



SESSION DESCRIPTION

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F1 Bridging the gap between cities and investors

Panel discussion

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OBJECTIVE

It is the infrastructure, in conjunction with their mind-set, that allows people to take the right choices for climate change action. How can they possibly save energy if the insulation of their house is insufficient? Who can blame them to own and use multiple cars per household, if there is no adequate public transportation system? A major step towards a solution will be to bring project owners (cities) and investors who want to participate in this green, equitable, and profitable development together and bridge the gap that seems to exist between them.

This session will focus on the need for integrated approaches for pooling finance, which means finding new solutions for public-private partnership (PPP) financing models. At the same time there is a need for a new business model, which helps cities to plan their infrastructure in a more effective, innovative, and cost effective way.

OUTCOMES

- Participants will get practical models to implement Energy Action Plans through PPP schemes;
- They will learn about market instruments to finance local climate action;
- They will understand approaches for pooling finances for sustainable infrastructure projects; and
- They will be able to mobilize finance through Government Policy.

METHODOLOGY

- The facilitator will provide an overall introduction to the session topic and contributors. **(5 minutes)**
- Each panelist will be allotted 10 minutes. **(4 x 10 minutes + 5 minutes)**
- The facilitator lead a discussion according to the following guiding question: How can sustainable infrastructure investment be scaled up? **(20 minutes)**
- The facilitator will manage final questions and answers. **(20 minutes)**
- Closing remarks will be delivered by the facilitator. **(5 minutes)**

CONTRIBUTORS

Facilitator *Daniel Wiener, Chairman, Global Energy Basel Foundation, Switzerland*

Daniel Wiener is President and Founder of the Global Energy Basel Foundation, the global leader in Sustainable Infrastructure Finance. He also serves as a board member for The Gold Standard Foundation, swisscleantech Association, Basel Agency for Sustainable Energy and the Oekomedia Foundation. Mr. Wiener is Founder, Chairman and CEO of ecos, the largest Swiss consulting firm for sustainable development, located in Basel, Switzerland. Mr. Wiener holds a Master's degree in art's management and is a well-known author, journalist, and moderator. He is an advisor to the World Bank and the C40 Cities Climate Leadership.

Panelist *Piero Pelizzaro, Head of the International Cooperation Unit, Kyoto Club, Rome, Italy*

SEAP development participatory process: Critical points and opportunities

Piero Pelizzaro is responsible for the International Cooperation Unit and member of the Working Group Local Authorities for Kyoto at Kyoto Club non-profit, since April 2010. He is an expert on adaptation policy for climate change and he is further specialized in Energy Scenario and Climate Change Impact Models through his past working experience at Stockholm Environment Institute – Tallinn Office. In the past he has collaborated with EU MP Umberto Guidoni. He is leading projects supported by the European Commission.

Panelist *Svend Andersen, CEO / GHG Accountant, GHG Accounting Services, Vancouver, Canada*

Climate change, communities and carbon neutral local government: Strategies and market instruments for financing local climate action

Svend Andersen, MBA, MSc. EPTGHG, is a business executive, auditor, certified greenhouse gas (GHG) accountant and GHG quantification protocol author with extensive expertise in GHG quantification, emission reduction project implementation, and carbon financing. Cities, corporations, agencies, and not-for-profit organizations have benefited from GHG Accounting's environmentally and financially sound approach. Mr. Andersen is a regular speaker and guest lecturer on the topic of sustainable business practices, carbon financing, and municipal and corporate climate change strategies.

Panelist *Yunus Arikan, Manager, Cities Climate Center, ICLEI World Secretariat, Bonn, Germany*

Carbonn Cities Climate Registry as a means for cities to ensure transparency and access to climate funds

Yunus Arikan holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. He took an active role in promotion of progressive climate change policies in Turkey and Central and Eastern Europe. Since February 2009, he has been the Manager of ICLEI's Cities Climate Center. In this position, he is the focal point for Local Government and Municipality Constituency Authorities to the UNFCCC, Secretariat Director of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, and Manager of Bonn Center for Local Climate action and Reporting-carbonn.

Panelist *Tanya Petersen, Director of Communications, The Gold Standard Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland*

Driving scale on clean technologies in urban environments

Tanya Petersen is the Director of Communications at The Gold Standard Foundation, based in Geneva. Tanya leads all marketing and communications initiatives at the standard, as well as working on wider communications on carbon markets and the role of climate finance in achieving emissions reductions and sustainable development. Tanya holds an MA in International Development and Environment.

Panelist *Tsan-Min Lin, Division Chief of Environmental Protection Bureau, Kaohsiung City Government, Chinese Taipei*

Innovative funding for adaptation in Kaohsiung - City level financing system: The Kaohsiung Carbon-based Adaptation Fee

Tsan-Min Lin is the Division Chief of the Environmental Protection Bureau of the City Government of Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei. He holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering from the National Taiwan University.

Further recommended reading

ZeroCO2 Zero Emission Communities “Guidelines on PPP setting up and management”

<http://www.medzeroco2.eu/sites/medzeroco2.eu/files/PPP%20guidelines.pdf>

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