



Benefits of cities for higher ambition NDCs and post-COVID recovery

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Venue: Online Session

Organizers: GIZ/PCCA, NDC Partnership & UN-Habitat

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BACKGROUND

Human activities in cities are a major source of GHG emissions, and the concentration of population and infrastructure in cities make cities a prime location for reducing emissions and adapting to climate change. Together with the NDC Partnership, UN-Habitat and GIZ have, in close contact, developed guidance on enhancing NDCs through urban climate action. The resulting Guide¹ and Discussion Paper² provide resources for governments to improve low-carbon and resilient national and urban development.

OBJECTIVE OF SESSION

The main objective of this event is to discuss how NDC can be used by national and local government to drive sustainable urbanization in the post-Covid recovery. Integrating and coordinating national and local climate action will enable scaling up and accelerating action on climate change.

FORMAT OF SESSION

The Webinar will feature a flexible format for open candid discussions around core issues and potential solutions:

The Session is opened by the moderator, thereby introducing all panellists, and outlining the topic.

- 1. Roundtable Discussion:** Urban Thinkers will have ample time to present key thoughts and discuss solutions for integrating urban issues in NDC formulation and implementation processes, as well as closer coordination with the urban development community.
- 2. Questions and Answers:** The moderator actively engages the online audience to offer participants a chance to further explore key topics and questions.
- 3. Conclusion & Report:** The moderator summarizes the discussion and concludes the session with key messages, on which a final public report will be based.

NDC Partnership members: GIZ, UN-Habitat, National and Local Governments.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Question 1: How can we assure better coordination and integration between local and national climate action in the post-Covid-19 context?

Question 2: What are the main challenges faced by cities to implement recovery plans that are aligned with the Paris agreement?

Question 3: What can be the role of the NDC enhancement process?

Question 4: How do you see the role of your organization, and how we can work together to move forward?

¹ <https://unhabitat.org/enhancing-nationally-determined-contributions-ndcs-through-urban-climate-action>

² <https://collaborative-climate-action.org/recover-green-higher-ndc-ambition/>



Welcome by the Moderator Thibaud Voita, Head of Knowledge Products, NDC Partnership

Input Presentation:

Steven Bland, Climate change and innovation specialist, **UN-Habitat**
Enhancing NDCs and Green Economic Recovery through urban climate action
Constanze Boening, project director, **GIZ**

Panel Discussion:

Ms. Juliet KABERA, Director General, Rwanda Environmental Management Authority
Government of Chile
Mr. Stefan Wagner, Head of International Affairs and Global Sustainability, City of Bonn, Germany
Mr Francisco Charry, Director of the Climate Change Department at the Ministry of Environment,
Government of Colombia
Ms. Maryke Van Staden, Director of the Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting, Director of
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Q & A

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**We are looking forward to your contribution
at the Urban Thinkers Session.**