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Welcome to Connecting Cities

Dear Climate Alliance members, dear conference participants,

This year’s conference focusses on the idea of connecting – on partnerships and cooperation and exchange. These guiding themes have always been at the heart of Climate Alliance’s work. By emphasising them, we are putting forth an approach that starkly contrasts the isolationist currents characterising the political situation in so many countries today.

The Paris Agreement too, recognises that acting alone is not an option when it comes to tackling climate change. National governments must draw on the involvement of all relevant actors, including both local and regional governments. It is thus fitting that Connecting Cities has been recognised as an official part of the Talanoa dialogue – the global process that brings these various stakeholders together in the run up to the Climate Summit in December in Katowice.

Connecting Cities brings Catalan, Spanish and European municipalities as well as indigenous representatives from our partner organisation COICA together to search for solutions to the climate challenge and exchange experiences. Underlining connections at a number of levels, the agenda opens with a political forum connecting different perspectives on climate change and continues with a look at joint next steps towards the upcoming Climate Summit in Katowice.

Day two highlights how significant the Sustainable Development Goals are in bridging wide-ranging challenges and solutions. Through local climate action talks, site visits and other spaces for exchange, participants will also have the opportunity to make connections on a personal level.

There is no way around it – effective climate action requires the sharing of experiences, visions and commitments through connections on all levels. Whether scaling up the Covenant of Mayors globally or engaging in partnerships with indigenous rainforest peoples, Climate Alliance’s work and commitment to connections is vital to the international task of addressing climate change. Anchoring these ideas and strategies in global processes will bring new challenges. We look forward to discussing these challenges with you in Barcelona!

Marc Castells i Berzosa
President of Barcelona Provincial Council and
Political Board Member of the Covenant of Mayors
## Turn It Around!

### Tuesday, October 2nd
- **08:30 – 09:00**: Registration
- **09:00 – 09:30**: Welcome and introduction
- **09:30 – 11:00**: Setting the scene: Climate action and the transformative power of city networks
- **11:00 – 11:30**: Grab a coffee with Climate Alliance
- **11:30 – 13:30**: Connecting circles: Join a circle, connect with peers
- **14:30 – 17:00**: Climate Alliance General Assembly
- **13:30 – 14:30**: Grab some lunch and network
- **17:00 – 17:30**: Grab a coffee with Climate Alliance
- **17:30 – 18:30**: What’s next? The international climate process

### Monday, October 1st
- **08:30 – 09:00**: Registration
- **09:00 – 10:00**: The Sustainable Development Goals: from global goals to local action
- **10:00 – 11:00**: Grab a coffee and get inspired with local climate action talks
- **11:00 – 13:00**: Connecting circles: Join a circle, connect with peers
- **12:00 – 13:00**: Grab some lunch and network

### Side Event
- **Sunday, September 30th**
  - **17:00 – 19:00**: Countdown on River Xingu V screening and discussion
    - **Venue**: Cinemes Girona

### Side Event
- **Tuesday, October 2nd**
  - **14:30 – 15:00**: Non-member local authority representatives welcome to join as observers

### Climate Alliance Working Group Meetings
- **Tuesday, October 2nd**
  - **15:00 – 17:30**: Climate Alliance Working Group meetings
  - **Climate Alliance Working Group on Financing**
  - **Climate Alliance Working Group on Co2 Monitoring**
  - **Climate Alliance Working Group on Resilience**

### Site Visits
- **Wednesday, October 3rd**
  - **14:00 – 15:00**: Climate and energy calls in Barcelona: what is it for local authorities? Barcelona is becoming a green sustainable city
  - **15:00 – 17:30**: Climate and energy calls in Montjuic: what is it for local authorities? Barcelona is becoming a green sustainable city

### Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau Guided Tour
- **Tuesday, October 2nd**
  - **18:30 – 18:30**: Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau guided tour

### Bus Tour of the City and Montjuic
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MONDAY  1 OCTOBER 2018

15:00  **CLIMATE ALLIANCE WORKING GROUPS PARALLEL MEETINGS**

- Working Group on Financing
- Working Group on Adaptation
- Working Group on CO₂ Monitoring

Location: Recinte Escola Industrial

17:30  **CLIMATE AND ENERGY CALLS IN HORIZON 2020: WHAT IT IS IN IT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES?**

Location: Recinte Escola Industrial

18:30  **BUS TOUR OF THE CITY AND MONTJUIC PLUS RECEPTION**

Duration: 2.5 hours

Departure from Recinte Escola Industrial

Location: Institut del Teatre
TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2018

Location unless otherwise noted:
Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau

08:30 REGISTRATION

09:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

09:30 SETTING THE SCENE: CLIMATE ACTION AND THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF CITY NETWORKS
ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

11:00 GRAB A COFFEE WITH CLIMATE ALLIANCE
ROOM HIPOSTILA • ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

11:30 CONNECTING CIRCLES: JOIN A CIRCLE, CONNECT WITH PEERS

1.) Co-creating adaptive and resilient cities and regions
ROOM 3-4 FLOOR 2

2.) Energy transition in cities and regions
ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

3.) Co-creating circular cities and regions
ROOM 3 FLOOR 1

4.) Water challenges in cities and regions
ROOM 4 FLOOR 1

13:30 GRAB SOME LUNCH AND NETWORK
ROOM HIPOSTILA • ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

14:30 SIDE EVENT:
ENCUENTRO ESTATAL DEL PACTO DE LOS ALCALDES
ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

14:30 CLIMATE ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ROOM 3-4 FLOOR 2

17:00 GRAB A COFFEE WITH CLIMATE ALLIANCE
ROOM HIPOSTILA • ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

17:30 WHAT’S NEXT? THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE PROCESS
ROOM HIPOSTILA • ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

18:30 RECINTE MODERNISTA DE SANT PAU
GUIDED TOUR

18:30 SIDE EVENT:
ENCUENTRO ESTATAL DEL PACTO DE LOS ALCALDES
ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

20:00 GALA DINNER AND SHOW
Sala Noble, Recinte Escola Industrial
Location unless otherwise noted: Recinte Modernista de Sant Pau

08:30  REGISTRATION

09:00  WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
       ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

09:15  THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: FROM GLOBAL GOALS TO LOCAL ACTION
       ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

10:00  GRAB A COFFEE AND GET INSPIRED WITH LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION TALKS
       ROOM HIPOSTILA • ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

11:00  CONNECTING CIRCLES: JOIN A CIRCLE, CONNECT WITH PEERS

   1.) Global and local partnerships
       SALA FRANCESC CAMBÓ
   2.) Connecting with citizens and local initiatives
       ROOM 3-4 FLOOR 2
   3.) How food and resources connect the Sustainable Development Goals
       ROOM 3 FLOOR 1
   4.) The social component of energy
       ROOM 1-2 FLOOR -1

13:00  CLOSING: A LOOK TO 2030 AND BEYOND
       ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

14:00  GRAB SOME LUNCH AND NETWORK
       ROOM FRANCESC CAMBÓ

15:00  SITE VISITS: GET A FIRST-HAND LOOK
       (2.5 HOURS)

   1.) Barcelona city: Discover how Barcelona is becoming a climate proof and sustainable city
   2.) Espai Delta del Llobregat: Discover how biodiversity both underwater and on land is being preserved
   3.) Parc Agrari: Discover a new sustainable way to feed the city
CIRCLE 1  
CO-CREATING ADAPTIVE AND RESILIENT CITIES AND REGIONS
A multi-level approach

The resilience challenge cannot be taken up by cities alone. For organisational, budgetary, geographical and competency-related reasons, local authorities must collaborate and connect with higher levels of government, with their residents and with other stakeholders in their territories. Only the co-creation of resilience strategies by a wide variety of actors will result in plans that are both effective and inclusive.

This session will explore how local authorities can cooperate with different sets of stakeholders at various levels in order to take action on adapting to climate change.

CIRCLE 2  
ENERGY TRANSITION IN CITIES AND REGIONS
Implementing a local and people-driven energy transition

Local, participative energy production has manifold benefits. It mitigates emissions and makes energy both more sustainable and affordable. Participatory energy production on the local level is also one of the surest ways to change ingrained patterns of energy use. It gets people directly involved in their own local energy transition, empowering them as co-owners of the local energy infrastructure and making them increasingly aware of their own energy consumption.

This session tackles technological, financial and governance-related aspects of the energy transition with a focus on models of local energy production including public energy suppliers and energy cooperatives. Participants can expect hands-on, replicable examples and success stories from different countries.

CIRCLE 3  
CO-CREATING CIRCULAR CITIES AND REGIONS
Local authorities at the centre of the circular economy transition

The concept of circular economy integrates economic activities and environmental welfare, representing a formidable approach to tackling climate challenges. A circular economy is a regenerative system much like natural systems in which waste is minimised and energy and material loops are optimised. Such economies can sustainably alter consumption patterns while stimulating sustainable innovation and business opportunities in both new and established sectors. Transforming cities into circular cities, however, will require radical changes to the DNA of our society, shifting from traditional silo approaches to strategies based on partnerships and co-development.
This session focuses on the role of local authorities in the transition to a circular economy by exploring how they can become facilitators of cross-sectoral and multi-actor exchanges.

CIRCLE 4  WATER CHALLENGES IN CITIES AND REGIONS
A circular economy approach

Looking at water challenges through a circular economy lens opens up a variety of opportunities for the local level. The approach spurs us to stop regarding wastewater as waste to be treated and processed and begin, instead, to appreciate it as a valuable source of renewable energy, raw materials, and clean water. Instead of managing energy, water and materials separately, the circular economy approach encourages an integrated view of water, energy and waste management. It pushes us to develop synergies across sectors and the champion closed-loop solutions.

This session focuses on an integrated nexus approach for supplying, preserving and saving water, energy and materials across sectors. In this light, participants will look at the role of both municipalities and their residents.

CIRCLE 1  GLOBAL AND LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS
Working together for the Sustainable Development Goals

In a world in which environmental degradation and inequality is intensifying, it is imperative that we acknowledge the interplay of social, environmental and economic development on the path towards sustainable development. Fostering mutual learning processes through partnerships is one way for local authorities to embrace the big picture, promote the Sustainable Development Goals and fight for climate justice.

The session focuses on the importance of global, local-level partnerships, cooperation and networking. Participants will learn about several successful examples and explore common goals, lessons learnt and challenges.

CIRCLE 2  CONNECTING WITH CITIZENS AND LOCAL INITIATIVES

Cities and towns represent the level of governance closest to the people. City governments thus assume an exemplary role and have the power to get their residents involved in (global) climate action. At the same time, many resident-run local (environmental) initiatives already abound, often working towards the same goals.
as city governments. By encouraging exchange and cooperation between city and resident initiatives, we can take advantage of previously unnoticed synergies.

This session focuses on how strategies to cooperate with citizens and local initiatives can be developed towards the implementation of the Agenda 2030. Special attention will be given to cooperation between the city and local grassroots initiatives. Participants will explore how common approaches can be identified, how synergies can be used and how long term cooperation can be established.

**CIRCLE 3  HOW FOOD AND RESOURCES CONNECT THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

To support our current urban lifestyles, cities and towns around the world are using billions of tonnes of raw materials. From fossil fuels to sand, gravel and iron ore and to biotic resources such as wood and food, we are using far more than what the planet can sustainably provide. The Sustainable Development Goals, building on the Millenium Development Goals, were introduced to tackle these problems. They include new priority areas such as climate change, economic inequality, innovation, sustainable consumption, peace and justice. Based in the spirit of partnership and pragmatism, these goals can help us make choices that will sustainably improve lives for future generations.

This session explores how sustainable food systems can connect various Sustainable Development Goals. Participants will learn about good practice examples of local climate action not based on overexploitation while exploring the global impact of European food and resource use.

**CIRCLE 4  THE SOCIAL COMPONENT OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION**

Structural factors of energy poverty – a local authority view

Energy poverty, a situation in which households are not able to meet their basic domestic energy needs at an affordable cost, is a European-wide problem. Low incomes, rising energy costs and poor energy performance of homes and buildings are all main structural drivers of this phenomenon. In recent years, various local authorities have attempted to tackle energy poverty in a number of ways, but mainly through financial support. To truly tackle energy poverty, we will need to shift our focus from end-of-pipe solutions to include more holistic approaches.

In this session, participants will examine how local authorities can tackle some of the main structural causes of energy poverty by looking at the energy system as a whole as well as the energy performance of buildings.
TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2018

TALK 1 HOW TO GET YOUR SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN CLIMATE ACTION
City of Zoersel (BE)

TALK 2 PROVINCIAL GROUP PURCHASES ENSURE CLIMATE RESULTS
Province Flemish Brabant (BE)

TALK 3 MEIN HAUS KANN’S – WIESBADEN’S SUCCESSFUL SOLAR CAMPAIGN
City of Wiesbaden (DE)

TALK 4 SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN BASEL AND IN SWITZERLAND
City of Basel and Climate Alliance Switzerland (CH)

TALK 5 HEAT RESILIENT CITY – RESIDENT ORIENTED KNOWLEDGE GENERATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN THE CITIES Erfurt and Dresden
City of Dresden (DE)

TALK 6 THE FRANKFURT FOOD COUNCIL
City of Frankfurt am Main (DE)

TALK 7 CLIMATE NEUTRAL BY 2050 – FROM STRATEGY TO ACTION
City of Potsdam (DE)

TALK 8 LOCALISING THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
City of Caiscais (PT)

TALK 9 THE BREST HEATING NETWORK
Brest Metropole (FR)

TALK 10 GUIMARÃES, SUSTAINABLE SMART CITY STRATEGY FOR ALL
City of Guimarães (PT)

TALK 11 SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF THE WISLOKA RIVER BASIN COMMUNES
Association of the Wisloka River Basin Communes (PL)

TALK 12 INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN THE AMAZON REGION – CURRENT SITUATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES IN FOUR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES
COICA

TALK 13 CLIMATE JUSTICE – BRIDGING EUROPE AND AMAZONIA
Climate Alliance

TALK 14 CLIMATE ALLIANCE IN ACTION
Climate Alliance and Government of Catalonia

TALK 15 CLIMATE ALLIANCE CAMPAIGNS
Climate Alliance

TALK 16 THE COVENANT OF MAYORS ON BARCELONA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL. THE IMPORTANCE OF NETWORKING
Barcelona Provincial Council
In May 2016, Brazil’s then president, Dilma Rousseff, officially opened Belo Monte on the River Xingu, a tributary of the Amazon River. To make way for the world’s third largest dam, swaths of rainforest were cleared, fishermen and indigenous communities were displaced and 40,000 people were forcefully relocated. The end game: to generate electricity for multinational aluminium manufacturing companies. In the words of the public prosecutor, "all this goes against the law".

Countdown on River Xingu V focusses on the penultimate construction phase of this mega dam: the flooding of the land. It reveals how the project came to be and what went on behind the scenes to make it happen. A scandal surrounding Brazil’s oil company Petrobras implicating major Brazilian construction companies and politicians is no small piece of the story.

With Martin Kessler, director of the documentary and tenacious follower of the project, as well as indigenous guests from COICA, the umbrella association of Amazon basin indigenous organisations, we will discuss the impacts of mega projects. We will explore the vital topic of responsibility as well as alternative approaches towards a future-proof energy transition.
A social response to global water issues.

Clime Alliance Projects
European municipalities in partnership with indigenous peoples

Taking local action on global climate change

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