Cities are already responsible for about 75% of energy-related greenhouse gas emissions, with emissions continuing to be on the rise, in part, due to a growing population. At the same time, cities and especially their poor inhabitants are victims of weather extremes and rising sea levels.

High public and private investments from all possible sources are necessary to meet the increasing demands of urban populations while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and strengthening local resilience. Just in the next 15 years, the global financing needs for new infrastructure investment will surpass the total value of all current infrastructure worldwide.

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Supporting cities to close the financing gap between the demand (climate-friendly urban infrastructure projects) and supply (public and private capital).

Thematic cluster: How can we align finance flows with the goals of the Paris Agreement? (7)


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12.00 Welcome by Moderators

Aniruddha Dasgupta, Global Director, World Resources Institute (WRI) Ross Center for Sustainable Cities & Monika Zimmermann, Senior Adviser, BMZ/GIZ

12.10 Introduction

How we localize climate action and climate finance

Dr. Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

12.20 Impulse 1

Difficulties with meeting municipal infrastructure needs when finances are not accessible: the day-to-day situation of mayors all over the world.

Mohamed Sefiani, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco

12.30 Impulse 2

We have money - where are the good projects?

Peter Hilliges, Head of Division and Climate Policy Coordinator, Competence Centre Climate and Energy, KFW Development Bank, Frankfurt

12.40 Contributions of participants

12.50 Round Table

Innovative and helpful initiatives for bridging the gap

- C40 Cities Finance Facility:
  James Alexander, Head of the C40 Cities Finance Facility

- ICLEI TAP-Program:
  Maryke van Staden, Director, Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn Center) at ICLEI

- Felicity/ EIB:
  Inga Beie, Policy Advisor and Country Coordinator Mexico, FELICITY, GIZ

13.25 New findings from Coalition for Urban Transition

Aniruddha Dasgupta, WRI, Global Director, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities

13.30 Conclusion and outlook

13.30 Informal get together with drinks and food