


# Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



## Side Event 4

### *BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENCE FOR THE URBAN POOR*

 Monday 5 June 2023, 13:15 to 14:15

 Conference Room 10

#### SUMMARY

BCRUP is one of the 41 Climate initiatives of the UN Climate Action Summit held in New York in September 2019. These initiatives aim at raising climate ambitions and to scale up climate action to stay within 1.5 C temperature rise as per the Paris Agreement (COP21). Kenya launched the Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor (BCRUP) initiative on behalf of the global community during the above-mentioned Climate Action Summit.

The Climate Action Summit in New York in 2019 was structured into 9 tracks with Kenya, co-leading the Infrastructure, Cities and Local Action (ICLA) track with the Republic of Turkey and technical support by UN-Habitat. There were five (5) sub-tracks under the ICLA track namely Buildings; Transport; Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor; Decentralized Finance; and Subnational Mobilization. Kenya undertook to spearhead the sub-track on “Building Climate Resilience for the Urban Poor (BCRUP)” with Brazil as a member and UN-Habitat providing technical support.

The initiative focuses on the urban poor and other vulnerable populations, whose predicament are due to socio economic situations that relate to climate vulnerability with limited or no access to decent shelter, social amenities as well as social support systems. Despite significant efforts to build resilience, vulnerable groups in urban areas are disproportionately and adversely affected by climate change. Climate adaptation efforts are at risk of leaving behind marginalized communities in cities, despite the urban poor contributing the least to the causes of climate change.

The focus of the BCRUP initiative is to build resilience and enhance the adaptive capacity of the urban poor against adverse climate change effects and disasters.

Given the relevance of BCRUP to local governments, cities and other urban institutions, Kenya partnered with United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa), which is a Pan African Organization during the Africities 2022 to encourage member states to support the BCRUP agenda and in resource mobilization towards BCRUP implementation.

The Second Session of the United Nations Habitat Assembly (UNHA) provides a platform for building enhanced political commitment and resource leverage with intent to encouraging the development of programmes/projects for implementation locally and at the continental level. Key outcome of the session will be the announcement of a readiness programme towards BCRUP implementation by partners.



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## Organizer(s)

Government of Kenya, UN-Habitat, UCLG Africa and Commonwealth Secretariat.

## Moderator(s)

1. Mr. Charles Hinga, CBS (Principal Secretary State Department for Housing and Urban Development Kenya;
2. Amb. Jean Kimani, PR, Kenya Permanent Mission to UN-Habitat;
3. Eng. Benjamin Njenga, Secretary, Urban and Metropolitan Development;
4. Dr. Charles K'Onyango, National Director, Urban Development Department, Kenya.

## Speaker(s)

1. Mr. Zacharia Njeru, Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development
2. Hon. Soipan Tuyu (Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry, Kenya)
3. Ms. Maimunah Sharif, Executive Director, UN-Habitat
4. H.E. Peter Anyang Nyong'o, Governor, Kisumu County
5. Guilherme Simões, Vice - Minister for the Periphery, Brazil
6. Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa
7. Dr. Ruth Kattumuri, Senior Director, Economic, Youth & Sustainable Development Directorate; Commonwealth Secretariat
8. Mr. Eduardo Freitas, Africa Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund

