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PROGRAMME

Side event on “Accelerating climate innovation for cities and communities”

5 November 2021, Glasgow
(UNFCCC Innovation Hub, Blue Zone, Area D)
12:00 – 13:00 UK time

Introduction

This side event will explore the role of digital innovations in bringing the system-wide changes necessary for accelerating climate actions at scale. With over 70% of the world’s population expected to live in urban areas by 2030, cities present a remarkable opportunity for disruptive climate actions. Information and communication technologies and digital technologies are powerful tools that enable cities to better monitor changing climate, leverage climate data for city planning, and foster a new wave of adaptation and mitigation actions. With the right approach, climate innovation could provide the breakthrough we need to realize long-term and ambitious climate targets, including net-zero. This side event will bring together experts to discuss the opportunity and challenges of digital transformation and climate innovation with a special focus on the city setting.

This side event is jointly co-organized with UNFCCC, ITU, UN-Habitat, UNIDO, UNEP-DTU

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12:00 - 12:10	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary-General, ITU ▪ Susanne Pedersen, Director, UNEP DTU Partnership
12:10 - 12:55	Panel on Accelerating climate innovation for cities and communities Moderator: Mario Castro Grande , Senior External Affairs Officer, ITU Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Susanne Pedersen, Director, UNEP DTU Partnership ▪ Massamba Thioye, Project Executive, Global Innovation Hub, UNFCCC ▪ Jorn Verbeeck, Head of R&I, Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM) ▪ Philippe Tuzzolino, Vice President, Environment, Orange ▪ Silvio Dulinsky, Deputy Secretary General, ISO ▪ Fitore Pacolli, Expert on Climate Change ▪ Maimunah Jaffar, Director, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA) and lead Technology & Innovation Questions and Answers
12:55 - 13:00	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cristina Bueti, Focal Point on Environment and Smart Sustainable Cities, ITU