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.
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

**INNOVATE4CITIES**  
Innovation for Inclusive, Resilient and Climate-Neutral Cities  
towards COP 26  
On 12 October 2021 at 10:00 - 11:30 CET  
Panel Discussion

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| **Introduction: Opening Remarks** | | Ana Claudia Rossbach, Regional Manager LAC, Cities Alliance  
Arne Janssen, Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance | F /Brazil / Online  
M / Germany / Online |
| 5 min | Welcome by the session’s facilitators, introduction to the event, welcoming participants - introduce speakers | | |
| **Panel session (35 min)** | | Arne Janssen, Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance | |
| 7 min | **Call to action** on sustainable urbanization across the Commonwealth | Local Authority  
Lucy Slack, 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 | Non-Governmental  
Maurice Makoloo, Senior Director – Africa Hub Habitat for Humanity | M / Canada / Online |
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<th>Urban informality (vulnerable groups such as women and girls) and how climate change contributes to reinforce gender discrimination.</th>
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<td>What are the policies in place in South Africa and challenges towards slum upgrading</td>
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| 7 min | Book: Climate Urbanism Towards a Critical Research Agenda  
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. | Academia | Vanesa Castan Broto, Professor of Climate Urbanism, Urban Institute University of Sheffield | F /Canada/ Online |
|       | Open discussion including Q&A with the audience |                         |                                            |                  |
| 30 min | Q&A  
Pre-approach responses/questions from constituencies | Anaclaudia Rossbach, Regional Manager LAC, Cities Alliance | Arne Janssen, Urban Environment Specialist, Cities Alliance |                  |
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<td>1. Reflecting on the discussion and highlighting relevance to, and how recommendations can strengthen the City and Local Government Roadmap commitments.</td>
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