

Achieving SDGs in times of global crises



Side Event 13

Responding to climate, nature and pollution emergencies through urbanization and multilevel action

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 Conference Room 13

SUMMARY

As the majority of world's population lives in urban agglomerations, the roles, responsibilities, vulnerabilities, challenges, opportunities and potentials of local and other subnational governments in addressing global challenges become more visible, acute and urgent. Coinciding with the World Environment Day, the side event will highlight how urbanization and multilevel action have been gaining attraction, recognition and engagement in decision making and implementation agendas of global intergovernmental processes under the United Nations addressing climate, nature, pollution emergencies along with the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as at non-UN processes such as U7 as an engagement group of the G7 or U20 as an engagement group of the G20. The event will receive inputs from local leaders as well as experts from UN institutions and global networks, followed by reflections from national governments presiding the leadership of respective processes in recent years.

Organizer(s)

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – www.iclei.org

Global Parliament of Mayors - <https://globalparliamentofmayors.org/>

UNHabitat - <https://unhabitat.org/>

<https://cities-and-regions.org/> - <https://g7u7.org/> -

Moderator

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Speaker(s)

Peter Kurz, Mayor, City of Mannheim, Germany; President of the Global Parliament of Mayors

Lea Ranalder, Associate Programme Management Officer, Climate Change and Urban Environment, UN-Habitat

Matthew Bach, Governance and Social Innovation Coordinator, ICLEI European Secretariat

Susan Garnder, Director, Ecosystems Division, UN Environment Programme (tbc)

Nn, political or technical representative from the UNHA2 delegation of Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments

Invited national governments as respondents:

- Egypt, UN Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP27 Presidency and Host of WUF12
- United Arab Emirates, UN Climate Change (UNFCCC) COP28 Incoming Presidency
- Germany, 2022 G7 Presidency
- Japan, 2023 G7 Presidency
- People's Republic of China, UN Biodiversity (CBD) COP15 Presidency
- Türkiye, UN Biodiversity (CBD) COP16 Incoming Presidency

