Talanoa and Beyond: Raising Ambition with Cities and Regions

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1. Where are we?

2. Where do we want to go?

3. How do we get there?
1. WHERE ARE WE? Point of Departure

- Current NDC commitments insufficient: approx. 3°C scenario
- 75% of energy-related CO2 emissions are urban
→ Urban level is cost-effective option for raising ambition
1. WHERE ARE WE? National level
113 out of 164 NDCs show urban content

Source: UN-Habitat 2017
1. WHERE ARE WE? Subnational Level

Subnational action and challenges

Frontrunner cities & regions:

cCR members commitments by 2020: equivalent of taking all cars off the road for one year

(5.6GtCO2e)

Many cities & regions lag behind

Commitments

Delivery capacity

Dominant growth & consumption patterns
1. WHERE ARE WE? Multilevel Governance

Important role of all tiers of government

- **National policies** impact local climate performance
  - E.g. energy market regulation

- **Local and regional policies and action** are key to implementation of climate-compatible development
  - E.g. land-use and urban form

- Many policy areas require **coordination and collaboration** between the levels
  - E.g. building codes

→ Decisive role of national government in **setting up effective multilevel climate governance** framework
2. WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

Benefits of enhanced multilevel action to implement NDCs

- Increase the **ambition** of the NDC
- Improve the likelihood of **delivery**
- Improve access to data and **knowledge**
- Enable a coordinated effort that can be **monitored**
- Engender a culture of successful **collaborative** governance
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Ways in which **national governments** can enhance multilevel climate action

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Initiate Multilevel „Talanoa“ Dialogue

- Take stock and integrate subnational action into government planning

- **Example:** Cities and Regions Talanoa Dialogues launched by ICLEI with GCoM and UN-Habitat

- 20+ events confirmed

- GreenClimateCities methodology
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? MEDIUM TERM

Translate NDC into subnational targets

- E.g. reduce methane emissions from landfills
- or local mitigation / adaptation targets
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? MEDIUM TERM

Link MRV to subnational level

- Global Protocol of Community-Scale GHG Emissions (GPC)
- Global reporting platforms like carbonn Climate Registry

The **carbonn® Climate Registry** (cCR, [http://carbonn.org/](http://carbonn.org/)) is a global reporting platform for cities, towns and regions tackling climate change, created to support transparency, accountability and credibility.

- **804** million
- **1019**
  - Numbers of entities registered to the cCR
- **86** countries
- **1909** climate targets
- **7083** mitigation and adaptation actions
- **5.6** committed GHG emission reductions by 2020
- **26.8** committed GHG emission reductions by 2050
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? MEDIUM TERM

Encourage and promote local action

Example: Germany / National Climate Initiative

- **Promotion of local plans:**
  Masterplan 100% Climate Action

- **Information & Advisory Support:**
  Service and Competence Centre:
  Local Government Climate Action
  (SK:KK)

- **Grants for local organisations:**
  Local Authorities Network Guideline
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? MEDIUM & LONG TERM

Enabling policies

- Focal areas: energy, transport, buildings, land-use
- Remove legal & institutional barriers
- Enhance local climate policy competencies

Further reading:

- UN-Habitat (2016): Addressing Climate Change in National Urban Policy
- GIZ, ICLEI and UN-Habitat (2017): Enabling subnational climate action through multilevel governance
3. HOW DO WE GET THERE? MEDIUM & LONG TERM

Mobilise finance

- **Direct government finance** for climate-compatible infrastructure and pilot/demonstration projects in cities
- Support for prioritization, planning and **preparation of bankable projects**
  - International Support Facilities: Transformative Actions Programme (TAP), C40 Cities Finance Facility (CFF), FELICITY
- Domestic and ODA finance to leverage **private sector investments**
- **Put a price tag** on climate change
- **Green financial management**
Thank you!

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