



ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability
together with our partners invite you to our networking event

Fostering Renewables through Innovation: Ambitious renewable energy targets as essential for an integrated, resilient and transformative New Urban Agenda

18 October 2016, 16:30 - 18:30
Room R7 - Habitat III official venue “Casa de la Cultura Ecuatoriana”
Quito, Ecuador

Exploring options and adding a higher percentage of renewable energy (RE) in our energy supply is of crucial importance if we aim to achieve the 1.5° Celsius scenario called for in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Cities, towns and regions all over the world are making significant advances by committing to innovative and ambitious targets, policies, and actions, using efficient RE technologies. Several cities and regions have taken the lead, by committing to 100%RE for all activities and sectors.

The advantages of transitioning to Renewable Energy are profound, helping to:

- reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- increase resilience of the energy system and urban infrastructure;
- develop a decentralized energy supply, ideally using local renewables;
- create new job opportunities and support local business (especially Small and Medium-sized Enterprises);
- retain capital in the region (as there is no need to pay for energy imports); and
- stimulate opportunities for technological and social innovation.

Yet these impacts are only possible through enactment of policies and regulations, as well as the use of incentives and finance models which enable action, engage stakeholders and lead to results.

This networking event will address the key actors: local government leaders, national and international agencies, as well as energy experts. It will explore how we can anchor RE into the New Urban Agenda of Habitat III. We will also address national and international framework conditions needed to enable ambitious necessary local action which can support the implementation of the SDGs and the Paris Climate Agreement. Partnership is a central element in all of this – join us and explore how we can together unlock innovation capacity of cities, towns and regions to rapidly scale up renewable energy roll-out.

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