



UrbanShift: Transforming cities for people and planet through multi-level governance

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Organised by the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI), the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) and the Centro de Gestão e Estudos Estratégicos (CGEE), with support from the UrbanShift Programme and its partners (the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), C40 Cities, ICLEI and WRI), this event will showcase the importance of multi-level governance in enabling ambitious actions to shift towards net zero-carbon, resource-efficient, nature positive and socially equitable cities.

The Paris Agreement recognizes that local and regional governments have an important role to play in global climate action. National governments will not be able to achieve ambitious climate goals without a contribution from cities in the country. In parallel, cities can only effectively address climate change and transform if the state puts in place the enabling frameworks and incentives. This interdependence requires that the subnational levels are well integrated in national climate policies, but also that they get the chance to contribute to policy development, including of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and co-design the process of multi-level governance.

The event will showcase examples of multi-level governance in practice, discussing how local and national governments, as well as the international community, can come together to achieve their climate goals.

Agenda:

Time	Session	Speaker and notes
18:30-18:35	Opening by Moderator (5 min)	Rogier van den Berg , Acting Global Director, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, representing the UrbanShift Global Platform
18:35-18:40	Setting the scene: the importance of multi-level governance for ambitious climate action (5 min)	Martina Otto , Head, Cities Unit, UNEP
18:40-19:10	Panel 1: Multi-level governance in practice: how national governments and international actors are supporting local climate action ? (30 min)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcelo Morales, Secretary for Research and Scientific Formation, Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) - Faustin Munyazikwiye, Deputy DG of REMA and UNFCCC National Focal Point, Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) - Matthew Brian Reddy, Senior Private Sector Specialist, Global Environment Facility (GEF) Secretariat
19:10-19:40	Panel 2: How local governments and civil society are taking action and contribute to national and international climate goals ? (30 minutes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - João Campos, Mayor of Recife, Brazil - Ladislav NGENDAHIMANA, Secretary General, Rwanda Association of Local Government Authorities (RALGA) - Aaditya Thackeray, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Government of Maharashtra, India - José Sarney Filho, Environment Secretary, Federal District Government, Brasil - Marco Lobo, Centro de Gestão e Estudos Estratégicos (CGEE)
19:40-19:45	Wrap up by moderator (10 min)	Rogier van den Berg , Acting Global Director, WRI Ross Center for Sustainable Cities, representing the UrbanShift Global Platform

The event will be livestreamed on the UNFCCC Website. For registered COP delegates, it will also be accessible via the COP26 Platform.