



SESSION DESCRIPTION

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G3 Financing the resilient city: Public grants and market-based instruments

Presentations

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OBJECTIVE:

To deepen understanding about financing the resilient city, this session, co-chaired by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and UN-Habitat, will explore existing practices and experiences of multi-lateral, bi-lateral, and national grant funds, as well as market-based instruments (e.g. guarantees, bonds) that can be combined with public financing to finance urban projects that support climate change adaptation. Panelists will recommend ways to improve access to finance for climate change adaptation in urban areas. Discussions will focus on cities in developing countries from various regions: Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Questions addressed will include: to which grant funds can local authorities apply directly? What roles do and should national governments play in developing, promoting, and approving urban adaptation projects? How can private resources be mobilized to support adaptation in urban areas?

OUTCOMES:

Participants will come away from the session with a greater understanding of:

- The opportunities and obstacles that local governments confront when trying to access resources for climate change adaptation;
- The evolving landscape of multi-lateral, bi-lateral and national funds that provide resources to finance the resilient city; and
- How public financing and market-based instruments can be combined to finance investments in urban resilience.

METHODOLOGY:

- The facilitators will provide an overall introduction to the session topic and contributors. **(8 minutes)**
- Each presenter will be allotted 15 minutes. **(3 x 15 minutes)**
- The facilitators will manage final questions and answers. **(30 minutes)**
- Closing remarks will be delivered by the facilitators. **(6 minutes)**

CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitators *Robert Kehew, Unit Leader, Climate Change Planning Unit, UN-Habitat, Nairobi, Kenya*

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Robert Kehew is Leader of the Climate Change Planning Unit of UN-Habitat in Nairobi, Kenya. In that capacity he coordinates that Agency's Cities and Climate Change Initiative. Previously, Mr. Kehew served as a US-based consultant in the areas of municipal development, municipal finance, and urban planning in developing countries. He earlier served as a resident advisor in Nicaragua on decentralization policy. Mr. Kehew holds a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard University and a Bachelor of City Planning from the University of Virginia (US).

David Wilk joined the IDB in 2001 as a senior urban/environmental specialist. He led the development of the Environment Strategy/Policy, and the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Initiative. More recently, he spearheaded the Climate Change Strategy and its Action Plan. He is team leader of climate change policy-based loans (Mexico and Peru) and technical assistance programs throughout Latin America. He is the climate change focal point of IDB's Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative, assisting mid-size cities in developing sustainability action plans and climate resilience programs.

Presenter *Ndéye Fatou Diaw Guene, Head of the legal affairs division, Directorate for the environment and listed buildings, Government of Senegal, Dakar, Senegal*

Using the Adaptation Fund to fund urban adaptation projects: Examples from Senegal and elsewhere

From its outset the Adaptation Fund has been developing in a manner that is of interest to urbanists and the climate change community. One of the first implementing entities that it accredited was not a multi-lateral public agency, but rather a national non-governmental organization: the Centre de Suivi Ecologique in Senegal. And its first approved project, "Adaptation to coastal erosion in vulnerable areas", also in Senegal, has a substantial human settlements dimension. Mr. Sylla will discuss the evolution of, and future plans for, the Adaptation Fund, and offer observations on financing adaptation activities in urban areas.

Presenter *Verena Streitferdt, Consultant, Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA), Manila, Philippines*

Financing climate change adaptation: Options for Asian cities and the role of third-party financial advisors

Ms. Streitferdt will present key findings from a study recently commissioned by the GIZ and others, on 'International financing options for climate change interventions', with a focus on Asian cities and adaptation finance. She will also discuss the 'third-party' role that the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA) has performed in helping cities to access resources for climate change projects.

Ms. Streitferdt is currently completing a PhD at the University of Technology Sydney, Australia, co-supervised by the Wuppertal Institute, Germany. Previously she worked for the GIZ in the Indonesia Climate Change Programme (PAKLIM).

Presenter *Marcela Tarazona, Senior Consultant / Research Associate, Oxford Policy Management / U East Anglia, London, UK*

Combining public financing and market-based instruments to improve climate resilience: Best practices in Latin American cities

Ms. Tarazona will illustrate and discuss a range of financing instruments and sources of finance that have been used in emerging cities in Latin America, drawing lessons and making recommendations to improve their performance.

Ms. Tarazona is an economist with more than 12 years of experience studying the economic and social impacts of environmental risks on sustainable development and on the poor. Her recent work focuses on issues related to climate change and disaster risk management policies to developing countries, with a particular emphasis on financial strategies. Marcela holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Toulouse.

Further recommended reading

Beltran, Pascual T., Joris van Etten (ed.), and Verena Streitferdt (ed.). 2011. "International Financing Options for City Climate Change Interventions: An Introductory Guide". CDIA (ADB and Government of Germany), and PAKLIM (an Indonesian-German Cooperation Programme).
