

Organisation of sessions:

In each session, time will be allocated as follows. The moderator will:

- Introduce the session (no more than **5 minutes**).
- Invite each speaker to make initial remarks (no more than **8 minutes**). It is absolutely essential that speakers finish their presentations within the given time limit.
- Invite questions and comments from the panellists in response to the initial presentations.
- Open the session to questions and comments from the audience.
- Make final remarks (no more than **5 minutes**), highlighting a couple of key points that emerged from the discussion. It is not necessary to summarise the whole session.
- Ensure good timekeeping -- all sessions will be stopped at the end of the allocated time, and it is necessary to allow sufficient time for discussion.

The **moderator** should endeavour to make the session as lively and interactive as possible, for example by:

- Putting one or two key questions to all the panelists for their initial presentation -- see "Issues for Discussion" below.
- Commenting on the content of the presentations and asking follow-up questions.
- Asking questioners from the floor to introduce themselves and to limit themselves to short comments or questions (no long speeches) and focussing the audience discussion.

Plenary II: Competitive Cities and Climate Change: Global Governance

10 October, 11:15-13:00

For more information on the moderator and participants in this session, visit www.oecd.org/gov/urbandevelopment/milanconference under the headings "Speakers" and "Programme."

Issues for discussion:

Urban-scale climate change response actions are closely intertwined with policy developments occurring at other levels of governance. National-level policy and legislative frameworks can either facilitate or hinder action at the local level. Conversely, cities can both influence national climate change and energy policies, and play major roles in putting national policy frameworks into practice. Local-level climate change response actions are also increasingly linked to international level processes, such as those of the UNFCCC, UN-Habitat, UNEP, World Bank, the OECD and regional entities such as the European Union, the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Forum. There is, at the same time, a burgeoning community of 'peer-to-peer' international networks among cities. Optimizing the potential benefits of multi-level governance is an ongoing challenge for urban leaders, due to the rapidly evolving nature of this complex playing field.

Questions

- What types of the key actors and institutions are most important for facilitating effective interaction among different levels of governance on climate change and energy policy?
- How do national level policies strengthen or weaken adaptive capacity and action at local levels?
- What types of national policy frameworks and programs (for instance, for capacity building, information sharing, financing, and policy guidance) are most important for enabling action at the local level?
- How can urban-level leaders most effectively influence international-level policies for climate change mitigation and adaptation?
- How have networks that directly link city leaders from around the world helped to advance climate change response efforts, in the face of inertia at national and international levels?

In order to facilitate your intervention and the dialogue within the session, we propose that you send us three key questions related to the main theme of the session that the Chairman may ask you. We would be grateful if you could send these three questions to: Suzanne-Nicola.Leprince@oecd.org.

Conference sessions are designed to be a lively and interactive discussion, and we do not provide facilities for speakers to use PowerPoint, slides or overhead projections. However, we can post the text of your remarks or a PowerPoint presentation on the conference website after the session. Please send me such documents at the same time as your questions, or as soon as possible next week. This will help the chairs, moderator and interpreters in preparing the session.

Please note that simultaneous interpretation will be provided in: English, French, Italian, or Spanish.

On the day of your session, we request that you arrive at least one hour before your session starts. On arrival, you will be met by the OECD Protocol Team and escorted to the “Speakers’ Lounge” where you will meet the other speakers for the final preparations for your session.