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## **Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy: Accelerating Action and Scaling Up Impact**

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) is an international alliance of cities and local governments with a shared vision of an inclusive, just, low-emission and climate resilient future, helping to meet and exceed the Paris Agreement objectives. The GCoM is also an important tool for promoting and implementing the EU's commitments on climate policies and sustainable energy at the local level. The EU is currently working on the European Green Deal, comprising a first European Climate Law to make 2050 climate-neutrality target legally binding. The EU also envisages to raise its ambition for the 2030 emission reduction targets. Local authorities and cities are crucial actors in implementing these commitments. This year, the GCoM Day provides a platform to showcase how cities are moving from ambitious plans to the implementation of concrete and impactful action.

Local governments will share the results and impacts of multi-level and cross-level partnerships and by sharing their achievements trigger discussion and inspire others. The open dialogue will address innovative approaches and partnerships to accelerate the transition to low-carbon and climate resilience and will provide a space to demonstrate quantified progress of GCoM cities globally in the fight against climate change, while also highlighting gaps and areas for new resource mobilization.

The conversation will focus on:

- Moving from planning to implementation, and showcasing the impacts of local climate and energy action across sectors
- Leveraging multi-level governance and partnerships to accelerate action
- Scaling up implementation of ambitious action by securing adequate financing and innovative solutions

Speakers will comprise of local and regional leaders, representatives of governments, the finance community and business. The key messages will be disseminated through various means, in the context of the Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) constituency planned activities.

<b>9:30-10:15</b>	<b>Opening Session</b>
<p><b>Introduction and moderation:</b> Gregor Robertson, Global Covenant of Mayors Global Ambassador (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation of GCoM Video (6 minutes)</li> <li>➤ Welcome Remarks from the European Commission (20 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Ditte Juul Jørgensen</b>, Director-General, Energy</li> <li>○ <b>Mauro Petriccione</b>, Director-General, Climate Action</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>10:15 – 12:00</b>	<b>From NDCs to Climate Emergency: accelerating local action</b>
<p><i>Response to the current climate emergency requires a multilevel and multi stakeholder approach for climate and energy action. A coherent and complementary approach between national, regional and local action is crucial to secure a successful and prompt implementation of the Paris Agreement. Cities with their ambition can support and accelerate the implementation of the NDCs, and lead on the development of local strategies towards climate neutrality and resilience.</i></p>	
<b>10:15 – 12:00</b>	<b>Session I: Making local climate and energy action count</b>
<p><b>Introduction and moderation:</b> Eero Ailio, European Commission, Directorate General for Energy (5 min)</p> <p><b>Setting the scene:</b></p> <p><u>Global Impact Report (10 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Amanda Eichel</b>, Executive Director, Global Covenant of Mayors</li> </ul> <p><u>EU Covenant of Mayors – Report on Results (10 min)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Paolo Bertoldi</b>, European Commission, Joint Research Center</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion (1 hour):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Maimunah Mohd Sharif</b>, Executive Director, UN Habitat (Climate x SDG Connection)</li> <li>➤ <b>Mohamed Sefiani</b>, Mayor of Chefchaouen, Morocco, GCoM Board Member</li> <li>➤ <b>Lisa Morris-Julian</b>, Mayor of Arima, Trinidad and Tobago (Adaptation and Islands)</li> <li>➤ <b>Katarina Luhr</b>, Vice Mayor of Stockholm</li> <li>➤ <b>Xexco Gomar</b>, Board of the Covenant of Mayors Europe and Environmental Deputy the Province Barcelona (Multilevel Governance)</li> <li>➤ <b>Representative</b>, Kyoto, Japan</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion (10 min)</b></p>	
<b>12:00-13:00</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Networking</b>
<b>13:00-16:15</b>	<b>From ambition to results: leveraging innovation and partnerships</b>
<p><i>While thousands of local governments worldwide have committed to carry out ambitious local actions in support of the Paris Agreement, the vast majority face barriers that hamper the successful implementation of these measures. Regulatory hurdles, lack of technical skills and expertise, limited access to data and funds are among the biggest challenges faced. This session will discuss opportunities and innovative solutions for local government to access the critical knowledge and capital to implement and scale up action.</i></p>	
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	<b>Session II – Strengthening impact through financing and investment</b>
<p><b>Introduction and moderation:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>Panel 1: Bridging the Gap – Early Stage Technical Assistance (45 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Geraldo Júlio</b>, Mayor Recife, Brazil</li> <li>➤ <b>TBC</b>, Mayor</li> <li>➤ <b>Werner Schmidt</b>, Director, European Investment Bank</li> <li>➤ <b>TBC</b>, City Climate Finance Gap Fund Representative</li> <li>➤ <b>Francisco Gonçalves</b>, Energy Cities – Horizon 2020 City Facility</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel 2: Financing Tools and Solutions (45 minutes)</b></p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> Jean-Pierre ELONG MBASSI, Secretary-General, United Cities and Local Governments of Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Erias Lukwago</b>, Mayor of Kampala, Uganda</li> <li>➤ <b>Kamzy Gunaratnam</b>, Deputy Mayor of Oslo, Norway</li> <li>➤ <b>Dr. George Youssef</b>, Mayor of Menjez, Lebanon</li> <li>➤ <b>Stefano Signore</b>, European Commission, Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development</li> <li>➤ <b>Josué Tanaka</b>, Operational Strategy and Planning, Energy Efficiency and Climate Change, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</li> </ul>	

14:30-15:00	Coffee Break & Networking
15:00-16:30	Session III – Scaling up action through research and innovation
<p><b>Introduction and moderation:</b> Patrick Child, European Commission, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General Research and Innovation</p> <p><b>Panel discussion with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>John Loughhead</b>, BEIS Chief Scientific Adviser (United Kingdom), Mission Innovation Steering Committee Chair</li> <li>➤ <b>Carlos Barría</b>, Ministry of Energy, Chile, Mission Innovation Steering Committee</li> <li>➤ <b>Cathy Oke</b>, Special Advisor on Innovate4Cities, Global Covenant of Mayors</li> <li>➤ <b>Bill Peduto</b>, Mayor of Pittsburgh, USA – GCoM Board Member</li> <li>➤ <b>Stevens Mokgalapa</b>, Mayor of Tshwane, South Africa</li> <li>➤ <b>Hanna Holopainen</b>, Chairman of Lappeenranta, Finland, City Board and Member of Parliament</li> </ul> <p><b>Open Discussion</b> (15 minutes)</p>	
16:30-16:45	Coffee Break & Networking
16:45-18:15	Session IV: Moving from commitment to implementation in Latin America & the Caribbean
<p><b>Introduction and moderation:</b> <b>Manuel Carmona Yerba</b>, European Commission, Directorate-General for Climate Action (5 min)</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b> <b>Teresa Ribera</b>, Minister for the Ecological Transition, Spain (TBC)</p> <p><b>Presentation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Rodrigo Perpetuo</b>, Executive Secretary, ICLEI South America</li> <li>➤ <b>Ricardo Bertolino</b>, La Red Argentina de Municipios ante el Cambio Climático (RAMCC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Panel discussion with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Jorge Muñoz Wells</b>, Mayor of Lima, Peru (GCoM Board Member)</li> <li>➤ <b>Ismael Del Toro Castro</b>, Mayor of Guadalajara, Mexico</li> <li>➤ <b>Gonzalo Durbán Baronti</b>, Mayor of Independencia, Chile</li> <li>➤ <b>TBC</b>, Mayor from Brazil (Salvador, Manaus, Campinas)</li> </ul>	
18:15-18:30	Wrap Up & Closing Remarks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Ms Benedetta Brighenti</b>, Member of Committee of Regions, Deputy Mayor of Castellnuovo del Rangone, Italy</li> <li>➤ <b>TBC</b>, European Commission</li> </ul>	