Secretary-General’s Climate Action Summit

Track #7: Infrastructures, Cities and Local Action

1. The Coalition

   o Co-leading countries: Turkey, Kenya

   o Supporting institution: UN Habitat

   o Country members: Germany, Mexico, Canada, Singapore

   o Partner countries and stakeholders: World Bank, AfDB, ADB, IADB, EIB, GCF, IDFC, UNEP, UNDP, European Union-Joint Research Centre, OECD, C40, Global Covenant of Mayors, ICLEI, UCLG. TDA/ SloCAT, WRI, Global Green Building Council, We Mean Business, TERI, WEF, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Slum-Dwellers International (SDI), Huairou Commission, Yale School of Forestry, Oxford ECI, Indian Institute for Human Settlements (IIHS), NASA (GISS), Cape town University, University of Twente, Youth Climate Lab

2. Expected Outcomes

Carbon neutrality by 2050 - commitments from subnational entities (cities and states)

   o Objective: a clear and bold vision of what a carbon neutral world should look like in 2050.

   o Expected outcomes: clear and tangible, e.g. with targets, policies and timelines commitments by local governments on carbon neutrality; innovative solutions for national, subnational and local governments to align their ambitions and work together to implement concrete actions including citizens engagement.

Decarbonization of transport sector:

   o Objective: clear and tangible (with targets and timelines) commitments by national and local governments as well as the private sector and international institutions/alliances to decarbonize land-based transport at scale.

   o Expected outcomes could include: ambitious freight vehicle plans, transformative electric vehicle plans and major multi-stakeholder partnerships to develop integrated low-carbon mobility systems.

Localized/decentralized finance:

   o Objective: clear and tangible solutions to accelerate, scale up and make financial flows more accessible to cities and local governments to promote investments in low-carbon and climate resilient urban infrastructure.

   o Expected outcomes could include: commitments by major public and private institutions to establish new windows for concessional lending dedicated to cities and local governments, green city bonds or dedicated funds and initiatives aiming at dramatically accelerating climate actions at the local level.
Resilient and zero Carbon buildings standards and codes:
  o Objective: clear and tangible (with targets and timelines) commitments by local governments, regulators, industry actors and financing institutions to avoid lock-in in carbon intensive developments, by promoting for instance energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy.
  o Expected outcomes could also promote a transition towards Paris-compatible standards & practices by focusing on building codes, standards and other enabling policies including financing for resilient and net zero emissions buildings by mid-century.

Urban Climate Resilience for the most vulnerable:
  o Objective: identify clear and tangible (with targets and timelines) commitments to mitigate the impacts and improve the resilience to climate change for the most vulnerable urban dwellers.
  o Expected outcomes could focus on strengthening adaptive capacity of communities by strengthening grassroots and non-governmental organizations, shifting urban planning practices, establishing links with national policies, and building global capacities to secure and improve informal settlements and protect the urban poor from climate related risks.