective of this event is to develop concrete sustainable urban mobility implementation strategies that help delivering on the SDGs, the Paris Agreement and the New Urban Agenda and will follow a structured approach to boost low-carbon, healthy accessible, inclusive urban mobility measures and strategies.

TUMI enables leaders in developing countries and emerging economies to create sustainable urban mobility. It offers technical and financial support for innovative ideas. The initiative is aiming to shape the future of sustainable urban mobility together with its partners ADB, BMZ, CAF, C40, GIZ, ICLEI, ITDP, KfW, SLOCAT, UN-HABITAT and WRI. A transition towards sustainable urban mobility requires a shift in policy making and investment decisions. TUMI will support projects, leadership development and career building for urban leaders, decision-makers, planners and students; connecting more than 1000 leaders worldwide. Substantial capacity building, mobilization of investments and support of approaches on the ground will be the most effective measures to reach sustainability goals and achieve a better urban future. → transformative-mobility.org

MAIN CONVENOR: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

CO-CONVENORS: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); UN-Habitat; United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

BRIDGING THE GAP – INTEGRATED STRATEGIES FOR INCLUSIVE URBAN-RURAL LINKAGES

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★ Networking Event

📍 One UN Room

Both the Agenda 2030 and NUA call for shifting from a notion of an urban-rural dichotomy to a conception of mutual dependencies and reciprocity as key potentials for inclusive and sustainable development. Food systems, migration and commuter movements, flows of capital, raw materials and goods, including food, between cities, peri-urban areas and rural hinterlands transcend political-administrative boundaries. Urban and rural areas compete for natural resources such as land, water and energy. Along with migration and population growth, poverty as well as hunger and malnutrition are shifting to the cities, albeit that the majority of the poor live in rural areas. At the same time, urban centres, especially the small and medium-sized towns, are important sales markets as well as service and supply centres for rural areas.

Integrated territorial development approaches are contributing to the paradigm shift requested by the Agenda 2030 and the NUA. They address functionally interconnected spaces, integrate sectors, government levels and actors across administrative boundaries, and are central to promoting food security and nutrition and eradicating poverty. By this means, public policies can tackle both urban and rural demands in a comprehensive way, using mutual dependencies as potentials for development.

Along cases primarily from the global South, the event will highlight successful policies, strategies and instruments that have contributed to balanced territorial development, sustainable resource management and climate adaptation, employment promotion and food security. The networking event aspires to encourage and support knowledge sharing and experience exchange among global, national and local actors in these areas. It aims at disseminating good practices and identifying key elements of successful strategies. The debate will focus on requirements for successful national urban policies, planning instruments, participative governance and partnerships, the role of small and intermediate cities and the demand for infrastructure, goods and services.

MAIN CONVENOR: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

CO-CONVENORS: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability; Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); UN-Habitat; United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

METROPOLITAN THINKERS MEETING POINT: INSTITUTIONS AND STRATEGIES

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★ Networking Event

📍 Room 408

According to UN-Habitat, 85 per cent of cities worldwide are metropolitan. It is possible to state that we are living in a metropolitan century. This is challenging the relevance of traditional municipal boundaries, and by extension, traditional governing structures and institutions. However, many metropolitan areas worldwide lack formal coordination efforts. In this context, there is a growing momentum for the inclusion of metropolitan issues in the global agenda, as internationally agreed development goals require jurisdictional coordination for their effective achievement.

This networking event will provide an opportunity to create awareness of the urgent need to advance metropolitan coordination in order to achieve the international agreements. It will also foster discussions on the role of national governments in promoting metropolitan governance, but also highlight the importance of an integrated approach for finding sustainable and resource efficient solutions on the regional level. It will identify key stakeholders and create synergies among them to further include metropolitan issues in the global agenda. Furthermore, it aims to engage national, sub-national and local governments in a dialogue on the advancement of metropolitan governance.

Finally, it will call local governments to immediate action steps by inviting cities worldwide to organise a Metropolitan Day event in October 2018 as part of the Metropolitan Day Campaign, in which local authorities will meet with their neighbouring peers to discuss and then build a metropolitan agenda in their areas.

MAIN CONVENOR: Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento (CIPPEC)

CO-CONVENORS: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Metropolitan and territorial planning agencies (MTPA); Metropolis – World Association of the Major Metropolises; Politecnico di Milano; UN-Habitat's MetroHUB





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