Securing sustainable energy for all: a glocal perspective

Saturday, 12 November, 3.00–4.30 p.m.
Blue Zone, Room Osiris (300)

How can local and regional authorities be best empowered and equipped to contribute to the Paris agreements and more? And how can we ensure that at the same time in this transition no one is left behind?

In this dynamic session local city representatives and civil society will sketch their best practices and dilemma’s on: how we are able to radically transform our energy system in a just and fair way.

There will be time allotted to interacting with the audience.

Speakers

Leehee Goldernberg is a policy professional specializing in the legal and regulatory aspects of the energy and infrastructure economy, climate change, air pollution and economic environmental policy. A certified lawyer and litigator leading some of the most important environmental lawsuits of the last decade in Israel.

George Heyman is the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy for the Province of British Columbia. Heyman has led the provincial response to climate change through the CleanBC Roadmap to 2030, one of the strongest climate and clean economy plans in North America, as well as B.C.’s Climate Preparedness and Adaptation Strategy. He has previously served as the executive director of Sierra Club BC, one of the province’s oldest environmental advocacy and education organizations.
Andreas Wolter is the mayor of the City of Cologne. In addition to his honorary work as a council member, mayor and first deputy to Lord Mayor Henriette Reker, he is chairman of the Climate Alliance and chairman of the Franco-German Committee in the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR).

Madeleine Diouf Sarr is the Head of the Climate Change Division in Senegal’s Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MEDD) and the first woman to Chair the LDC Group since it began negotiating as a bloc in UNFCCC negotiations twenty-two years ago. Beyond the UNFCCC, she has years of experience managing and coordinating climate change projects and programmes in Senegal and is an active member of the Climate Chance Association’s board which works on the mobilisation of non-state actors in Africa.

Niina Ratilainen is 36-years old co-president of the Greens in the European Committee of the Regions. She is celebrating her 10th anniversary as the member of the city council of Turku and is currently also a board member of Turku Energia, the leading energy company in Southwest Finland. She is a specialist for gender and climate justice advocacy in global organisation Plan International.

Moderation

Max Beijnevel is Policy Coordinator at Climate Alliance.

The side event is a cooperation of Climate Alliance, Committee of the Regions and Shatil – A new Israel Fund’s initiative for Social Change, Climate Alliance Italy and Geres.