

Collaborative climate action

German Pavilion at COP24
12 December 2018, 17.30 – 19.00

The ambitious mitigation goals of the Paris Agreement require sweeping and comprehensive climate action at all levels. This includes the subnational level. Cities, municipalities and regions can significantly contribute to emission reduction. For many years, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment has been actively involved in the process of encouraging and enabling subnational decision makers to step up mitigation and adaptation efforts. Within the framework of the International Climate Initiative (IKI), the BMU has set up numerous projects that support city- and region-level climate action.

This event seeks to bring together representatives from different IKI projects in order to consolidate knowledge and exchange experiences on key questions: What are the challenges that need to be addressed most urgently to strengthen collaborative climate action on all levels? Which strategies have worked and which strategies have not? And how to integrate climate action over multiple levels of governance – local, regional, national and global?

In May 2019, the Ministry will host the International Conference on Climate Action – ICCA2019 – in Heidelberg. This COP24 side event touches upon and kicks off a number of debates and questions that ICCA2019 will explore in much more depth.

Key message from this side-event: For the decarbonisation of key sectors and more ambitious NDCs, the conditions for subnational climate action need to be improved.

Agenda (Draft)

17.30	Karsten Sach, Director General, Climate Policy, European and international Policy Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)	Opening remarks and introduction; announcement of ICCA2019
17.45	Anja Siegesmund, Minister for the Environment, Energy and Nature Conservation, Thuringia, Germany	Enabling urban climate action, the role of sub-national governments
18.00	Takashi Omote, Executive Director, New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO)	Insights from the Germany-Japanese Environmental Energy Dialogue and demonstration projects



18.10 Brief presentations on IKI projects, key findings and messages.

Johara Bellali, Adelphi: V-LED

Inga Beie, GIZ: FELICITY

Tbc, Cities Fit for Climate Change

Stefanie Holzwarth, UN-Habitat: Urban Pathways

Project experience: Vertical integration, collaborative climate action, subnational climate action

18.35 Interactive panel discussion on success stories and challenges in collaborative climate action

IKI project representatives

Moderation:

Oliver Lah (Wuppertal Institute/UN-Habitat)

What are the key lessons learnt in supporting collaborative climate action?

How to initiate and scale up climate action?

18.55 Closing remarks