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Networking Event, 19/10, 4:30-6:30pm, at R5

‘How can cities benefit from national urban policies to drive low-carbon and resilient urban development?’

You are cordially invited to be part of this interactive dialogue between national governments and cities from Ecuador, Germany, South Africa, Chile and India, to explore opportunities and lessons learned on the positioning of climate change within national urban policies.

Mr. Gunther Adler, State Secretary Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, and **Dr. Christoph Beier**, Vice Chair of the Management Board, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ, will open this event.

As the audience of this event you can expect to learn about how climate change considerations and strategies are incorporated into national and local urban management, development policies and planning instruments. The first input through a keynote speech will be delivered by **Dr. Oliver Weigel**, Head of the Urban Development Division, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

This networking event brings together different stakeholders championing the cities and climate change agenda to learn from each other and build partnerships. This exchange starts with the international panel of the event:

- Ecuador: **Ms. Daniela Chacón**, City Council Member, Municipality of Quito, former Deputy Mayor of Quito
- Germany: **Mr. Werner Spec**, Mayor of Ludwigsburg
- South Africa: **Mr. Ashraf Adam**, South African Local Government Association (SALGA)
- Chile: **Mr. Luis Eduardo Bresciani**, President of the National Commission for Urban Development
- India: **Mr. Kirtee Shah**, Chairman and Chief Architect of Ksa Design Planning Services Pvt Ltd. in India.

We are looking forward to lively discussions, inspiring messages and your participation!

Background information:

It is being acknowledged that cities are responsible for a resilient and low carbon urban development. On the one hand cities contribute significantly to climate change; on the other hand they are especially prone to the adverse effects of climate change. In order to support cities as actors of sustainable development, states should be encouraged to incorporate effective mitigation and adaptation strategies into their national urban development policies.

This should serve to guide and provide capacity support to cities to formulate and realize appropriate climate sensitive urban planning, management and governance strategies that enable integrated climate change responses at the local level. Therefore, the benefits of properly planned and managed urbanisation and urban development can be maximised, tackling global challenges like climate change at local and national level. A national urban policy complements and reinforces local urban policies, by creating incentives, elaborating programmes, and providing or easing access to funding for cities.

Organisers:

- German Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)
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