



SESSION DESCRIPTION

D3 **Municipal Climate Partnerships: An approach to systematic city-to-city cooperation**

Workshop

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OBJECTIVE

City-to-city cooperation is recognized by the most important international declarations of cities on climate change (e.g. Durban Adaptation Charter, Mexico City Pact, Declaration of the World Mayors' Summit in Nantes) as a key strategy for strengthening the efforts of municipalities in the areas of climate change adaptation and mitigation.

Within the project "50 Municipal Climate Partnerships by 2015", German municipalities and municipalities from the Global South create the bases for a systematic, long term bilateral cooperation in these fields. For this purpose, each climate partnership elaborates a joint program of action which includes strategic objectives, targets, measures, responsible persons and the required resources. This allows them to materialize touchable impacts on the local level and to strengthen the capacities on both sides by a process of mutual learning. Guiding principle is to establish equal partnerships. The equal relationship among both partner municipalities is revealed through peer-to-peer exchange of expertise and experiences in which municipal practitioners are on a par with each other. Furthermore, the joint program of action includes measures in both municipalities, stressing thus the global principle of common but differentiated responsibility to the local level.

In this workshop, the participants will get to know the project concept and design as one approach to city-to-city cooperation. They will also learn about two concrete examples of existing climate partnerships, presented by the municipal actors themselves:

- eThekweni Municipality, South Africa – Bremen, Germany
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – Cologne, Germany

The representatives of these municipalities will give a brief overview of the background and development of their climate partnerships, present the main aspects of their joint programs of action and focus especially on the first results and lessons learnt in the process. Based on these inputs, the participants will have the opportunity to discuss in small groups and in the plenary about this approach, sharing their own experiences, concepts and proposals on the topic.



OUTCOMES

Participants will leave the workshop session with:

- A clear picture of the projects' concept, design and first results including two concrete examples of municipal climate partnerships
- A broader understanding of city-to-city cooperation and its potentials
- Some ideas regarding city-to-city cooperation to implement in their municipalities.

METHODOLOGY

Facilitators *Jessica Baier, Senior Project Manager, Engagement Global/Service Agency Communities in One World, Bonn, Germany*

Kurt-Michael Baudach, Senior Project Manager, Engagement Global/Service Agency Communities in One World, Bonn, Germany

11:00 - 11:05 Welcome and introduction by the facilitators

11:05 - 11:15 The facilitators will give an overview of the project "50 Municipal Climate Partnerships by 2015", its background, concept, methodological approach as well as first results and lessons learnt regarding the project as a whole

11:15 – 11:30 Presentation of the climate partnership between eThekweni Municipality, South Africa and Bremen, Germany: brief introduction (e.g. foundation, process), joint program of action and its implementation, conclusions

Christof Voßeler, Environmental Innovation and Communication, Department of Environment, Construction and Mobility, Free Hanseatic City of Bremen, Germany

Sean O'Donoghue, Manager Climate Protection Branch, eThekweni/ Durban Municipality, South Africa

11:30 – 11:45 Presentation of the climate partnership between Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and Cologne, Germany: brief introduction (e.g. foundation, process), joint program of action and first measures of implementation, conclusions

Barbara Möhlendick, Coordinator for Climate Protection, City of Cologne, Germany

Tadeu Caldas, Managing Director, Ecotropic Consulting; Coordinator of the climate partnership Cologne-Rio de Janeiro, Cologne, Germany

11:45 - 12:15 The participants will split up into groups which will each discuss the concepts and experiences which have been presented with one representative of the climate partnerships. The following questions and aspects will be addressed:

- Which aspects of the approach of municipal climate partnerships and of the particular experience of the climate partnership are of interest for you? On



which aspects of the presentations would you like to get more information or clarification?

- To what degree this approach could be applicable for your city or cities you are working with?
- Which own experiences do you have in the field of city-to-city cooperation that you would like to share with the speakers and the other participants?
- Do you have comments or recommendations that could contribute to further develop the climate partnership and the project design? Which?

12:15 - 12:25 In a final discussion, each group's main discussion points will be shared and there will be an opportunity for questions and comments on these summaries.

12:25 - 12:30 Conclusions by the facilitators

Further recommended reading

Service Agency Communities in One World (ed.), Documentation of the pilot phase, project "50 Municipal Climate Partnerships by 2015" (German/English), Dialog Global No. 29. Bonn, June 2013:

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