Support for Multilevel Governance to enhance Urban Low Emission & Resilient Development

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Multilevel governance
- selection of activities and initiatives

- Reporting local climate action data and exploring integrated MRV:
  - Carbon Registry managed by ICLEI, serving 15 initiatives, reporting from cities and regions from 87 countries
  - Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA)
    - Stimulating Talanoa Dialogues in the region, esp. 11 countries
    - Understanding processes and structures for vertical integration
  - Urban-LEDS II project supporting 70 cities/towns in 8 countries
    - Case studies and guidance on multilevel governance by GIZ, ICLEI and UN-Habitat
  - ICLEI's support package for Local Climate Action
    - Tailor-made for local and regional governments in our network
- Connecting the above to NDC Partnership ICLEI, as 1st associate partner, supporting in at least 28 countries

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Multilevel governance
- some key activities and initiatives

- Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
  - Finance Working Group – how to develop investor oriented Climate Action Plans, link to NDC investment plans
  - Transformative Actions Program (TAP): exploring access to finance for local and regional governments, guide towards robust project concepts that are financeable ("pre-project preparation support")

- City Climate Finance Leadership Allinace (CCFLA)
- CitiesIPCC – Global Research and Action Agenda
Introducing Urban-LEDS II project

- **Objective:** Support climate action in 70 cities / towns in emerging economies & least developed countries to improve climate resilience and low emission development.

- **Target countries:**
  - Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa (*from Phase I*)
  - Bangladesh, Colombia, Lao PDR, and Rwanda
  - Supported by 16 European cities

- **Budget:** 8 million Euro.

- **Duration:** April 2017 – March 2021

- Joint implementation by UN-Habitat and ICLEI
Urban-LEDS II: Main activities

• Compile a risk & vulnerability assessment, and a GHG emissions inventory (baseline and/or monitoring).

• Commit to tackle climate change, set target for low emission development / GHG reduction.

• Develop / update Low Emission Development Strategy and Action Plan, including adaptation co-benefits.

• Enhance multi-level governance to accelerate climate action (“vertical integration”).

• Share good practice and leading examples – in-country, regionally and globally.

• Connect to relevant projects and initiatives establish synergies
Guiding multilevel governance discussions

• Capacity building – how to ...
• Technical assistance on climate action planning and multilevel governance
• Peer-to-peer exchange and learning:
  – South-South-North networking
• Local-national dialogue, Talanoa Dialogues
• Access to finance for local implementation projects
• Discussions with national ministries (Infrastructure, Environment, Development, Finance, etc..)
Expected global impacts

• Direct support for measuring, reporting and verification (MRV) of local climate action and encouraging integrated MRV approaches (local to national to global) on climate change adaptation and mitigation.
  – GHG reduction / enhanced climate resilience
• Define local contributions to Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and other relevant policies.
• Show leadership and exchange on experiences, establish synergies with other projects and initiatives - international, regional, national and in-country (subnational).
Accelerating Investment in Urban Transition through Project Preparation for Local Sustainable Infrastructure

CCFLA Webinars
Guidance and Reports:
- Summary of Good Practice of Successful Project Preparation Facilities

http://www.citiesclimatefinance.org/about/
Outcomes relevant to multilevel governance

- Conference Proceedings

- A global research agenda on cities and climate change that advances climate change science and gives recognition and visibility to the knowledge generated by urban stakeholders

- Enhanced understanding of the impacts of climate change at the urban level, the range of possible responses and the role of cities in the implementation of the Paris Agreement; and

- Better informed climate decision-making at the local level, as a result of improved relations between the policy, practice and the scientific communities working on/in urban areas, through new projects, platforms and partnerships.
CitiesIPCC Global Research and Action Agenda

Key Aspects
- Challenges of Scale
- Data, modelling, scenarios at the city scale
- Importance of systems approach and multiple knowledge systems

Call for Research and Action
- Informality
- Governance
- Consumption + Production
- Natural and Built Infrastructure
- Finance
- Urban Climate Science
- Vulnerability, risk and resilience
- Urban Planning and Design

Approaches for academic, urban practitioner and policy-making communities to support Research and Action Agenda
- Global
- National
- Local
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