Commit in favor of resilient and inclusive territories: which strategies and mechanisms to promote?

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Giving voice to the great diversity of stakeholders that play a role at the various steps of the financing of resilient and inclusive local investments, a forum dedicated to Financing will take place during the Nantes Summit. This forum will be the opportunity to take stock of the progress and challenges for the implementation of the commitments took during the Lyon Summit “Climate and Territories”, and then during the COP21 in Paris in 2015:

- Developing a systemic and collaborative territorial approach, that take into considerations gender equality, demographic changes and migrations;
- Creating an enabling environment for the mobilization, management and efficient use of local resources, with a focus on investment in rural and urban areas.
- Building a global platform for capacity-building and for supporting cooperation and solidarity between territories.

The main objective of this forum is to find synergies, gathering stakeholders of various kinds and with diverse objectives, yet complementary, through mobilizing alliances already existing in favor of financing inclusive and resilient territories on one
hand, and on the other hand, other non-state actors: NGOs, civil society organizations, peasant organizations, companies and workers unions, etc.

The first feedback from experiences of funding mitigation and adaptation highlight the crucial lack of information on the great diversity of instruments and resources, innovative and traditional, available. They also show the complexity of the financial engineering and financial and legal skills needed.

Besides, the low response to the need of the most vulnerable population, those living in rural areas and poorest urban settlements, in particular woman and smallholders, do not allow having an inclusive vision of the flows and use of these funding as a whole.

The reflection on the priority issues of the coalition will therefore address in particular dissemination of information, capacity-building, local autonomy and power, and the implementation of appropriate tools for local governments and small and medium organizations.

As a key step in the process of co-building a coalition of non-state actors on subnational climate finance, this Forum dedicated to financing will aim to:

- Gather a widened coalition of stakeholders effectively committed on the thematic of financing local climate action;
- Identifying collectively the priority issues on which the coalition is committed to work;
- Finding an agreement on the governance and operating of this coalition, given the stakes previously identified, existing frameworks and contexts, and the need to open up to other stakeholders;
- Finalizing the joint-roadmap that will define precisely the means of implementation of the coalition, as well as the joint objectives and recommendations that its members will provide during the Habitat III Summit and the COP22.

Given the cross-cutting dimension of the thematic of financing the fight against climate change, the discussions that will take place will be put into perspective with the other thematic coalitions that encompass sectorial topics, such as energy transition, urban planning, circular economy, or decentralized cooperation.

Schedule and speakers

Representatives from the copilots organizations of the coalition will briefly introduce the main challenges of financing local climate investments – as identified together with the other contributors to the Forum -, as well as an overview of the situation regarding international negotiations (Habitat III, COP).
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Then, 3 round tables will be dedicated to the main axis of analysis and key objectives listed by the members of the coalition, with concrete examples from iconic and active stakeholders that are proposing solutions for reaching those objectives: Initiatives at the local level to define and finance inclusive and sustainable planning strategies, and to facilitate the access of local stakeholders to climate finance.

Introduction of the thematic by the copilots (30 mn)

- Jean Pierre Elong Mbassi, Secretary General of UCLG Africa
  - Cross-cutting characteristic of the thematic of financing, and complexity to find synergies between non-state actors and organizations that have diverse institutional structures, levels of actions, types of available resources, etc.
- Carlos de Freitas, Director of Programs FMDV, Co-Secretariat of CCFLA
  - State of existing initiatives: What are the current institutions, balance of power, the great variety of sources of financing and financial engineering, the most visible stakeholders: Progress of the CCFLA, and feedback from the challenges encountered.
  - Linkage with the Climate Summit for Local and Regional Leaders in Marrakech during COP22.
- Anne Barre, WECF
  - Convergence of interests from local to global, between actors, scales and levels of development, especially for the cause of women and the most vulnerable populations
- Vanessa Laubin, GERES
  - Extend beyond the scope local authorities, issues of development of rural areas

Roundtables (20 mn each): Discussions on the salient points of the roadmap

- **Identify, structure and plan the investments needed to address climate change, and design adapted, gender-responsive climate-compatible projects (20 mn)**

  Facilitator: Anne Barre
  
  Speaker: Evelyne Terundu Ugbe (WEP- Nigéria)

  Debate
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- Create an enabling environment and stable conditions to increase the mobilization of local resources and help achieve sustainable investments (20 mn)

  Facilitator: FMDV

  Speaker: Ahmed Touizi, Vice-President of the Region of Marrakech-Safi, Morocco

  Debate

- Promote adapted financial mechanisms adapted to allow non-state actors project developers to access existing resources (20 mn)

  Facilitator: Nathalie Le Denmat, UCLG

  Speaker: Anne Odic, Head of the division local governments and urban development at the AFD, on behalf of IDFC

  Debate

Conclusion (30 mn)

Facilitator: Mathieu Ruillet, GERES

Debate with all the contributors

  • What platform do we need to ensure the follow-up of the coalition?

  • Overview of the calendar, key messages and recommendations for Habitat 3 and COP22 (based on the roadmap)

  • Linkages with other thematic coalitions during the Summit