Low Emission Resilient Cities: solutions and support

You are warmly invited to attend our side event:

**Date:** 15 November, 17:00 to 18:30

**Venue:** Blue Zone, EU Pavilion, Room Bratislava

Now is the perfect time for detailed roadmaps for climate-resilient infrastructure, adapting to inevitable impacts of climate change and drastically reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in all sectors in all cities and towns. Yet, how do (or could) these local commitments, plans and actions connect to the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)?

Visionary approaches, investigating 100% renewable energy targets and unfolding low-emission resilient development pathways, are being explored by leading local governments around the globe. They use the wide range of guidance and support available. However, local governments do not work in isolation. They need partners – at national and local level.

This session will explore climate change solutions and support to accelerate the sustainable energy transition at community-level also considering country and regional contexts. We will explore enabling framework conditions, effective vertical integration among all levels of government, and an overview of available support to enable city-level action.

**Facilitator:** Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI

- Low Emission Development (LEDS) and Urban LEDS: Exploring effective vertical integration for a win-win outcome – Roberto Ridolfi, Director, Directorate for Sustainable Growth and Development, DG Development & Cooperation
- Intervention by Robert Kehew, Leader, Climate Change Planning Unit, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-Habitat
- “Cities, flexibility and pathways to carbon-neutrality” in the Nordic Energy Technology Perspectives 2016 - Hans Jørgen Koch, Executive Director, Nordic Energy Research
- ICLEI’s climate action support package for local governments - Maryke van Staden, Director, Bonn Center for Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn Center), ICLEI World Secretariat

Panel discussion:
- Shane Rattenbury, Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability, Australian Capital Territory (ACT), Australia – raising the level of ambition and resilience with 100% renewables and exploring local benefits
- Antoine Faye, Dakar, Senegal – exploring support of the Global Covenant of Mayors
- Carina Borgström-Hansson, Global Cities Lead, WWF – engaging civil society

Questions and Answers (Q&A) with audience

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