

Youth and Mayors Forum on Climate and Sustainability

Accelerating Action as Agents of Transformation

24 September 2015 Thursday, 15:00 – 17:30, Starr Foundation Hall, The New School,
63 Fifth Avenue, Metro Lines: 4, 5, 6 Stop: 14th Union Square - [RSVP](#)

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Background:

Coinciding with the 70th Anniversary of the creation of United Nations, the Member States are gathering to adopt the 2030 agenda for the sustainable development including the Sustainable Development Goals, building upon implementation of the outcomes of the Rio+20 Summit and the experience of the process of Millennium Development Goals. Goal:11, making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable, compliments the spirit of Local Agenda 21 in 1992.

Meanwhile, number, frequency and scale of a broad range of crisis are soaring, as a result of deficiencies in social, economic, cultural, political, and institutional systems over the past decades. Social unrest and inequalities, economic turmoil and growing climate change, combined altogether, are bringing us to close to a point of no-return, with the potential to nullify all the social and economic progress achieved over the past decades.

The youth and urban communities, share of which will increase globally in the post2015 period, are the most critical groups in these processes, as being in the frontlines of both impacts and responses.

The Forum aims to create an opportunity of dialogue and synergy in tapping the potential of both youth and ambitious local leaders in developing innovative solutions that will much rapidly and collectively transform communities in a path to sustainability in the Urban World by 2030.

[RSVP](#) and Links:

<http://childrenyouth.org/category/sustainable-urban-development-and-housing/>

<http://www.iclei.org/activities/our-advocacy/sustainable-development-summit-2015.html>

[Video: ICLEI 25 Years Young!](#)

[Video Message of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to ICLEI World Congress 2015](#)

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Agenda

Master of Ceremony: Maruxa Cardama, Executive Director, Communitas Coalition

15:00 – 15:30 Welcome

Shagun Mehrotra, The New School, New York, USA

Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI, Bonn, Germany

Opening Remarks

- Joel Towers, Executive Dean, the New School
- Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
- Aashish Kullar, UN Major Group Children and Youth
- Tbc, Representative of the Global Task Force

15:30 – 15:40 Views and expectations of Youth on climate and sustainability

- Hirotaka Koike, Deputy Organizing Partner for Habitat III at UN MGCY

15:40 – 16:40 Mayors' experience on ambitious local climate and sustainability action (Facilitated by Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability)

- Belo Horizonte, Brazil (Marcio Lacerda, Mayor)
- Nicky Gavron, Member of the Greater London Assembly, London, UK
- Copenhagen, Denmark (Morten Kabell, Mayor for Technical and Environmental Affairs)
- Joondalup, Australia (Troy Pickard, Mayor)
- Santa Monica, USA (Pam O'Connor, Vice Mayor)
- Tshwane, S. Africa (Dorah Nteo, Chief Sustainability Specialist, representing Kgosi Ramokgopa, Mayor)

16:30 – 17:20 Open dialogue on synergies to accelerate local and global transformative actions towards and beyond UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015, UN Paris Climate Change Conference in December 2015 (COP21), HABITAT III Conference in 2016 (Facilitated by Joel Towers, Executive Dean, the New School)

17:20 – 17:30 Wrap-up and concluding remarks

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