



## **Structuring and enhancing climate action in African cities and territories to support the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**

*UCLG Africa's Climate Change Task Force, Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa and Climate Chance Association as tools for the implementation.*

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – 3pm – 4.30pm**  
**Room Bieszczady – Zone G**

### **Applicant**

ENERGIES 2050 Association

### **Co-Applicants**

Council of European Municipalities and Regions in Europe (CEMR)  
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- Climate Chance Association

The current commitments made by the States-Parties to the UNFCCC in their NDCs are not compatible with an increase in temperatures below 1.5°C or 2°C by 2100. At the same time, the scientific community and the increasingly visible consequences of climate change call for immediate action. Given the challenges and the urgency to act, the commitment of all stakeholders is essential.

Talanoa's dialogue is intended as a mean to involve in a deeper way non-state actors in the fight against climate change. Local governments are at the heart of the Agenda of action given their ability to act as closely as possible to the needs of their territories and their responsiveness provided they have the necessary skills and resources.

African cities are responsible for a significant proportion of the continent's GHG emissions and host hundreds of millions of inhabitants in areas that are often very vulnerable to the effects of climate change. This trend is not expected to slow down. The African population is expected to reach 2.4 billion by 2050, including 1.34 billion urban versus 455 million at present. In addition, African cities and territories concentrate the bulk of capital and economic activity and are therefore key players in the implementation of climate change policies.

This reality calls for a reinforced articulation between national commitments and the local dynamics of non-state territorial actors (local governments, associations, researchers, the private sector, etc.) in the context of the implementation of NDCs. The necessary multisectoral dimension of decentralized cooperation must be added here, combining adaptation, development and mitigation in order to take into account the complexity of interconnected and interdependent urban and territorial systems.

This event is part of the follow-up to the Africities 8 declaration and in particular the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Climate Day organized on November 22, 2018. This declaration recognizes the importance of territorialising states' climate commitments and calls for recognition of the LDCs. (Localized Determined Contributions).



This event will highlight the place of local governments and non-state African actors in their diversity as preferred partners in the implementation of NDCs.

The Climate Change Task Force for African Cities and Territories set up by UCLG Africa and its partners as well as exemplary practices and initiatives will illustrate the debates (CoM SSA, Climate Chance, etc.).

An invitation to pool on-going initiatives around the implementation of NDCs will be launched

Introduction / Moderator – **M. Stéphane POUFFARY**, Executive Director - ENERGIES 2050

### **Session 1: UCLG Africa the voice of African cities and territories to strengthen their role in the climate change negotiation process**

- **M. Tomasz CHRUCZOW**, Special envoy for climate – Special envoy for climate change – High Level Climate Champion COP24
- **M. Jean Pierre ELONG MBASSI** General Secretary United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa)
- **Ms. Nezha EL OUAFI**, State Secretary on Sustainable Development, Morocco (*tbc*)
- **M. José TONATO**, Minister of wellbeing and sustainable development, BENIN (*tbc*)
- **M. Mohamed NBOU**, Special Advisor - UCLG Africa Climate Task Force
- **M. Seyni NAFO**, Representative of the African Climate Negotiators Group & Coordinator of African initiatives – UCLG Africa Climate Change Task Force co-President
- **M. Mohamed SEFIANI**, Mayor of the city of Chefchaouen and President of the Forum of Intermediate Cities - UCLG Africa Climate Change Task Force co-President

### **Session 2: Inspiring initiative to scale-up the implementation**

- **M. Ronan DANTEC**, French Senator, President of Climate Chance
- **Ms. Célestine Ketcha Epse COURTES** Mayor of the Municipality of Bagangté, Cameroon and President of REFELA - Network for Locally Elected Women of Africa (*tbc*)
- **M. Bruno Kossi A. LOGLO**, Mayor of Tsevie, CoM SSA
- **M. Celestino Barbosa AFONSO**, Director of civil protection and firemen City of Praia, CoM SSA
- **Ms. Mame BOUSSO**, ENDA, Dakar, Senegal, Civil Society Organisation, CoM SSA
- **Ms. Linnéa ERGSTROM**, Member of the European Parliament
- **M. Luc GNACADJA**, former Minister of Benin, former Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on desertification (UNCCD) (*tbc*)
- **M. William Kojo AGYEMANG-BONSU**, Manager, Mitigation and Transparency Support, UNFCCC