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From Tangier to Antalya: Multilevel Governance, Finance and Justice-Based Climate Action on the Road to COP31

Roundtable

Date and time: Wednesday 24 June 2026, 16:30-18:00

Duration: 90 minutes

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Co-organizers: ICLEI, FMDV

Background

The UCLG World Congress in Tangier offers a timely political space to discuss how local and regional governments can help shape the next phase of global climate cooperation on the road to COP31 in Antalya. As the international climate agenda moves from ambition-setting toward implementation, cities, regions, and their associations are becoming increasingly central to climate delivery. They are already responding to extreme heat, drought, floods, coastal vulnerability, housing insecurity, informality, displacement, infrastructure disruption, land pressures, stressed food systems, increasing waste, and the erosion of cultural rights, memory, and identity. Yet the systems that define climate priorities, allocate finance, assess progress, and determine implementation pathways often remain insufficiently connected to territorial realities.

This session will open a roundtable discussion on how local and regional governments can move from recognition to structured participation in climate governance, finance, accountability, and delivery. It will focus on the conduits for multilevel climate action, connecting global agendas, national commitments, territorial planning, infrastructure delivery, finance mechanisms, and justice-based implementation. The discussion will be framed around three interdependent dimensions: partnerships for multilevel governance on climate action; finance and data for climate action; and justice-based climate action, including Loss and Damage.

The session responds to a central challenge in the current climate governance landscape: partnerships, finance, and justice cannot be treated as separate agendas. Partnerships without finance risk remaining declaratory. Finance



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without multilevel governance often fails to reach the territories where implementation takes place. Climate action without justice risks deepening existing inequalities and vulnerabilities, particularly for communities facing inadequate housing, informal livelihoods, weak public services, limited access to decision-making, threats to cultural rights, or irreversible social, economic, cultural, and ecological losses.

The evolving UNFCCC Action Agenda provides an important entry point for this discussion. Its development is reshaping how non-Party stakeholders contribute to implementation, cooperation, and accountability under the climate agreements. While rooted in the climate space, this emerging architecture also has relevance beyond the UNFCCC, as it can inform wider debates on the future of global development agendas beyond 2030. It offers an opportunity to consolidate initiatives, align coalitions, and strengthen coordination between national commitments and local implementation.

The road from Tangier to Antalya is particularly relevant because COP31 will take place in Türkiye, a Mediterranean country. This gives the session a concrete regional anchor through which to explore broader global challenges. The Mediterranean is a climate-vulnerable region facing intensifying risks, including water stress, coastal erosion, extreme heat, wildfires, climate migration, food system pressures, land degradation, and waste management challenges. At the same time, Mediterranean cities and regions reflect diverse cultural contexts, territorial inequalities, and long histories of urbanization, migration, exchange, and ecological interdependence.

The session will therefore explore how multilevel governance can become a practical tool for aligning national climate commitments with local delivery; how finance and data systems can better support territorial climate action; and how justice-based approaches can respond to the needs of affected communities and territories through Loss and Damage, adaptation, housing, public services, care, social protection, and recovery.

At stake is the ability to move from recognition to implementation. The session will contribute to articulating a local and regional government contribution to COP31, grounded in multilevel governance, territorial finance, and climate justice. Its purpose is to position local and regional governments not only as implementers of climate action, but as essential political partners in shaping the next phase of global climate cooperation.



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Objectives / Expected outcomes

- Position local and regional governments as essential partners in climate delivery ahead of COP31, with UCLG serving as a bridge between advocacy, implementation, finance, and justice-based climate action.
- Advance a shared understanding of how multilevel governance can support structured local and regional government participation in COP31, CHAMP, the Action Agenda, and the second Global Stocktake.
- Identify priorities for improving access to climate finance for cities and regions, including localized finance, subnational development banks, country platforms, project preparation, and territorial investment pipelines.
- Frame justice-based climate action and Loss and Damage as core territorial agendas, linked to adaptation, recovery, housing, informality, care, public services, social protection, cultural safeguarding, and irreversible climate impacts.
- Use the Mediterranean pathway from Tangier to Antalya as a strategic entry point toward COP31, while connecting it to UCLG's broader global advocacy.
- Produce concise political messages to inform UCLG Congress outcomes, LGMA advocacy, COP31 engagement, and potential Mediterranean coordination.
- Reinforce the need to move from recognition to delivery, ensuring local and regional governments are structurally involved in implementation, finance, and accountability.



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Agenda

16:30 - 16:40 - Welcoming words and introduction

- **Mr Uğur İbrahim Altay**, Mayor of Konya, Türkiye
- **Mr Samed Ağırbaş**, COP 31 Climate High Level Champion, Türkiye
- **Ms Clare Hart**, Vice President of Montpellier and Acting President of MedCities
 - *Rapporteur from COP31 Mediterranean Session*

16:40 - 17:05 - Partnerships for multilevel governance on climate action

- **Ms Ana Lucía Reis**, Mayor of Cobija, Bolivia
- **Mr Matthew Tuerk**, Mayor of Allentown, United States of America
- **Ms Ursula Sautter**, Deputy Mayor of Bonn, Germany

17:05 - 17:30

Finance and data for climate action

- **Mr Rado Razafindrakoto**, Director General, Local Development Fund of Madagascar
- **Ms Rosa Boladeras**, Councillor for International Relations, Terrassa, Spain
- **Mr Elmer Datuin**, Councilor of Baguio City and National Chair for Advocacy of Philippine Councilors League

Moderated by: **Ms Patricia Morla**, Vice-President of the Villa Carlos Paz Municipal Court of Auditors, Argentina

17:30 - 17:55

Justice-based climate action

- **Ms Florence Namayanja**, Mayor of Masaka, Uganda
- **Ms Erika Rosnel**, Director of Ecological Transition and Sustainable Development, Baie Mahault, Guadeloupe
- **Ms Maricela Zurita Cruz**, Regidora de Ecología, San Juan Quiahije, Mexico, Asamblea Política Nacional de Mujeres Indígenas, Generation Equality Forum's Action Coalition on Feminist Movements and Leadership

17:55 - 18:00

Closing remarks