



## Innovation for Inclusive, Resilient and Climate-Neutral Cities Session agenda and Contributors's bios

Format: Panel discussion  
Length: 1.5 hour

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## Contributors

### Anacláudia Rossbach

Title: Regional Manager LAC  
Organisation: Cities Alliance  
City: São Paulo  
Country: Brazil



### Biography

Anacláudia Rossbach is Regional Manager for the Latin America and Caribbean at Cities Alliance. She holds a master's degree in political economics and has been working for 20 years in the housing and urban fields, as practitioner and researcher for international organisations, local and national governments, universities, and non-profit organisations.



## **Arne Janssen**

Title: Urban Environment Specialist  
Organisation: Cities Alliance  
City: Brussels  
Country: Belgium



### **Biography**

Arne Georg Janssen is an Urban Environment Specialist at Cities Alliance. As a political scientist, he is interested in the social and economic impacts of climate change on the local level, as well as the political responses on the international level. Currently, he manages a Global Programme on Climate Change, Resilience and Urban Informality at the Cities Alliance secretariat in Brussels.



## **Greg Munro**

Title: Director  
Organisation: Cities Alliance  
City: Brussels  
Country: Belgium



### **Biography**

Dr Greg Munro is the Director of Cities Alliance, a partnership hosted by UNOPS, which seeks to address the challenges of urban poverty and informality, particularly in secondary cities. Prior to joining Cities Alliance Greg was the Secretary-General, Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF), supporting local democracy and decentralisation in the 54 Commonwealth nations.



## **Lucy Slack**

Title: Secretary-General (acting)  
Organisation: Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)  
City: London.  
Country: United Kingdom  
Sector: Local Government



### **Biography**

Lucy is Secretary-General (acting) of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF). She is responsible for policy, and takes a leading role in the development and management of CLGF's capacity building projects. Her specific areas of expertise are decentralisation, intergovernmental frameworks, local economic development, local government finance and inclusive local government.



## **Maurice Makoloo**

Title: Senior Director – Africa Hub  
Organisation: Habitat for Humanity International  
City: Nairobi  
Country: Kenya



### **Biography**

Maurice is the Senior Director – Africa Hub, of Habitat for Humanity International. Maurice served as the East Africa Regional Director for the Ford Foundation for eight years prior to joining Habitat. Prior to joining the Ford Foundation, Maurice served as Director of the Institute for Law and Environmental Governance. Maurice graduated from law school at the University of Nairobi and is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program in South Africa.



## Sonia Dias

Title: Resident Waste Specialist  
Organisation: Women in Informal Employment:  
Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO)  
City: Manchester  
Country: United Kingdom



### **Biography**

Sonia is WIEGO's resident waste specialist. She is a sociologist by training and a "garbologist" with specialisation in Solid Waste Management. She has a Master's degree in Human Geography on the role of the local governments in strengthening waste pickers' organisations, and a PhD in Political Science on the role of participation in solid waste management. She also had two years visiting professorship at the Federal University of Minas Gerais.



## **Vanessa Castan Broto**

Title: Professor of Climate Urbanism  
Organisation: Urban Institute in the University of Sheffield  
City: Sheffield  
Country: UK



### **Biography**

Vanessa Castan Broto is Professor of Climate Urbanism at the Urban Institute in the University of Sheffield. She leads two major programmes of research: Low Carbon Action in Ordinary Cities, funded by the European Research Council, examines the potential for low carbon, climate resilient innovation in the context of rapid urbanisation. Community Energy and Sustainable Transitions in East Africa, funded by UKRI, examines the potential for developing community energy systems as an alternative to deliver inclusive energy access. In 2021, Vanessa received the AXA Award for Climate Science. She is a lead author for the IPCC (Working Group II) and led the urban environment chapter for UN-Habitat's 2020 World Cities Report on 'The Value of Sustainable Urbanisation' and has published several academic books on climate change, cities and inequality.





## **Zoleka Sokopo**

Title: Chief Director at National Department of Human Settlements

Organisation: National Government of South Africa

City: Pretoria

Country: South Africa



### **Biography**

Zoleka is currently acting Deputy Director-General for informal settlements upgrading and emergency housing, providing implementation support to provinces and municipalities as well as ensuring that communities, researchers, non-governmental sector, and business are not left behind in the upgrading process. Prior to this she was the Chief Director at the Department of Human Settlements, head of research, and the head of human settlements strategy.



## Agenda

<b>INNOVATE4CITIES</b> <b>Innovation for Inclusive, Resilient and Climate-Neutral Cities</b> <b>towards COP 26</b>  <b>On 12 October 2021 at 10:00 - 11:30 CET</b> <b>Panel Discussion</b>			
Time	Description/Questions/ guidance to speaker	Speakers	Gender/ Geography / In person/ online
<b>Introduction: Opening Remarks</b>			
5 min	Welcome by the session's facilitators, introduction to the event, welcoming participants - introduce speakers	<b>Ana Claudia Rossbach</b> , Regional Manager LAC, Cities Alliance  <b>Arne Janssen</b> , Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance	F /Brazil/ Online  M/Germany / Online
<b>Panel session (35 min)</b>		<b>Arne Janssen</b> , Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance	
7 min	<i>Call to action</i> on sustainable urbanization across the Commonwealth	<u>Local Authority</u>  <b>Lucy Slack</b> , Secretary-General (acting) – CLGF	F /UK/ Online
7 min	Housing and informality (How climate change create and impact on the access to basic services) What are the approaches and recommendations to housing from a civil society perspective	<u>Non-Governmental</u>  <b>Maurice Makoloo</b> , Senior Director – Africa Hub Habitat for Humanity	M /Canada/ Online

7 min	Urban informality (vulnerable groups such as women and girls) and how climate change contributes to reinforce gender discrimination.	<u>Civil Society</u>  <b>Sonia Dias</b> , Resident Waste Specialist, WIEGO	F /Brazil/ Online
7 min	What are the policies in place in South Africa and challenges towards slum upgrading	<u>National Government</u>  <b>Zoleka Sokopo</b> , Chief Director National Department of Human Settlements, Government of South Africa	F /South Africa/ Online
7 min	Book: Climate Urbanism Towards a Critical <b>Research Agenda</b>  Examines the transformative potential of climate urbanism to challenge social and environmental injustices within and between cities. The role of citizens and non-state actors in driving transformative action. Framework for researchers and practitioners to respond to the urban challenges of a radically climate-changed world.	<u>Academia</u>  <b>Vanesa Castan Broto</b> , Professor of Climate Urbanism, Urban Institute University of Sheffield	F /Canada/ Online
<b>Open discussion including Q&amp;A with the audience</b>			
30 min	Q&A  Pre-approach responses /questions from constituencies –	<b>Ana Claudia Rossbach</b> , Regional Manager LAC, Cities Alliance  <b>Arne Janssen</b> , Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance	



Event closing remarks			
10 min	<p>Closing remarks: Priorities for action/ research</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reflecting on the discussion and highlighting relevance to, and how recommendations can strengthen the City and Local Government Roadmap commitments.</li><li>2. Reflections on the implications of the discussion for a climate justice research in facilitating and empowering engagement of marginalised communities for climate justice</li></ol>	<b>Greg Munro</b> , Director, Cities Alliance	

For more information, see [the concept note](#).