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### SIDE EVENT REPORT

Submitted by Lead Organization	
Name of the lead organization	RAPS
City and country where the lead organization is based	São Paulo - SP / Brazil
Title of the event	Political action for the consolidation of sustainable cities: the importance of the policymakers' qualifications
Date	10/20/2016
Room number	R13
List of partner organizations	UNIFESP and Sustainable Cities Program
Number of attendees	21-40
Percentage of women participating	41-50%
Background information on the event (themes, issues, context).	The Political Action Network for Sustainability (RAPS) and the Cities Institute of the Federal University of São Paulo (IC-UNIFESP), both from Brazil, presented their institutional experiences in supporting political and public leaderships and decision makers. The opened discussion, with representatives of these organizations, presented the process of building a network for political action and strategic planning towards the consolidation of sustainable cities. Also, the presentation brought examples of public policy formulation and good sustainability practices that serves as references to support the mandates of leaders in politics. Without the political class, none technical action or citizen participation is viable. In this way, qualification of political leaders becomes a crucial strategy to the success of these initiatives.
Concise summary of the event proceedings, including key points discussed	Three political initiatives were presented, including the Sustainable Cities Program. The three experiences were very well understood and during the questions it became clear that Latin America needs more initiatives that work with politics.
Recommendations that emerged from these discussions.	The main recommendation is for Latin America to cooperate to improve the quality of the continental democracy and also to support political leaderships



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<b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 1st speaker at your event.</b>	Camila Salvatore, Brazilian, RAPS
<b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 2nd speaker at your event.</b>	Juliana Barros Freire, Brazilian, consultant, RAPS
<b>Name, nationality, title and organization of the 3rd speaker at your event.</b>	Zuleica Goulart, brazilian, coordinator, Programa Cidades Sustentáveis
<b>Dissemination of the outcomes of your event?</b>	Besides getting in touch with people and organizations we got to know during the event, we intend to publish some articles on our website and annual report about the conference and our side event.