

**UCLG training workshop on Climate Strategy and Partnership with the
Global Covenant of Mayors**

**Training Workshop
Barcelona, 25 -26 September 2018**

United Cities and Global Governments (UCLG) and its Sections will host a training workshop in partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors (GCoM), to be held in Barcelona on 25- 26 September 2018.

The goal of the training workshop is to provide a clear overview of regional priorities in climate strategy and action from the point of view of local authorities and start building a discussion between UCLG Sections and the GCoM on strategic and practical aspects of climate.

Organised in a full-day and half, the training workshop should explore how the tools developed by GCoM can help respond to the challenges defined around climate action at the local level in the different parts of the world.

The Global Covenant of Mayors

The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy provides a framework for communities to track greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and set reduction targets, as well as develop a climate action plan to prepare for climate change mitigation and adaptation. Local governments have long been considering how best to bridge the gap between science and policy, and how to employ innovative strategies to ensure policy is inclusive and well understood.

Local governments are the political foundation for the Global Covenant of Mayors to be effective, creating a community of practice through which both work on the implementation of climate adaptation and mitigation strategies. Communities may also pursue climate action planning and emissions inventories outside of participating in the Covenant.

The Global Covenant of Mayors sets a framework and tools for conducting emissions inventories, setting targets, and developing a climate action plan. New tools are being launched in September 2018 by the GCoM and will be discussed and distributed in this event.

Defining the tools for a strategy and action beyond the Paris Agreement

Tackling climate change is a priority in all world regions which has set ambitious short and long-term emissions reduction targets. Cities play a key role in developing and implementing climate change programs as they are the interface of local action and national and international level climate change adaptation and mitigation commitments. The role of international networks and UCLG Sections is key in this regard.

Planning for climate action begins with developing a GHG inventory. An inventory enables cities to understand the emissions contribution of different activities in the community. Decisions about how cities are powered lie more than ever in the hands of local authorities' representatives, as technologies and solutions that will enable the energy transition can now be cost-effectively deployed at a variety of scales.

Objectives of the training workshop

- Providing a clear overview of regional priorities in climate strategy and action from the point of view of local authorities

- Start building a discussion between UCLG Sections and Global Covenant of Mayors on strategic and practical aspects of climate
- Exploring how the tools developed by GCoM can help respond to the challenges defined around climate action at the local level in the different parts of the world

Guiding questions

- Why local government is important for climate action and how can local governments address climate change and its effects? The potential role of local government in climate change
- How are local governments approaching climate change action in the different part of the world? How is it changing and with which existing tools?
- What are the new GCoM tools for tackling and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions?
- How can GCoM tools help UCLG Sections and their city membership adapting their strategy and provide further integration in national climate investment plans?

Proposed Agenda & Outcomes:

Day 1

Time	Activity	
14:30-15:00	Convening welcome and opening remarks	Morning welcome by UCLG and GCoM and presentations
15.00-16.00	Introduction Setting the objectives and the context	Key objectives and first round of Regional Priorities
16.00-17.30	UCLG Sections share their perspectives: Local governments at the heart of the partnership with GCoM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role and challenges for local governments on climate in the different regions? UCLG Sections share their perspective • Why local government is important for climate action and how can local governments address climate change and its effects in the different parts of the world? • Which tools are already in place in UCLG Sections?
17:30-17.45	Coffee Break (OR having the opportunity for permanent coffee available in the room)	
17.45-19.00	Strategising together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussion: • How local governments from UCLG Sections could benefit from an enhanced partnership with GCoM?
19.00	Opportunity for social gathering/dinner	

Day 2

10:00– 12:00	The GCoM tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of GCoM, priorities, strategy and action at local level • Initiation to the ClearPath GHG tool (Measurement: Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories (GPC)) • Initiation to the CRAFT tool to allow cities to report climate hazards and associated adaptation planning
12:00– 13:30	New tools and actions required to realize ambitious goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive discussion on the new tools
13:30– 14:30	Lunch Break	
14:30– 16:00	Values of the GCoM tools for the local governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How these tools could be included in the current set of local governments instruments? • How is it changing the perspective of action? And what more could be done by the LG?
16:00– 17.30	eLearning Modules and Training Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the concrete steps to localize climate action? • How to strengthen awareness raising and training for local actors regarding the tools? • How climate action can be localized?
17:30– 17.45	Coffee Break (OR having the opportunity for permanent coffee available in the room)	
17:45– 19.00	Next steps and way forward Closing Remarks and Synopsis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synopsis of key findings from the two days • What cutting-edge topics do you believe merit additional research in the area of cities and climate change? • Wrapping up – what have we learned and what do we need? Defining the next steps and way forward of joint action