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DRIVING CHANGE TOGETHER

SPECIAL JOINT EVENT ON MULTILEVEL CLIMATE ACTION
FOCUSING ON E-MOBILITY AND ADAPTATION

26 June, Wednesday, 15:00 – 18:00 | Draft as of 18 June 2019

BACKGROUND

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Climate change is recognised as one of the biggest challenges we face today, environmentally, economically and socially. In order to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement, transport must be decarbonised what needs joint and consistent actions undertaken by national, regional and local authorities. Air pollution caused by road transport poses a real threat to public health in our towns and cities. As a part of the transition to allow carbon economy, we need in particular the development of zero emission vehicles and easy access to them, what will bring true economic, health and environmental benefits to all of us. Adopted at COP24 in Katowice in Poland Driving Change Together Partnership for E-mobility, supported by 43 countries from 5 continents, organizations and alliances bringing together more than 1500 cities, regions and 1200 companies is just a starting point. We believe that governments cannot drive this transition alone, and that integrated approach, combining engagement of national and municipal policy makers with activity of investors, business leaders and consumers is necessary.

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The Paris Climate Agreement adopted in 2015 ensured the highest level of recognition for the importance of engagement with all levels of governments in global climate action, as a result of decades of action and advocacy. In October 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change adopted a research agenda for cities. The Paris Agreement is entering into its implementation phase with the adoption of the Katowice Rulebook at COP24, together with the relevant decision inviting nations to benefit from the inputs and outputs of the Talanoa Dialogues, including those hosted by local and regional governments, in revising and their nationally determined contributions (NDCs). These efforts require now regular, constructive, informative dialogues with the UNFCCC negotiators, experts and representatives of local and regional governments to deliver the full potential of multilevel climate action.

Through an innovative format, the COP24 Presidency and ICLEI –Local Governments for Sustainability, in its capacity as the focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency, have united their forces to convene this special joint event, endorsed by the UNFCCC Secretariat further supported by Polish Alternative Fuel Association and AVERE.

This multistakeholder event will consist of a high level session, followed by 2 breakout groups. The event is aimed to highlight progress since COP24 and address potential opportunities for synergetic actions towards UN Climate Action Summit and COP25.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA (draft)

15:00 – 16:00 | High Level Opening (60 min) WCCB Chamber Hall

INTERVENTIONS: (5 min each)

1. Opening: COP24 President
2. UNFCCC ES
3. ICLEI President
4. SBSTA Chair (tbc)
5. 1 Party from UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action Global North
6. 1 Party from UNFCCC Friends of Multilevel Action Global South
7. 1 Representative from E-Mobility Breakout Group (PSPA)
8. 1 Representative from Adaptation Breakout Group (tbc)
9. Recognition of presence of local and regional leaders participating at the event (15 min)
10. Incoming COP25 President (tbc)

16:15 – 16:30 | Light refreshments at AHH Building

16:30 – 18:00 | Breakout Groups (Interventions of local and regional governments will be jointly selected by ICLEI and COP24 Presidency)

→ E-Mobility Breakout Group AHH-UG (Lower Conference Room)
KEYNOTE: Espen Hauge, AVERE President

→ Adaptation Breakout Group AHH-EG (Upper Conference Room)
KEYNOTE: Mami Mizutori, SRSG UNDRR (tbc)

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