

U R B A N TRANSITIONS ALLIANCE

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URBAN TRANSITIONS FORUM

ICLEI World Congress / Montréal, Canada

19-22 June 2018

The **Urban Transitions Alliance**, an initiative led by ICLEI and funded by the Stiftung Mercator, presents an opportunity for industrial legacy cities across the world to demonstrate their commitment to sustainable urban development. The Alliance supports cities to identify common challenges, share knowledge and co-create solutions to successfully guide their sustainable transitions.

At the **ICLEI World Congress 2018**, the Urban Transitions Forum Track provides the opportunity to meet the Alliance network and learn how industrial legacy cities are leveraging their existing infrastructure and local context to explore new pathways towards a sustainable future.

	Tuesday 19 June	Wednesday 20 June	Thursday 21 June	Friday 22 June
Morning		11:00 - 12:30 Room 519 A1 Leader's Session: High-level Forum Opening		10:30 - 12:00 Room 511 A E1 Mobility transition in industrial legacy cities
		- LUNCH -		12:30 - 14:00 Room 511 A F1 Infrastructure transition in industrial legacy cities
Afternoon	14:00 - 15:45 ICLEI World Congress 2018 Opening Plenary	14:00 - 15:30 Room 511 A B1 Social transition in industrial legacy cities	14:00 - 18:00 Room 511 A Alliance Working Meeting	
		16:00 - 17:30 Room 511 A C1 Energy transition in industrial legacy cities	- closed event -	
Evening	19:00 - 22:00 Room 710 Opening Gala ICLEI – Montréal Urban Transitions Alliance Round Table		Alliance Dinner - closed event -	

More information on the
Urban Transitions Alliance:
www.urbantransitions.org

URBAN TRANSITIONS ALLIANCE CITIES

- Baltimore, USA
- Buffalo, USA
- Cincinnati, USA
- Dortmund, Germany
- Economic-Technological Development Area, Beijing, China
- Essen, Germany
- Gelsenkirchen, Germany
- Huairou District, Beijing, China
- Katowice, Poland
- Pittsburgh, USA
- Yuhua District, Shijiazhuang, China



URBAN TRANSITIONS FORUM - HIGH-LEVEL FORUM OPENING

Wednesday 20 June 2018, 11:00 – 12:30, Room 519

This session will officially open the Urban Transitions Forum at the ICLEI World Congress. Alliance leaders will demonstrate the power of industrial legacy cities as drivers of ambitious local action in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals as they transition to a sustainable future. They will discuss how they can collaboratively strengthen the political leadership in their regions and globally raise the profile and ambition of industrial legacy cities to become beacons for sustainable urban development.

William Peduto, Mayor, City of Pittsburgh, USA
Mariusz Skiba, Deputy Mayor, City of Katowice, Poland
Quingmin Bian, Head of Bureau of Science and Technology, Yuhua District, City of Shijiazhuang, China
Julie Laernoes, Vice President of Nantes Metropolis, France
Alex Zhang, Executive Director, Eco-Forum Global, China

URBAN TRANSITIONS FORUM – IMPLEMENTERS SESSIONS

20 + 22 June 2018, Room 511 A

Having faced and often successfully overcome environmental, economic and social crises, industrial legacy cities are experts in creating their own resurgence and turning challenges into new opportunities. The Alliance cities will share their knowledge and joint achievements in four focus areas. Additional partners will contribute their expertise and perspectives.

SOCIAL TRANSITION

Wed 20 June, 14:00 – 15:30

A key component of a well-managed urban transition to sustainability is to ensure that no citizens are left behind. With social justice and equity as guiding principles, citizen engagement practices help to create identification and ownership. How can local governments connect to their communities, using the transition as a chance to address their social challenges?

Michael Leischner, Department Head of Climate, Air and Noise, City of Dortmund, Germany
Izabela Pawlaczyk, Environment Department, City of Katowice, Poland
Federic Ximeno Roca, Commissioner for Ecology, City of Barcelona, Spain
Ania Rok, Coordinator Governance & Social Innovation, ICLEI European Secretariat, Berlin, Germany

ENERGY TRANSITION

Wed 20 June, 16:00 – 17:30

Taking ownership of their own energy transitions with bold visions and ambitious actions, city governments are tackling entrenched energy-related challenges including poor air quality, negative health impacts and high energy burdens on citizens as well as the rising urgency of aging infrastructure, investment shortages and inefficient energy systems and built environments.

Grant Ervin, Chief Resilience Officer and Assistant Director of Sustainability, City of Pittsburgh, USA
Wolfgang Jung, CEO Wissenschaftspark Gelsenkirchen, City of Gelsenkirchen, Germany
George Berbari, CEO, DC PRO Engineering
Dan McDougall, Senior Fellow, Climate & Clean Air Coalition
Ang Ye, Team Leader, Energy-Efficient Buildings China, dena - German Energy Agency, Berlin, Germany

MOBILITY TRANSITION

Fri 22 June, 10:30 – 12:00

Leveraging walking, cycling and public transport as well as renewable energy-fueled electric vehicles will be crucial for cities to achieve their sustainable energy targets and emission reduction goals. A key challenge will be the limitation of individual motorized vehicles. How are Alliance cities steering the transition towards a more environmentally friendly modal split?

Oliver Kroner, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Cincinnati, USA
Sebastian Schlecht, Project Manager European Green Capital – Essen 2017, City of Essen, Germany
Agnes Schönfelder, Head of the Climate Change Strategic Office, City of Mannheim, Germany
Mark Brostrom, Director, City Environmental Planning, Sustainable Development, City of Edmonton, Canada

INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSITION

Fri 22 June, 12:30 – 14:00

Old factories, disused railway tracks and abandoned mining sites constitute relics of a formerly flourishing industrial past. Industrial legacy cities have come a long way in re-generating their outdated infrastructure systems in order to re-shape their identities and accelerate their socio-economic transition processes, re-thinking old brownfields and industrial sites as community assets.

Alex Chapman, Manager, Climate Change Office, City of Guelph, Canada
Michael Leischner, Head of Climate Protection Unit, City of Dortmund, Germany
Oluwole McFoy, Manager Buffalo Sewer Authority, City of Buffalo, USA
Kirstin Miller, Executive Director, Ecocity Builders, Oakland, USA