

GUIDANCE NOTE FOR SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS

Building a Common Framework for Resource Efficient Cities and Buildings

Room B, Rio State Pavilion | Athletes Park at the ICLEI Global Town Hall | Monday, 18 June 2012, 15:30-17:00

BACKGROUND

Building on the gains of the Urban Environmental Accord (UEA) Summit held in Gwangju, Korea the event will highlight the importance of city-level leadership in advocating and realizing the global agenda of resource efficiency in cities. It will explore particularly the role of common tools and measures in resource efficiency and highlight their role in assisting cities to access carbon finance mechanisms.

Objectives: (a) To emphasize the role of city governments in leading a transformation to a resource efficient and green economy to achieve sustainable development, (b) Explore the role of common tools and measures in improving resource efficiency in cities, and (c) promote the establishment of a Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities (GI-REC).

AGENDA

Duration	Content and/or Description	Speaker/Lead
15 minutes	Opening Session Introduction, Presentation of the Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities and launching of the following publications: (a) Cities and Carbon Finance: A Feasibility Study on an Urban CDM (b) Sustainable, Resource Efficient Cities – Making It Happen!	Mr. Arab Hoballah Chief, Sustainable Consumption and Production UNEP-DTIE
10 minutes	Keynote Speech Towards the Carbon Neutral City, Gwangju	Mr. Un-Tae Kang Mayor of Gwangju
10 minutes	Presentation 1 Building Common Metrics for Resource Efficient Cities	Mr. Gaëll Mainguy Veolia Environment Institute
10 minutes	Presentation 2 Presentation on the Key Findings of the Urban CDM Feasibility Study	Prof Kim Kwi-gon Secretary General of UEAMA
40 minutes	Discussion - Facilitated by Mr. David Miller, the discussion will be on the importance of developing common tools and metrics for measuring sustainability in cities. - The presenters may participate in the discussion but there will be 4-5 discussants that will initiate the discussion by providing their opinion on the overall topic: the role of common tools and measures in improving resource efficiency in cities. Discussant comments are expected to provoke thought and then the discussion will be opened to the wider audience.	Moderator: Mr. David Miller Discussants -Susanne Salz (ICLEI) -James Sikhosiphi Nxumalo Mayor of Durban, South Africa TBC -Raf Tuts (UN-Habitat) -Dan Hoornweg (World Bank) TBC
5 minutes	Closing: Arab Hoballah will provide a closing summary of the ideas/issues explored during the discussion linking it closely with the Global Initiative for Resource Efficient Cities	Mr. Arab Hoballah Chief, Sustainable Consumption and Production UNEP-DTIE

GUIDANCE FOR THE PANEL DISCUSSION

Discussants will not be required to prepare a PowerPoint presentation but may be requested to provide a brief (1-2 minutes) summary on the relevance of their work to the development of a common framework for resource efficient cities and buildings. The following questions (or similar ones) will be used by the moderator to facilitate the discussion:

1. In the course of your work, what do you think is the most important factor in building a common framework for resource efficient cities and buildings?
2. How can we foster greater collaboration among government, industry and international organizations to promote greater resource efficiency? Cite concrete examples from your city and/or country.

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3. Various research is being conducted in developing tools and mechanisms for cities to measure, evaluate, and implement resource efficiency. In your organization/institution's experience, what makes a tool effective?
4. What infrastructural investments have been made that increased resource efficiency in your sector?
5. The integration of social concerns (e.g. poverty alleviation, equitable access to resources etc) is always discussed when we talk about sustainability. How do you think this will be best incorporated in the development of a common framework for resource efficient cities?

SPEAKER AND DISCUSSANT PROFILES (for those confirmed)

ARAB HOBALLAH (OPENING SPEAKER) – has served as the Chief of the Sustainable Consumption and Production Branch in the Division of Technology, Industry and Economics of UNEP since October 2005. Prior to this post, he spent 14 years working in the UNEP Regional Seas programme as the Deputy Coordinator of the Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP).

DAN HOORNWEG (DISCUSSANT) - is a lead urban specialist in the World Bank's central Urban Advisory Unit. He has more than twenty years experience working in and with cities. Beginning August 2008, he has led the Bank's Urban program on cities and climate change, including management of the 2009 Marseille Cities and Climate Change Urban Research Symposium and urban studies related to climate change impacts in cities - mitigation and adaptation.

DAVID MILLER (MODERATOR AND CLOSING SPEAKER) – is a leading advocate for the creation of sustainable urban economies. While he was Mayor of Toronto, addressing climate change was his top priority. He was also Chair of C40 Cities Climate Change Leadership Group where he was instrumental in strengthening the capacity of city governments worldwide to act on various environmental issues.

GAELL MAINGUY (SPEAKER) - In 2006, Gaëll Mainguy joined the Veolia Environment Institute to develop its scientific editorial policy. In 2008 he launched S.A.P.I.E.N.S, a peer-reviewed, open access, multidisciplinary journal focused on integrating knowledge to foster advances in sustainability research where he is currently the editor-in-chief. He is also in charge of the research agenda on sustainable cities of the Institute.

KIM KWI-GON (SPEAKER) - Professor Kim is an environmental ecologist who pioneered a lecture on environmental impact assessment at Seoul National University in 1978. He has played a critical role in improving South Korea's environment, serving as Committee Chair of the Environmental Ecology of the Presidential Commission on Sustainable Development. He currently serves as co-chair of the advisory group of international organizations for the development of the Urban Environment Evaluation Indices and Urban CDM.

RAF TUTS (DISCUSSANT) is an urban environment specialist whose work focuses on developing tools and managing country activities to support sustainable urban development. He is currently leading the UN-HABITAT Urban Planning and Design Branch, supporting developing countries in urban planning policy and practice through initiatives such as the UN-HABITAT Cities and Climate Change Initiative.

SUSANNE SALZ (DISCUSSANT) - is Head of the Secretary General's Office at ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability. On behalf of ICLEI Susanne has been fully engaged in the Rio+20 process since May 2010, as a Co-Organizing Partner of the Local Authorities Major Group. Previously Susanne worked at the OECD and completed her MSc in International Relations at the London School of Economics.

UN-TAE KANG (KEYNOTE SPEAKER) – is Mayor of the City of Gwangju, South Korea. An advocate of sustainable development, Mayor Un-Tae Kang spearheaded urban regeneration projects, the eco-friendly maintenance of two of Gwangju's cultural symbols (Gwangju Stream and the Mudeung Mountain). The mayor actively promotes the green energy industry and carbon trading in the city of Gwangju.

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