

ICLEI Doha 2012 Side event
6 December Thursday, 13.15 – 14.45,
Room:4

**Local governments raising level of mitigation ambition and
co-benefits of local sustainable development**

As a long lasting practice, ICLEI COP Side Event will once again convene the largest meeting of local governments with the UNFCCC community involved in local climate action.

The side event will provide an opportunity for a broad range of local governments and partners to provide an updated of efforts that address urban low emission development strategies as a means to mobilize the potential of local governments in enhancing global climate mitigation and local sustainable development.

This year's side event is organized within the scope of the new collaboration of ICLEI with UN-HABITAT in the implementation of the European Commission funded project "Promoting Low Emission Urban Development Strategies in Emerging Economy Countries (Urban-LEDS)" in Brazil, Indonesia, India, S. Africa.

Facilitator

Gino van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Welcome Remarks:

Evelyne Huytebroeck, Minister of Environment, Brussels Capital Region, Chair of ICLEI Europe Regional Executive Committee

Reta Jo Lewis, Special Representative for Global Intergovernmental Affairs, US Department of State

Robert Kehew, Leader, Climate Change Planning Unit, Urban Planning and Design Branch, UN-HABITAT

Jens Fügl, Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DEVCO), European Commission

Introductory Presentation:

"2012 Updates of Global Initiatives of Local Governments including Mexico City Pact, Durban Adaptation Charter, carbonn Cities Climate Registry, Urban-LEDS", **Yunus Arikan**, Manager, Cities Climate Center, ICLEI

2012 Success Stories in Local Climate Action, including:

Rodrigo Perpétuo, Deputy Secretary of International Relations, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil

Yuko Nishida, Planner, Urban and Global environment Division, Bureau of Environment, Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japan

Nancy Lago, Chief at the Environmental Promotion Office, Ombudsman, City of Buenos Aires

Sunil Pote, Dy. City Engineer, Thane Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra, India,

Edgar Villasenor, Regional Director, ICLEI Mexico and Caribbean Secretariat, "PACMUN: Mexican Local Governments experiences on Climate Action Planning", together with Rodolfo Godinez, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Chang Huey-Por, President, Open University, Kaohsiung, Chinese Taipei