Cities and territories of Africa represent a significant share of the continent’s GHG emissions (about 70 percent in Sub-Saharan Africa) and they host millions of people in areas that are sometimes very vulnerable to the effects of climate change. They also concentrate the bulk of economic activity in Africa and the bulk of investment (infrastructure, businesses, buildings, equipment, etc.). These realities reinforce the importance of the cities and territories of Africa in the implementation of the policies of fight against climate change.

In accordance with the Decision 1/CP.21 of the Paris Agreement and with the provisions of the “Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action”, and in order to meet the challenges of climate change, it is important to structure the framework for integrating efforts of all non-state actors around local and regional authorities in order to establish the necessary consistency between the different decision-making levels of which the territorial link remains the milestone.

UCLG Africa intends to make of the 8th edition of the Africities Summit a strong political moment in the service of the achievement of a common goal of the cities and local governments in response to the major challenges of climate change and of the transition towards sustainable development.

This general objective aims specifically to strengthen the actions of the cities and territories in support of States for the implementation of their Nationally Determined Planned Contributions (NDPCs) or their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

This moment should lead to the adoption of a joint Declaration on the commitment to a broader partnership between national governments and local and regional governments in Africa for the implementation of the NDCs.

The Africities Climate Day is held five years earlier to the deadline of 2023 for elevating the ambitions of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). This Climate Day aims to bring together all the stakeholders mobilized for the fight against global warming and the effects of climate change. For its first edition, the Africities Climate Day of will focus its reflections on the creation of an agenda for action of the cities and territories of Africa for the realization of the NDCs of the African countries concerning the seven key components of the Paris Agreement, namely:
1. Adaptation;
2. Mitigation;
3. South-South cooperation;
4. Territorialization of the NDCs;
5. Financing;
6. Capacity building;
7. The transparency framework.

The Africities “Climate Day” sets five strategic and operational goals:

1. Identifying best practices;
2. Setting the priorities and goals to be achieved by 2023, starting date of the binding period of the Paris Agreement;
3. Developing the 2030 Agenda for Action of the cities and territories of Africa for Climate;
4. Evaluating the technical and financial actions required;
5. Adopting the Declaration the Africities «Climate Day» to be presented at COP 24 in Poland in December.

This Declaration aims to have UNFCC recognize the centrality of cities and territories of Africa in the resilience to climate change and the need for these cities and territories, to receive more attention and involvement in implementation of the NDCs, on the one hand, and to be represented in the international climate proceedings, on the other hand.
09h00 - 09h45

Opening speeches

- Mr. Abdelouafi LAFTIT, Interior Minister, Kingdom of Morocco
- Ms. Nezha El OUAFI, Secretary of State for Sustainable Development, Kingdom of Morocco.
- Mr. Jean-Baptiste LEMOYNE, Secretary of State for Ministries of Foreign Affairs - France
- Ms. Ségoène ROYAL, Ex Minister of the Environment.
- Tomasz CHRUSZCZOW, Special Envoy for Climate Change, High Level Climate Champion, Poland
- Mr. Salaheddieine MEZOUAR, President of the CGEM
- Mr. Gerard WOLF, President of the Sustainable City Task Force of MEDEF International
- Mr. William Kojo AGYEMANG - BONU, Manager, Mitigation and Transparency Support, Mitigation, UNFCCC
- Frédéric VALLIER, Secretary General of UCLG Africa
- Mr. Mohamed BOUDRA, President of AMPC and Mayor of Al Hoceima
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09h45 - 11h10

Signing Ceremony of cities engaged in ComSSA

10h10 - 11h45

Plenary 1. African cities and territories at the heart of the Climate Agenda

Due to the urbanization of Africa and to the fact that 80% of the climate decisions are made within territories, local and regional governments are in favor of a greater involvement in the dynamic climate as an accelerator of the transition towards sustainable development.

- Presentation by Ms. CHAFIL Rajae, Director of 4C MOROCCO.
- Mr. Ronan DANTEC, Senator, President of the Climate Chance Association
- Mr. Brahim HAFIDI, President of the Sousse Massa region (Morocco)
- Ms. Zandile GUMEDE, Mayor of the Durban Commune, South Africa
- Mr. William Kojo AGYEMANG - BONU, Manager, Mitigation and Transparency Support, Mitigation, UNFCCC
- Mr. Thomas Derichebourg, President of Derichebourg Environnement
- Mr. Abdallah MOKSIT, Executive Secretary, IPCC
- Mr. Harsen NYAMBE, African Union Commission, Head of Division: Environment, Climate Change, Water and Land Management.
- Mr. Said MOULINE, General Manager of AMEE

Lunch break

12h00 - 13h30

Plenary 2. : Territorializing the commitments of States in the fight against climate change

The NDCs are the concrete commitments on the basis of which the signatory countries will now be assessed in relation to the implementation of the goals of the Paris Agreement. The involvement of all stakeholders, both at the national and at the international level, is imperative for their realization. Therefore, sub-national authorities should play a leading role in this process. Through their inclusion in all dynamics and at all levels, they have the potential to make the implementation of the Paris Agreement not only effective but also more ambitious.

- Presentation by Mr. Stéphane POUFFARY, General Manager of ENERGIES 2050

Panel discussion :

- Ms. Arlette SOUDAN-NONAULT, Minister of Tourism and Environment, Republic of Congo.
- Mr. José TONATO, Minister of Environment and Living Environment of Benin.
- Ms. Fatna El KHIYEL, State Secretary in charge of Habitat Casablanca-Settat.
- Ms. AKO Charlotte EYONG, African Development Bank.
- Mr. Felice ZACCHEO, Chief of Renewable Energy; International Development Corporation for Climate Change.
- Mr. Omar Benaida, Africa Director of Bureau Veritas.
- Mr. Vincent KITIO, Chief, Urban Energy Unit / Basic Urban Services Branch - UN-Habitat.

15h00 - 16h30

Plenary 3. The capital cities of Africa, leaders of the «Climate task force»

- Presentation by:
  - Ms. Kobie BRAND, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa
  - Ms. Meriem HOUZIR, Initiatives Climat

Panel discussion :

- Mr. Kivutha KIBWANA, Governor of Makueni County
- Mr. Brahim HAFIDI, Secretary General of the AFD MOROCCO
- Mr. Gerard WOLF, President of the Sustainable City Task Force of MEDEF International
- Mr. Mustapha BAKKOURY, President of the Greater Hoceima
- Mr. Mohamed BOUDRA, President of AMPC and Mayor of Al Hoceima
- Mr. Prasun CHAUDHARY, Commissioner, City Government of New Delhi
- Mr. Cheikh BOUKHARI, Capital City of Dakar
- Ms. Chafil Rajae, Director of 4C MOROCCO

16h45 - 18h30


- Presentation by:
  - Mr. Mohamed SEFIANI, Mayor of the Urban Municipality of Chefchaouen
  - Mr. Guri DURMICH, Project Director CCRE.

Panel discussion :

- Mr. Felice ZACCHEO, Chief of Renewable Energy; International Development Corporation for Climate Change.
- Ms. Amanda EICHEL: Executive Director, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.
- Mr. Mihoub MEZOUAGHI, Director AFD MOROCCO.
- Mr. Omar LAHLOU, Governor, Director General of the FEC.
- Mr. El Hadi CHAIBAINOU, GPBM Director General.
- Mr. Said IBRAHIMI, Chief Executive Officer of Finance City Authority.
- Ms. Yasmine DAOUDI, Vice President of AMFCC.
- Mr. Yoro DIAKITE, Director, Resident Head of Mission in Senegal of BOAD.
- Mr. Hasings CHIKOKO, Regional Director for Africa at C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group

20h22h

Dinner debate under the theme «Decentralized Cooperation: Lever for strengthening Triangular and South / South Cooperation for the implementation of CDNs»