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Jumpstarting Resilience in Urban Areas



Speech and Panel discussion

Hosted by 100 Resilient Cities and the Kingdom of the Netherlands
Dutch Pavilion, UNFCCC 'Blue Zone' COP21 Conference site

OVERVIEW

A key event during COP21 dedicated to urban resilience highlighting innovative and transformative resilience solutions being driven by some of the world's most dynamic cities and leading development and financial institutions.

Hosted by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, in conjunction with the Medellín Collaboration on Urban Resilience, the session presented a high level opportunity for national governments, city officials, and the finance and development community, to identify new opportunities for collaboration to address existing and emerging challenges.

SPEAKERS

- City of Paris - Ms. Celia Blauel, Deputy Mayor, Environment & Climate Change
- Kingdom of the Netherlands – Ambassador Kees Rade
- World Resources Institute (WRI) – Mr. Ani Desgupta, Global Director, Ross Center for Sustainable Cities
- World Bank Group – Mr. Ede Ijjasz-asquez, Senior Director Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice

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- 100 Resilient Cities – Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation – Mr. Michael Berkowitz, President
- World Economic Forum (WEF) – Mr. Dominic Waughray, Senior Director and Head of Environmental Initiatives
- United Nations Special Representative to the Secretary-General, Disaster Risk Reduction – Ms. Margareta Wahlström
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) – Mr. Jan Corfee-Morlot, Head, of Climate Change, Development Co-operation Directorate

MAYORS

- Mayor Clover Moore – Sydney, Australia
- Mayor Ahemd Aboutaleb – Rotterdam, Netherlands
- Mayor Akel Biltaji – Amman, Jordan
- Mayor George Ferguson – Bristol, UK
- Gov. Claudio Orrego – Santiago, Chile
- Mayor Gustavo Petro – Bogota, Colombia

C40 International Press Conference



Paris City Hall

OVERVIEW

Mayors from some of the world's most iconic cities discussed their critical role in fighting climate change and the importance of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group to COP21.

The C40 Leadership held this exclusive press conference for more than 100 print, online, radio and TV journalists, saying that the mayors of Paris, Madrid, Athens, Vancouver, Sydney and Milan had shown global leadership in taking action on climate change in their cities.

OPERATING HIGHLIGHTS

- Clover Moore, Mayor of Sydney
- Anne Hidalgo, Mayor of Paris
- Yiorgos Kaminis, Mayor of Athens
- Manuela Carmena, Mayor of Madrid
- Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver
- Giuliano Pisapia, Mayor of Milan
- Frank Jensen, Mayor of Copenhagen
- Karin Wanngård, Mayor of Stockholm

Buildings Day - Sub-national Leadership & Action



Speech and panel discussion

Hosted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), THE French Minister of Ecology and the World Green Building Council
Green Zone, COP Conference site

OVERVIEW

This subnational leadership and actions panel discussed the critical need to scale up transformative public and private policies and actions to deliver efficient buildings and communities. Panelists spoke about how energy efficiency in buildings can assist governments achieve low-carbon development goals, contribute to local and national climate strategies, make their jurisdictions more competitive, and meet the needs of their constituents.

PANEL

Moderated by Raf Tuts, Chief, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat

- Clover Moore, Mayor of Sydney, Australia
- Bima Arya, Mayor of Bogor, Indonesia

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- Kasim Reed, Mayor of Atlanta USA
- Marcio Araujo de Lacerda, Mayor of Belo Horizonte, Brazil
- Johannes Van Der Merwe- Councillor, City of Cape Town
- Jennifer Layke - World Resources Institute

C40 Awards Ceremony

Hosted by the C40 Group and Bloomberg Philanthropies
La Gaite, Lyrique, Paris

The City's Residential Apartments Sustainability Plan was nominated in one of the four categories open to cities who have signed the Compact of Mayors alongside New York and Seoul for the building energy efficiency award. The City of New York won the award for their One City: Built to Last project.

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The aim of the C40 awards is to share highly replicable 'best practices' across cities, while drawing attention to outstanding performances that have achieved a high level of environmental success in a challenging context. At the ceremony, 10 awards were delivered:

- Carbon Measurement & Planning - Vancouver - Greenest City Action Plan
- Adaptation Planning & Assessment - Rotterdam - Rotterdam Adaptation Strategy
- Building Energy Efficiency - New York - One City: Built to Last, and the Buildings Technical Working Group
- Green Energy - Washington, DC - District of Columbia Government Wind Power Purchase Agreement
- Finance & Economic Development - Johannesburg - Green Bond
- Solid Waste - Wuhan - Ecological Restoration Project of Jinkou Landfill
- Adaptation Implementation - Cape Town - Water Conservation and Demand Management Programme
- Smart Cities & Smart Community Engagement - Boston - Greenovate Boston
- Sustainable Communities - Stockholm - Stockholm Royal Seaport
- Transportation - Nanjing - Nanjing New Energy Vehicle Promotion



Climate Summit for Local Leaders

Speech, panel discussion and participant
Hosted by the C40 Group, the City of Paris and
Bloomberg Philanthropies
Paris City Hall

OVERVIEW

The Climate Summit for Local Leaders was opened by the President of France, Françoise Hollande, the Mayor of Paris, Anne Hidalgo and Michael Bloomberg. The Forum featured a series of discussions and presentations by and between C40 Mayors on city-driven climate actions. It was an important opportunity for C40 Mayors to demonstrate their leadership and ambition in addressing climate change and the impact that city-to-city collaboration is having in cities, under the backdrop of the COP21 negotiations. There were four sessions:

Session 1 – Collaboration is Working and Mayors are Moving Markets

Session 2 – Financing City Action

Session 3 – Climate Resilience: Securing the Future of Our Cities

Session 4 – Our Low Carbon Future: Raising Ambition

All mayors who attended agreed to the “Paris City Hall Declaration: a decisive contribution to COP21.”

Speakers – Main Event for session one:

- Mayor Paes, Rio de Janeiro, Chair of C40
- Mayor Boris Johnson, London, Co-Chair of C40
- Mayor Clover Moore, Sydney

In the afternoon, participants heard from a range of speakers including former Governor of California and Founding chair of R20 Regions for Climate Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mayor of Los Angeles Eric Garcetti, Chairman of the IPCC Hoesung Lee, Mayor of Montreal Canada Denis Coderre, Mayor of Jaipur India Nirmal Nahata, Mayor of Haifa Israel Yona Yahav, Founder and Chairman of the Climate Reality Project Al Gore, European Commissioner for Economic Affairs



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Pierre Moscovici, Secretary General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon and President of COP21 and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Development, Laurent Fabius.

Floral Tribute to victims of terrorist attacks



I joined Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo and other participants from the Summit in commemorating the victims of the tragic terrorist attacks

Mayors on EcoMobility in Cities



Hosted by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Cities & Regions Pavilion
COP Conference site

OVERVIEW

The Johannesburg Declaration for Ecomobility in Cities, combines statements on the future direction of urban mobility with local action commitments. Ecomobility, the smart integration of walking, cycling, wheeling and using public transport and shared vehicles is a key contribution to a low carbon urban development. Speakers were asked to discuss modal shares in their cities, targets and policies to improve ecomobility.

SPEAKERS

- Transforming Oslo's city centers into car-free zone by 2019, Lan Marie Nguyen Berg, Vice Mayor for Environment and Transport, City of Oslo, Norway.
- Reclaiming streets for the public and public transport: Sydney's experience of street revitalization, Clover Moore, Mayor, City of Sydney, Australia.
- Creating places for people: Experience from New York, Michael Replogle, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, City of New York, USA.
- Milan's experience on implementing congestion charging, Pierfrancesco Maran, Deputy Mayor for Mobility, Environment, Subways, Public Water, Energy, City of Milan, Italy.
- Invitation to the EcoMobility World Festival 2017, Hong-Mo Wu, Deputy Mayor for Transport, City of Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei.

“Renewable Energy: Re-Energising the Future” Conference



‘Governments Leading the Way Towards a Renewable World’, Panel discussion moderated by the International Renewable Energy Agency, Director-General, Mr Adnan Z. Amin

Hosted by the European Commission (EC), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) French Syndicate for Renewable Energy (SER), and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates.

Palais Bongniart, Paris (Old Paris Stock Exchange)

OVERVIEW

The panel discussion focussed on the following questions:

- How their country/city/region is leading the way towards climate solutions through renewable energy
- Obstacles they encountered and how they overcome them
- Plans for accelerating action further

SPEAKERS

- Abdelkader AMARA, Minister of Energy, Morocco
- Edmund Gerald ‘Jerry’ BROWN, Governor, California

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- Elham M.A. IBRAHIM, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
- Clover MOORE, Lord Mayor of Sydney

Light Rail site inspection with Thomas Richez



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I took up the opportunity for a 1-hour site tour with the renowned architect, Mr Thomas Richez, who presented at a City event on light rail and design during 2015. Mr Richez took us on a tour of the Jardins De L'Arche site project under which a section of freeway was converted into light rail, a widened footpath and separated cycleway that linked into the metro network to facilitate a high-density urban renewal. The design featured grass within the tracks which was observed to soften the design and minimise noise as trams passed through.