

TEAMING-UP FOR CHANGE

How to master the local transition

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WELCOME TO LUXEMBOURG

The City of Luxembourg joined Climate Alliance in the year 2000. Subsequently we adopted an energy strategy that aims to promote the environmental component in all political decisions, and ensures that the residents of the capital enjoy a high quality of life in the heart of an urban area. The City of Luxembourg is also a long-time partner of several municipalities in Burkina Faso, where it supports projects in the field of drinking water supply for the local population.

Concerned about nature and environmental issues, the City of Luxembourg refrains from using pesticides or genetically modified organisms, constantly improves energy efficiency in its buildings, systematically implements renewable energies and strives to be innovative, on the national level as well, in terms of soft mobility.

With this conference broadening the scope to economic and social aspects, we look forward to exchanging knowledge and experiences with numerous renowned speakers. The political leaders in Luxembourg anticipate meeting and jointly engaging with their counterparts and partners in Climate Alliance. On behalf of the City of Luxembourg and all its citizens, we wish all participants a warm “Wëllkomm” and a fruitful conference, which will hopefully open everyone’s eyes to the real challenges of our era!

Lydie Polfer
Mayor



Viviane Loschetter
Deputy Mayor



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With the current cooperation on the 2030 framework for the European Union’s energy and climate policy, the course will be set for the upcoming 15 years, reason enough to prompt Climate Alliance to call for ambitious target setting and reinforce its own commitment.

Our motto for 2014 – “Teaming-up for Change” – also represents our efforts to create new partnerships which aim to test new models for the local transition and bring them to a broad implementation. Climate Alliance sees itself as an initiator and pioneer in the fields of resource conservation, protection of rainforests, advocating for and protecting a diversity of regional and fair economic systems – according to their individual local potentials – and promoting new approaches for participation and involvement of citizens and local stakeholders. Our overall objective is to create municipalities that are more resilient to future economic or environmental global crises.

With our Annual Conference, we want to support an inspirational dialogue of experiences and invite you to an intensive exchange on how cities and municipalities can act as motors for change. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Joachim Lorenz

Permanent Councillor for
Health and Environment of the
City of Munich,
President of Climate Alliance



Diego Iván Escobar

Coordinator for Territory and
Biodiversity - COICA,
Vice-President of Climate
Alliance



PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 07 May 2014

18:00 **The most recent IPCC Report - and the elements of solution it offers to climate challenge**

Abbaye de Neumünster,
Luxembourg-Grund, Conference
room "Robert Krieps"

Simultaneous translation: French – English

Prof. Jean-Pascal van Ypersele, Vice-Chair of the IPCC, Climate scientist at Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

19:45 **GET-TOGETHER**

Drinks and fingerfood at Musikvereinsaal 'Sang & Klang'

Thursday, 08 May 2014

08:15 **Registration**

09:00 **Opening**

Viviane Loschetter – Deputy Mayor of the City of Luxembourg

Camille Gira – State Secretary for Sustainability

Joachim Lorenz – President of Climate Alliance,
Permanent Councillor for Health and Environment – City of Munich

Diego Iván Escobar – Vice-President of Climate Alliance,
Coordinator for Biodiversity and Climate Change – COICA

09:30 **Teaming-up for Change – Models to master the Transition**

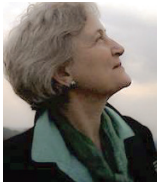
The Economy of the Common Good – an approach also for local authorities?



Christian Felber, the renowned Austrian economist and university professor is the creator of the concept of the Common Good Economy, a proposal for a social and economic development alternative to neoliberalism, where human values and ethics are favoured, and which hundreds of companies and people across Europe are putting into practice.

Felber represents a wave of critical reflection about the current global state of affairs and puts forward a completely different model based on sustainability, solidarity, cooperation and fair distribution of wealth in all areas.

With reflections from



Prof. Dr. Clarita Müller-Plantenberg, an outstanding expert in the field of solidarity economics



Marco Arana, a Peruvian environmental activist and politician, former priest in the Diocese of Cajamarca (until 2010), winner of the Aachener Peace Price

Local political leaders and all conference participants

12:15 From Overconsumption to Solidarity

Presentation of new exhibitions available for Climate Alliance members
Dietmar Mirkes, ASTM / Climate Alliance Luxembourg

12:30 Lunch

14:00 PARALLEL SESSIONS

in English and German

1. Power to the people – Citizen-based energy projects

With an input from **Dirk Vansintjan, RESCOOP Europe**

2. Community Currencies in Action

With an input from **Leander Bindewald, New Economics Foundation | Co-organised with CCIA**

3. Participation and Export of Resources in developing countries

in English, German and Spanish

With inputs from **Marco Arana (Peru)** and **Bess Cruzada (Philippines)**

4. Participation in urban planning

With an input from **Laurent Langer, architect/town planer of the City of Luxembourg**

5. Funding for Local Climate Action

With inputs from **Jean-Marc Staudt, myenergy** and **N.N., EASME**

15:45 Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:00 General Assembly of CLIMATE ALLIANCE

- 2013 activity report and financial report
- Formal approval of the board's activities
- Planning and activities for the year 2014
- Election of Executive Board Members
- Amendment to the Statutes and Resolutions
- Miscellaneous

18:45 Walk through the historic City of Luxembourg

20:00 Walking Dinner at Musée National d'Histoire et d'Art

Friday, 09 May 2014

Facilitation: Dr. Minu Hemmati

09:00 Wake up!

With **Claude Turmes (MEP)** and **Ronan Dantec (Senator of Loire-Atlantique)**

09:30 EU Mayors adapt to climate change

A debate between European Commission representatives, political leaders and technical experts with a focus on local needs and examples on adaptation to climate change.

Climate change requires good local governance with strong political leadership and commitment. Within the framework of the Covenant of Mayors initiative, and owing to its success, the European Commission will launch a new European initiative on climate change adaptation in cities. Climate Alliance is helping to design the initiative for the European Commission and has already developed, in consultation with local authorities and their networks, a political commitment for European Mayors.

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Change in Practice

Gain inspiration, learn and interact! Some 16 new and innovative actions to support local energy transition will be presented. Choose the most appealing project and discuss it in detail at the round tables that follow.

13:00 Closing

13:15 Lunch



14:30 PARALLEL EXCURSIONS

in English and German

- 1. Aqua Tour** a 2 hour walk through the historic district, highlighting the relation between water resources and sustainable urban development.
- 2. Bicycle Tour** a 2,5 hour tour by bike combining tourist attractions and climate protection projects in the City of Luxembourg
- 3. Bus Tour** a 3,5 hour bus tour to Beckerich - climate protection and energy autonomy in a rural environment

Saturday, 10 May 2014

09:00 – 16:00 Bicycle-wine-tour along the river Moselle

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

www.climatealliance.org

REGISTRATION FEE

free for Climate Alliance members
120,- € for local authorities' representatives
170,- € for other participants

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Cercle Cité, Place d'Armes: www.cerclecite.lu

ACCOMODATION

Please find a link to a list of hotels with reserved rooms in Luxembourg on our website www.climatealliance.org
Bookings can be made not later than 4 April 2014.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGES

There will be simultaneous translation in German, English and Spanish. Exceptions are apparent in the programme.

MORE INFORMATION

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