



HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON
ENERGY
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Ministerial Thematic Forums

21 – 25 June 2021

Event name	Renewable Energy - A Key Milestone on the Road to Net-Zero
Event date and time	22 June 2021, 11.30 - 12.45 EST / 17:30 PM - 18:45 PM CEST
Organizers	ICLEI World Secretariat & REN21 Secretariat
Number of participants	58 participants, 7 panelists, 2 interpreters and 4 supporting staff
Main speakers and brief summary [max 300 words]	<p>The event focused on how cities, towns and regions are building on the momentum of climate proofing communities, and in turn are creating healthier and more liveable urban environments, by transforming their cities with renewable energy. The event touched upon how cities can increase their climate ambition and action, contribute to local and national decarbonisation goals and set out on the pathway to achieve net-zero. Speakers discussed how to ensure that local strategies are part of multi-level frameworks which are embedded in larger national strategies needed.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hermann Amecke, Deputy Head of Division International Cooperation on Environment, Energy and Cities at the German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU), Germany. • Mr. Christopher Taylor, Mayor, City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. • Mr. Dionisio Scarpin, Mayor, City of Avellaneda, Santa Fe, Argentina. • Ms. Rana Adib, Executive Director, REN21 • Rohit Sen, Head, Climate & Energy Action, ICLEI World Secretariat. • Lea Ranalder, Project Manager & Analyst, REN21 <p>Moderator:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maryke van Staden, Director of ICLEI’s Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbonn® Climate Center). <p>The event was introduced and moderated by Maryke van Staden. Mr. Hermann Amecke delivered the keynote address highlighting the German leadership’s views on net-zero emissions and the role (decentralised) renewable energy can play. This was followed by presentations by Lea Ranalder and Rohit Sen highlighting the trends and developments of renewables in cities and showcasing local best practices with 100% renewables respectively. Following this a panel discussion was held on how local governments are implementing enabling policy frameworks that fosters commitments for ambitious renewable energy targets leading them towards achieving net-zero status. The panel included the participation from the Mayor of Avellaneda, Mr. Dionisio Scarpin and the Mayor of Ann Arbor, Mr. Christopher Taylor and Rana Adib. Closing remarks were provided by Maryke van Staden after an active discussion among the panellists and a Q & A session.</p>
Key outcomes [max 100 words]	<p>The event touched upon the following:</p> <p>People, Policy, Practice, and Finance: Enabling strong policy frameworks connecting the local, regional and national level. Increasing opportunities for access to finance for businesses and governments.</p> <p>Raising awareness: Among end users about clean technology and its application in households and for daily use.</p> <p>Responsibility and ownership: Sustainable public procurement policies from the government to encourage more cleaner, efficient and resilient energy infrastructure to be set up. Integrating renewable energy as a KPI (Key Performance Indicator) and putting a price on pollution linked to fossil fuels through carbon pricing mechanisms for businesses.</p>
Links to livestream recording/website/social media	<p>https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/g5YXYqC4F4zICunEmzDgpPlhtzY-pg1Jj62viWnajSa4oLNiZO4DIZ5j3e03I-Gv.IJiXDHyAxIMxE_Ng</p>



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