

Organisation of sessions:

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

- Introduce the session (no more than **5 minutes**).
- Invite the Expert to make a keynote presentation (**12 minutes**)
- Invite each panellist (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 **Chair** 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.

Session III-A – City economic development strategy and climate change

9 October, from 16:15 – 17:45

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:

One of the main obstacles preventing many political leaders from moving ahead with actions to respond to climate change is a perception that such actions force inevitable trade-offs against the goals of economic growth. Cities around the world are learning, however, that through the development of effective partnerships between municipal leaders and other key stakeholders (e.g. in business, industry, financial institutions, citizens groups), cities can leverage funding and maximize opportunities for using climate actions plans to stimulate new economic development. This may include linking strategies that connect climate change response goals to business profitability and training for populations struggling with high unemployment rates; transformational strategies that use climate change goals to help ‘green’ existing businesses so they can remain profitable or expand into new markets; and leapfrogging strategies that attempt to create an entirely new sector in a green technology area. . A classic example is investment in distributed renewable energy, such as widespread installation of solar photovoltaics within the urban landscape, which would provide jobs ranging from R&D to construction, production, installation and operations and maintenance work. Other examples include investment in energy efficient buildings and technologies, recycling and waste-to-energy systems, expansion of mass-transit, urban forestry efforts, redevelopment of inner city areas to create vibrant mixed-use communities.

Questions

- What are some of the most promising examples of opportunities for linking climate protection measures to efforts to catalyze economic development goals and create new employment opportunities?
- Who are the key players within an urban community that city government leaders need to work with for identifying and taking advantage of opportunities to link climate change response strategies with economic development efforts?
- How can climate change mitigation/adaptation policies be shaped to help ensure that the resulting economic benefits remain rooted within a city's local economy (i.e. that the economic developments are 'place based' and cannot be outsourced to other areas).
- In what ways might climate change adaptation/mitigation actions actually lead to trade-offs with economic development goals? In such cases, are there steps that can be taken to help 'align' these competing goals?

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 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.