

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

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Nairobi, Kenya

Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa: Decentralised Cooperation for an effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda

Organized by Covenant of Mayors Office for Sub-Saharan Africa and PLATFORMA

Speakers

- Mr. Mpho Franklyn Parks Tau, President of United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), President of the South African Local Government Association and Councillor of Johannesburg - TBC
- Mr. Youssouf Nicolas Djibo, Mayor of the city of Bouaké, Ivory Coast - TBC
- Mr. Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
- Pr. Dr. Jean Pierre Djibu Kabulu, Lubumbashi Higher Educational Institute, Democratic Republic of the Congo and member of the Lubumbashi Project Strategic Cell 2030

Background

This event is co-organised between Covenant of Mayors Office for Sub-Saharan Africa (CoMO SSA) initiative, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) and PLATFORMA.

CoM SSA is an EU-funded initiative **supporting Sub-Saharan cities in their fight against climate change and in their efforts in ensuring access to clean energy to their populations**. It consists in a voluntary political commitment by local and regional authorities that is later on translated into practical measures. CoM SSA is **part of the family of Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCM)**.

PLATFORMA is a pan-European network of around 30 partners, including local and regional governments, and associations representing them at the national, European and global level. They are all key players of international cooperation for sustainable development.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

In line with the UN-Habitat mandate to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities, CoM SSA promotes and supports local action on these topics. In addition, as recognised in the New Urban Agenda, local and regional governments' leadership is key for the implementation of the agenda and CoM SSA serves as an inspirational and facilitating platform for local leaders.

Objectives

This event will present Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA) initiative as a sound framework for city action on climate change and renewable energy that can promote and facilitate decentralised cooperation and peer-to-peer exchanges. It will highlight CoM SSA as an essential tool for the effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda.

It will introduce a case study on multi-actor South- North cooperation on climate and energy by the City of Lubumbashi (DRC) and the City of Liege (Belgium). Another African city will highlight the benefits that COM SSA can bring to sustainable urban planning.

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