

Committee of Permanent Representatives  
08 Nov 2017



***2017 Climate Summit (COP-23)  
and  
Cities & Climate Change***

# Outline

**1) Key messages** for upcoming climate summit

**2) UN-Habitat at 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference of Parties (COP-23)** to UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Bonn, Germany, Nov 2017

**3) Other updates**



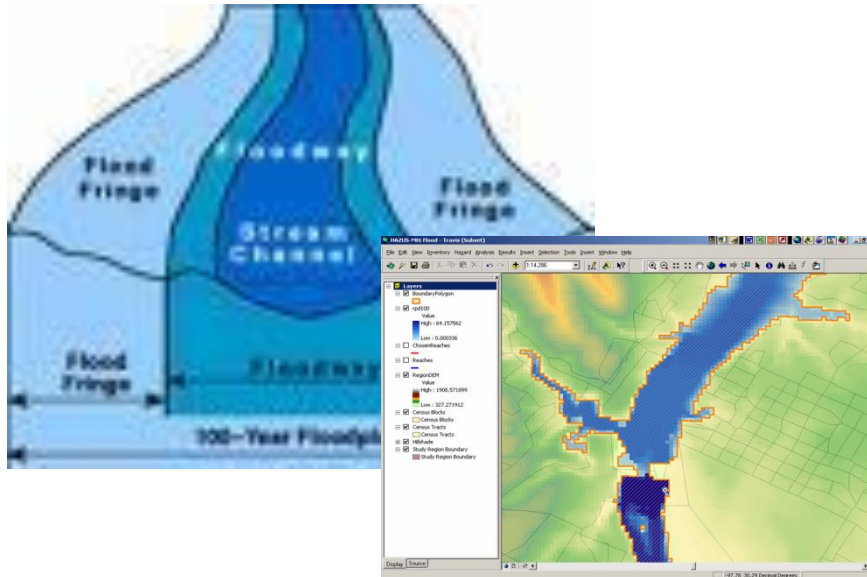
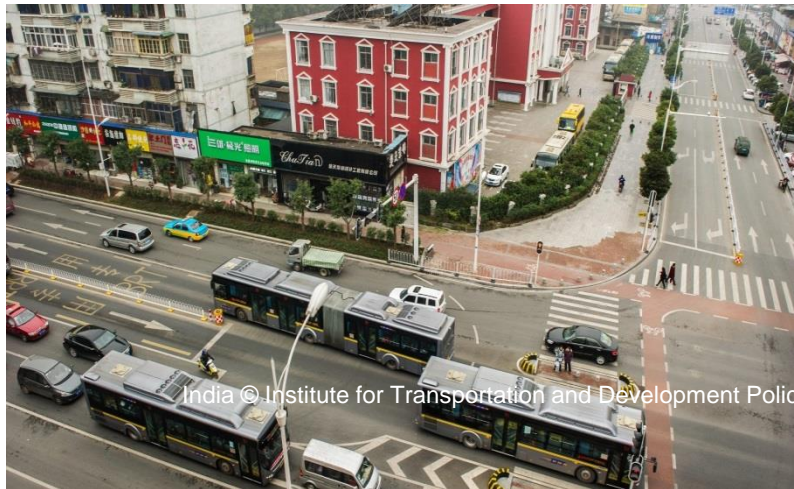
# 1. Key messages



**Message 1:** *"The Paris Agreement, SDGs & New Urban Agenda all speak with a consistent voice about cities & climate change".*



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**Message 2:**  
"Urban & regional planners have a **key role to play** in helping cities..."

- ✓ Reduce **greenhouse gas emissions**
- ✓ Build **climate resilience**".



## 2. UN-Habitat at COP-23



**United Nations**  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change



DED greets UN SG at COP-19 in Warsaw

**COP-23** – major emphasis on **cities**

**UN-Habitat** – strong visibility & engagement

**8 Nov** – 11<sup>th</sup> Focal Point Forum of **Nairobi Work Programme**  
“Human Settlements & adaptation”

**DED** – Keynote

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### **11 Nov (Human Settlements Day) – Events:**

- **Opening Human Settlements Roundtable:** Setting the stage – Impact and potential of Human Settlements
- **Planners for Climate Action:** Urban and Regional planners take climate action.
- **UN System Side Event** on Human Settlements
- **Building the More Sustainable City:** Planning and financing infrastructure for low-carbon, climate-resilient cities
- **#CitiesIPCC:** Advancing science to accelerate effective climate action in human settlements.
- City Climate Planner Certificate programme, Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning and GPC
- Closing roundtable: Recommendations for sustainable human settlements

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**11 Nov (Human Settlements Day) – 11:30** – Launch of “**Planners for Climate Action**”. *A new initiative involving...*

- National, regional and global planning associations and planning educators to promote the integration of climate change and urban planning.
- Recognizes the important role that planners have to play in mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- Aims to co-ordinate and amplify the voice of planners in the UNFCCC under the Marrakesh Partnership



**中国城市规划学会**  
URBAN PLANNING SOCIETY OF CHINA



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**COP23 | FIJI**  
UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE  
**BONN 2017**

**11 Nov**

**13:15** – ‘One UN’ side event on cities

**15:00** – Planning & financing infrastructure (World Bank, German Government, UN-Habitat)

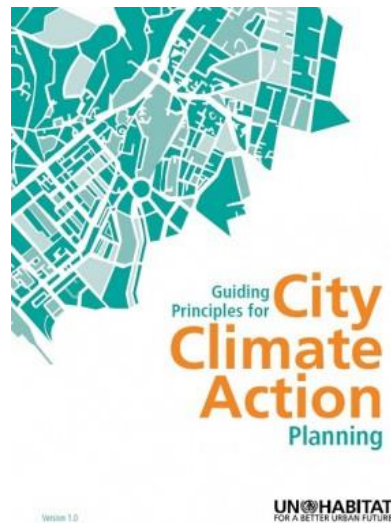
**15:00** – Advancing science to accelerate action in human settlements (*in advance of Scientific Conference on Cities & Climate Change; see below*)

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**11 Nov – 16:45 –**  
Key initiative updates:

- ✓ **World Bank** – City Climate Planner Certificate Program
- ✓ **WRI/C40/ICLEI** – Global Protocol on Community-scale GHG emission inventories
- ✓ **UN-Habitat** – **Guiding Principles for City Climate Action Planning**



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**12 Nov - 14:20**

- ✓ Organized by City of Bonn & ICLEI
- ✓ ED invited to speak on “**Integrated planning & sustainable investments in cities & regions**”

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**13 Nov** – High level action day on **SDG 11** ('cities')

- **ED** – invited to speak at **Sustainable Transportation Roundtable** (*SLoCaT*)

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Greenhouse gas emission inventory workshop in **Nacala, Mozambique**

### **13 Nov – Global Covenant of Mayors Day** (EU Pavilion)

- ✓ UN-Habitat on **Founders' Council**
- ✓ With Sida assistance, currently helping two committed cities in Least Developed Countries to **comply with commitments**

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October 2017.*

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### 14 Nov – High-Level Franco German Event

- ✓ The objective of the event is to focus and promote three Global Climate Agenda Initiatives supported by France and Germany:
  - ✓ The Programme on Energy Efficiency in Buildings (PEEB)
  - ✓ Mobilize Your City (MyC)
  - ✓ Climate Change Financing Leadership Alliance (CCFLA)



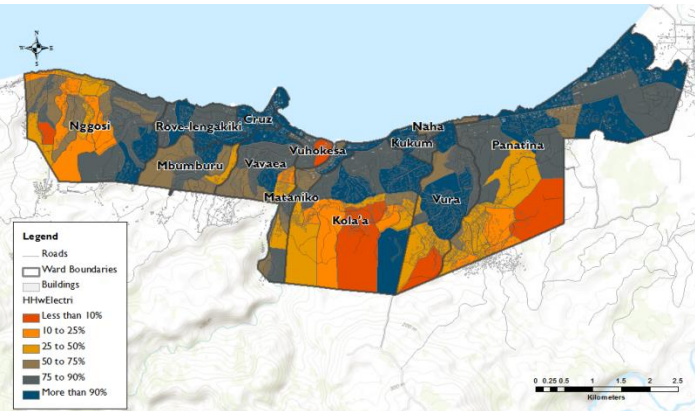
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### 15 Nov – Adaptation Fund Press Conference

- Fiji and Solomon Islands projects approved by AF
- Focused on concrete interventions



# 3. Newly/nearly approved projects



ADAPTATION FUND



Honiara resilience & climate action plan – endorsed by City Council & Government of Solomon Islands

## ➤ **Adaptation Fund**

Approved in October 2017:

### 2 Full proposals

- Fiji
- Solomon Islands

### 2 Concept note proposals

- Cambodia
- Mongolia

### 1 pre-concept proposal

- West Africa



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- **European Commission** – “Accelerating climate action thru promotion of **Urban Low Emission Development Strategies**”  
(Urban-LEDS 2, signed July 2017)
  - **Existing** – Brazil, India, Indonesia, South Africa
  - **New** – Colombia, Lao PDR, Bangladesh, Rwanda



Green Roof Law in Recife, Brazil  
(from Urban-LEDS 1)

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## INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE INITIATIVE (IKI)



Kick off meeting in  
Berlin: Oct 2017

- **International Climate Initiative (IKI, Germany)**
  - **“Urban Pathways:** Supporting low carbon plans for urban basic services in the context of the New Urban Agenda”
  - Brazil, India, Kenya, Vietnam

<https://www.international-climate-initiative.com/en/>

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**CLIMATE &  
CLEAN AIR  
COALITION**  
TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED  
CLIMATE POLLUTANTS



Accra, Ghana



**GLOBAL COVENANT  
of MAYORS for  
CLIMATE & ENERGY**

- **Climate & Clean Air Coalition** – Small role in **Urban Health Initiative**
  - **Accra, Ghana** (being implemented)  
*<http://www.ccacoalition.org/en>*
  
- **European Climate Foundation** – Grant to defray engagement in Founders' Council of **Global Covenant of Mayors** (nearly signed)  
*<https://europeanclimate.org/>*

## 4. Other updates



Town planners & authorities participate in participatory hazard mapping exercise in Pakokku Town, Myanmar

### □ **European Commission Myanmar Climate Change Alliance**

- ✓ UN Environment & UN-Habitat
- ✓ Launched 2013

Now formulated:

- National Climate Change **Policy, Strategy & Action Plan**

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## 4. Other updates



GREEN  
CLIMATE  
FUND

- ❑ **System of Environmental & Social Safeguards**
- ✓ **Dec 2016** – approved
- ✓ **2017** – Gradually being implemented
- ✓ Complements & goes beyond our **system of cross-cutting Markers**
- ✓ Key pre-condition to accreditation by **Green Climate Fund**

## 4. Other updates

**CITIES**  
2018 • CONFERENCE  
**IPCC**



Visit of Organizing Committee to Edmonton

- ❑ **Scientific Conference on Cities & Climate Change**
- ✓ **March 2018**
- ✓ **Edmonton, Canada**
- ✓ UN-Habitat on Organizing Committee
- ✓ **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change** co-organizer
- ✓ 4 commissioned papers



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