



SESSION DESCRIPTION

H2 Integrated mitigation and adaptation: Planning for resilient development in Latin American and Caribbean Cities

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OBJECTIVE

This session will present Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) perspectives on integrated low-emission and climate-resilient city development. Practitioners will discuss crucial lessons learned from the implementation of several initiatives in the region. The panel includes representatives from cities in the region, technical experts from the private sector familiar with conducting climate change and risk assessments, and professionals from relevant international initiatives promoting climate action.

The first part of the session will provide an overview of urbanization trends in the region followed by a segment focused on the lessons learned from the Inter-American Development Bank's (IDB) Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative (ESCI). ESCI's approach integrates climate change as a key component of comprehensive urban planning that combines disaster risk and climate change vulnerability assessments, an analysis of greenhouse gas emissions, and smart urban growth scenarios in order to create action plans with a project pipeline ready for investments. The goal is to help these cities plan for the growth they are expecting in the next 30-50 years in a changing climate. The last segment will discuss additional experiences in the Region: the implementation in Brazil of Project Urban Low Emission Development Strategies (Urban LEDS) by ICLEI and UN Habitat; ICLEI Mexico's PACMUN, as well as two initiatives proposed by the City of Bogota, Colombia.

The final part of the session will consist of a guided discussion among participants, especially city representatives, on key challenges and opportunities for developing indicators for the cities in the region and scaling up action. Participants will be encouraged to contribute their own experiences with integrated approaches that introduce climate change and disaster risk into land use, project development, and other instruments used to plan city growth.

OUTCOMES

Participants will leave this event with:

- an overview of current examples on low-emission and climate-resilient development in Latin America and the Caribbean;



- improved knowledge of methodologies being used in the region to facilitate climate action, including for the development of proposals for mitigation and adaptation investments and monitoring;
- shared understanding on the key challenges and opportunities from using comprehensive approaches, including implications for implementation of recommended actions

METHODOLOGY

1. Setting the tone with the presentation of Urban Trends in the Region (**10 min**)
2. Presentations from ESCI experience (**30 min**)
2. Other Regional Experiences (**15 min**)
3. Guided Discussion (**30 min**)
4. Debriefing and closure (**5 min**)

Guiding questions:

- What are the urbanization trends in Latin America and how is climate change expected to impact these trends?
- What are the ongoing regional experiences for Low Emission and Climate Resilient Development?
- What are some of the pros and cons of undertaking comprehensive studies vs. rapid assessments?
- What are some useful ways to integrate climate change issues into other planning instruments cities have, including spatial plans and investment programs?
- Can a common ground be found for development of indicators?
- How can the region move from identification to implementation of recommended actions?

CONTRIBUTORS

Setting the tone: Urban Trends in Latin America and examples from the implementation of a comprehensive approach in LAC (Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative)

Facilitator/
Presenter *David Wilk, Lead Climate Change Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C., USA (10min)*

Urban Trends in Latin America

Presenter *David Maleki, Climate Change and Urban Analyst, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C., USA*

Martin Kerres, Climate Change Professional Associate, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C., USA (10 min)

The Approach proposed by the Emerging and Sustainable Cities Initiative (ESCI)



Presenter *Inigo Aizpuru, Head of Climate Change Projects, IDOM Consulting, Bilbao, Spain (10 min)*

Experiences implementing the ESCI methodology in LAC cities

Commenters *Sebastián Izquierdo Abad, Former Director, Environment Commission, Municipality of Cuenca, Ecuador (5 min)*

Emilio Ventura, Director of Adaptation to Climate Change and Strategic Risk Management, Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Housing, and Urban Development, El Salvador (5 min)

Shaping the Agenda in the Region: Other Latin American Experiences

Commenter *Bruna Cerqueira, Projects and Membership Officer, ICLEI South America Secretariat, Sao Paulo, Brazil (5 min)*

Comments from the perspective of Project Urban LEDS in Brazil

Commenter *Gloria Narvaez Tafur, Director of Planning and Environmental System Information, Municipality of Bogotá, Colombia (5 min)*

The “Declaration of Bogotá of Humane Cities and Climate Change” and the Project Climate Change Indicators

Presenter *Duván López, SubDirector for Analysis and Risk Mitigation, FOPAE, Municipality of Bogotá, Colombia (5 min)*

Proposal for a Resilience Roadmap for Latin American Cities

Guided Discussion with participants: How to scale up action in the Region?

Facilitator *Bruna Cerqueira, Projects and Membership Officer, ICLEI South America Secretariat, Sao Paulo, Brazil*

Q for all, round of presentations: *Does your city plan for low emission and climate resilient development (including disaster risk reduction)? Which is the responsible unit? Which studies provide basis for your actions? Are these studies stand alone, or part of a comprehensive approach? How detailed are they? (10 min)*

Discussion in groups:

Q1: *Can a common set of indicators be built? What are the key difficulties? (10 min)*

Q2: *How to scale up action in the region, including moving from studies to specific investments and actions? (10 min)*

Closing: *(5 min)*