

## **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 speaker to make initial remarks (**no more than 8 minutes**). It is absolutely essential that speakers finish their presentations within the given time limit. For this reason, there will be **no power point presentations**. It is absolutely essential that panellists respect the allotted time. The Chair is responsible for ensuring that this is respected so that all panellists have their fair share of speaking time.
- 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 II-B: Energy Supply and Efficiency**

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**9 October, from 14:30 – 16:00**

For more information on the Chair, Expert, and participants in this session, visit [www.oecd.org/gov/urbandevelopment/milanconference](http://www.oecd.org/gov/urbandevelopment/milanconference) under the headings “Speakers” and “Programme.”

## **Issues for discussion:**

Cities have innumerable opportunities to take leadership in shaping a sustainable climate future, by promoting energy efficiency and conservation in the municipal, industrial, commercial, and household energy sectors, and by advancing clean, renewable forms of energy for heating and electricity. For instance, it is possible to significantly lower a metropolitan area’s carbon intensity through the use of combined heat and power, co-generation, and district heating and cooling; through the promotion energy efficient housing and construction (including with cutting-edge ‘green building’ technologies and design, as well as simple measures such as solar water heating and adequate insulation); and through the promotion of decentralized, renewable energy supply systems. Local governments can also use their political influence and purchasing power to improve the economic competitiveness of renewable energy sources. Such actions not only help advance long-term goals for mitigating climate

change, but also contribute to immediate goals of alleviating air pollution, and generating major cost savings.

### **Key questions**

- How can city leaders encourage energy conservation efforts among local businesses, individual households, and municipal institutions?
- What are the priority sectors that city governments should focus on to achieve cost-effective CO2 mitigation?
- What policies are required to promote energy efficient buildings in the commercial, residential, and municipal building sectors?
- What other measures have proven to be effective for cities to promote energy conservation and efficiency (e.g. in traffic and street lighting, less energy-intensive water supply and treatment systems, heat and energy co-generation systems, waste-to-energy systems)?
- How can city leaders promote broader use of renewable energy sources for meeting urban energy demand?
- What is the potential for improved urban design/land use planning to achieve CO2 mitigation? What urban design/in land use planning tools should cities consider using?

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:

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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.