



SDG CITIES GLOBAL CONFERENCE

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SDG CITIES: COLLABORATIVE ACTION TO UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF CITIES TO ACCELERATE THE GLOBAL ACHIEVEMENT OF SDGS

Saturday, October 30 (11:00 – 13:00 GMT/UCT+0)

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Building on foundations of effective data and evidence-based development strategies, SDG implementation requires updated local legislation, spatial plans and infrastructure investment to drive tangible impact. This in turn requires effective local governance and local institutions, and access to finance. The session shares the experience of cities in implementing SDGs and discusses how local impacts can be amplified at scale through national, regional and global networks of like-minded cities working together. Given the role of business in shaping the world's cities, the session further elaborates the importance of mainstreaming SDGs within the business community as agents of transformation. The session also outlines how the SDG Cities Initiative can support end-to-end processes of SDG implementation at the city level and engage a diversity of actors in this process.

AGENDA

Moderator Introduction 11:00 – 11:05	Roland Schatz CEO Global Sustainability Index Institute Opening statement and overview of session.
Intervention 11:05 - 11:15	Dr. Dayor Dieudonné Musibono , Presidential Advisor <i>National vision for local implementation of SDGs. This segment summarises the vision of the President of the Democratic Republic of Congo for the implementation of the SDGs in the nation's cities, and highlights how this will be implemented.</i> (8 mins intervention with 2 mins Q &A)
Interventions from City Leaders 11:15-11:40	Hernán Iván Arias Durán , Mayor, Autonomous Municipal Government of La Paz (6.5 mins) Ana Oregi Deputy Mayor (tbc) Vitoria Gasteiz Hashem Sayed Hashem CEO KPC Kuwait Jagdeep Singh Deo , Chairman of the Housing, Town and Country Planning, City of Penang <i>From Vision to Action. This segment introduces some of the SDG Cities Global Initiative Pilot Cities and outlines how cities have made tangible progress towards advancing the implementation of SDGs in cities – leaving no-one behind, including successes, challenges and priorities.</i>
City Leaders Dialogue 11:40-12:00	What are we learning? Mayors/ city leaders of the cities of Sikkim, Brasov, Brno, Norliza Hashem, Chief Executive of Urbanice Malaysia <i>This segment shares the experience of cities participating in the 25+5 Leadership</i>



	<p><i>Platform and Urbanice, coordinating the Malaysian SDG Cities Initiative, and asks what does it take for the SDGs be achieved in cities by 2030? What have been the main lessons learnt so far?</i></p> <p><i>(moderated discussion)</i></p>
<p>Q & A 12:00 – 12:05</p>	<p><i>Responses to selected questions from the Chat to speakers from the two preceding segments. (responses should be limited to 1 minute)</i></p>
<p>Overview of SDG Cities 12:05 – 12:20</p>	<p>Dyfed Aubrey, Coordinator - SDG Cities Global Initiative</p> <p><i>Connecting the dots: city data, strategic planning, strengthening institutional capacity, transformative investment. The session introduces the SDG Cities Global Initiative, its array of digital tools to support cities at each stage from data to impact, and SDG Cities Certification to recognise exceptional efforts of cities to achieve the SDGs.</i></p> <p><i>(12 mins leaving 3 mins for Q and A from the chat)</i></p>
<p>Dialogue with City Networks 12:20 – 12:40</p>	<p>Lucy Slack, Secretary General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum Carol Lopez Board Member of Sister Cities International Salim Korkmaz General Coordinator, United Cities and Local Government MEWA</p> <p><i>This segment explores the potential of city networks to support the local implementation of the SDGs at scale. It asks:</i></p> <p><i>What are the common challenges amongst your members in driving the achievement of the SDGs?</i></p> <p><i>How do city networks support?</i></p> <p><i>How can the SDG Cities Global Initiative help city networks support their member cities?</i></p> <p><i>(Moderated dialogue with spaces to respond to Q&A from the Chat)</i></p>
<p>Dialogue with Private Sector 12:40 – 12:55</p>	<p>James Donovan, CEO ADEC Innovation and Founder/CEO of Global CEO Alliance Stephanie Tseng Principal Advisor, Infrastructure Development & Economics and Paul Hilton East Asia Advisory Sector Leader. Mott MacDonald</p> <p><i>Mott MacDonald is a large UK based consultancy working in 150 countries; ADEC Innovations is a global leader in developing products and services that drive organisational value and deliver impact, and the Global CEO Alliance is an alliance of business leaders committed to achieving sustainable economic development.</i></p> <p><i>As businesses increasingly align with the SDGs the session explores how can the influence and innovation of business be harnessed to scale up SDG impact in cities.</i></p> <p><i>(Moderated dialogue, leaving space to respond to Q&A)</i></p>
<p>Close 12:55 – 13:00</p>	<p>Main takeaways and Closing Remarks (moderator)</p>