

Accelerated Dialogue with Parties 2012-2013

The ADP (Ad Hoc Working Group on Durban Platform for Enhanced Action) was formed in December 2011 at the COP17 in Durban, South Africa to hammer out a new, legally binding climate change agreement in December 2015 in Paris, to define the new global climate regime in the post-2020 period.

ICLEI, in its capacity as the focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency to the UNFCCC and the facilitator of the Local Government Climate Roadmap, has been one of the most “frequent flyers” of the ADP journey.

Since 2012, there has been at least one concrete result achieved by the whole ADP process: the creation of an enabling environment for all observers in the UNFCCC Process to have an Accelerated Dialogue with Parties.

2012

The first ADP workshop was held in May 2012.

ICLEI summarized its submission on options to engage local and subnational governments in the Workstream-2 process. ICLEI's key proposals included: creating a structured dialogue at the technical and political level, convening in-depth technical analysis and engaging bottom-up commitments and processes on measureable, reportable, verifiable climate action.



ICLEI's Yunus Arikan speaking at the first ADP session with The Climate Group and the Climate Action Network

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2013

The “Friends of Cities” network was launched as an informal network among Parties in June. The Nantes Declaration laid down the global advocacy strategy of local and subnational action towards Paris 2015.

Following the sectoral workshops in the first half of the year, the ADP convened a specific workshop on urbanization and the role of governments in Warsaw at COP19, which included presentations from ICLEI, Warsaw and Buenos Aires.

The COP19 Presidency and the UNFCCC Secretariat announced the first “Cities Day” including a COP Presidency Cities and Subnational Dialogue that involved two sets of Ministerial-Mayoral Dialogues on mitigation and adaptation with the participation of Bogota, Delta State, Grand Rapids, Nantes, Recife, Seferihisar, Shenzhen, Vancouver, Warsaw. The COP19 concluded with the second COP decision recognizing the role of local and subnational governments, in the pre2020 ambition, following the first recognition in 2010 in Cancun.



Panel (L-R): Marcin Korolec, COP19 President, Poland; Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General; Christiana Figueres, UNFCCC Executive Secretary; Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz, Mayor, Warsaw, Poland.

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Panel (L-R): Paul Oquist Kelley, Minister and Private Secretary for National Policies, Nicaragua; Wilma Mansveld, Minister of Environment, the Netherlands; Tony De Brum, Minister in Assistance to the President, the Marshall Islands; Tunc Soyer, Mayor, Seferihisar, Turkey; Emmanuel Eweta Uduaghan, Governor, Delta State, Nigeria; George Heartwell, Mayor, Grand Rapids, Michigan, US; Gustavo Petro, Mayor, Bogotá, Colombia;

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2014

Pursuant to the COP19 decisions, the ADP convened a Forum on Cities and Subnational and a Technical Expert Meeting (TEM) on Urban Environment, with presentations from Dar Es Salaam, Paris, State of California, Bogota, Kampala, Malmö, Cebu, Tokyo, and with inputs from ICLEI, C40, UCLG, The Climate Group, UN-Habitat, World Bank, the office of the UN Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change, Quebec Government, Bristol, Dakar. International organizations are invited to support the work of the ADP.

A progress report was presented at the ADP session in October. The Technical Paper of the UNFCCC Secretariat contained numerous policy options and a specific addendum on Urban Environment. The draft negotiation text of the ADP Co-Chairs included paragraphs 37.a and 37.b as possible actions of Parties.

At the High Level Dialogue of the COP20 Presidency, interventions were delivered by State of California, Belo Horizonte and ICLEI, followed by the launch of the NAZCA Platform hosted by the COP20 Presidency and the UNFCCC Secretariat, with CDP and the carbonn Climate Registry as the primary data partners.

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Panel (L-R): Gino Van Begin, ICLEI; Mark Watts, C40; Brian Kilkelly, World Cities Network.



Susana Mohamad, City of Bogota, Colombia.

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2015

Progress in the TEM on Urban Environment was presented at the ADP2.8 in Geneva. The dialogues have advanced with the COP20 and COP21 Presidencies focusing on Lima-Paris-Action-Agenda, as well as with ADP Co-Chairs. The NAZCA Platform is expanded with the recognition of Compact of Mayors and Compact of States and Regions, amongst others, under the section of Collaborative Initiatives.



Netherlands Climate Envoy, Michael Rentenaar, ADP Co-Chair Ahmed Djoghlaif, Republic of Korea Ambassador Kim and Won-Soon Park, Mayor, Seoul Metropolitan Government, Republic of Korea and ICLEI President, at the Climate Action Plenary at the ICLEI World Congress held on 08-12 April 2015 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.