

Subnational Governments at the Forefront of Climate Action



Subnational governments from the North and South are particularly well placed for identifying the needs and the strengths of their societies in climate action, and they are often responsible for the elaboration and implementation of policy, legislation, fiscal mechanisms and public investments plans in areas which directly influence GHG emissions levels and deal with the impacts of climate change. Subnational governments are determined to address the issues of climate change and the economic difficulties many of them are facing by turning these challenges into an opportunity to move towards greener, smarter and more inclusive societies. In the last years, subnational governments have concretely shown that they take their climate change responsibilities seriously. Local and subnational governments gained full recognition of their crucial role in climate action as *'governmental stakeholders'* in the official Cancun Agreements of COP16 and will therefore continue to work towards the implementation of this notion.

The Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development, nrg4SD works tirelessly to champion the work of subnational governments on sustainable development, including climate action. Established in 2002 at the World Summit of Johannesburg, nrg4SD is a non-profit international organisation representing subnational governments, namely Federated States and Regions, and associations of subnational governments at global level. nrg4SD promotes understanding, partnerships and projects in sustainable development and seeks greater international recognition the important contribution of subnational towards sustainable development.

Where can you find nrg4SD at UNFCCC COP17?

- Friday 2 December - 07 :30 – 21 :00 : "The Durban Local Government Convention: Adapting to a changing climate - Towards COP17/CMP7 and beyond" – organised by ICLEI - *Distinguished guest speech by nrg4SD* (11:00 – 12:00) - eThekweni City Hall, Durban
- Monday 5 December – 18.00-20.00: Wallonia – Africa Fast Start Programme and 360° Tour of Climate Action by Subnational Governments, organised by Belgium - Wallonia - *nrg4SD convenes a high-level political delegation* – Warsaw Room, EU Pavilion, ICC
- Tuesday 6 December – 18:30: Official launch of "Momentum for Change Initiative", organised by UNFCCC Secretariat - *nrg4SD showcases the Mbale-Wales Partnership* - Plenary 2, ICC
- Wednesday 7 December - 15.00-16.30: "Financing Climate action at Subnational Level", co-organised by nrg4SD, The Climate Group and CDC Climat - Blyde River Room, Durban Exhibition Centre (DEC)
- Wednesday 7 December – 18:30-20:00: "Buenos Aires province perspective – Strategies to tackle climate change", organised by Buenos Aires province – *participation of high level representatives from Buenos Aires and Co-Chair North of nrg4SD* – Apies River Room
- Saturday 3 – Friday 9 December – nrg4SD Exhibition stand - Durban Exhibition Centre (DEC)

For a full list of nrg4SD activities during UNFCCC COP17 please click [here](#).