

Sept 2018
Global Climate Action Summit



***Planners for Climate Action:
Introduction***

Outline

- 1) **Background: new global agendas**
- 2) **A gap in the response**
- 3) **A new initiative:**
Planners for Climate Action

1. New Global Agendas



In 2015-2016,
several
**new global
agendas**
were launched
that included
“calls for action”
to address
climate change
in ***cities***

1. New Global Agendas (continued)



2015

**Goal 11: Sustainable
Cities & Communities**

SDG Target 11.b:
*"By 2020, increase
the # of cities &
human settlements
adopting &
implementing
**integrated policies
& plans towards...
mitigation &
adaptation to
climate change...**".*

1. New Global Agendas (continued)



Paris Agreement:
“**cities & subnational authorities**” are one type of non-Party stakeholder explicitly invited to “scale up” efforts to reduce emissions & adapt to climate change

1. New Global Agendas (continued)



Habitat III 2016 – New Urban Agenda:
“...Integrate climate change adaptation [& mitigation] considerations into **urban & territorial development & planning processes**”.

These global agendas responded to **findings**

1. New Global Agendas (continued)



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC's) 5th Assessment Report (2014):

- ❖ Urban areas with pop. > 50,000 account for between **37-49 % of total greenhouse gas emissions**

1. New Global Agendas (continued)

IPCC's 5th *Assessment Report* (2014):

- ❖ “Much of the health risk & vulnerability to climate change is **concentrated in [informal] settlements...**”.



2. A Gap in the Response



In Sept 2014,
18 months before
Paris, UN Secretary
General Ban Ki-moon
convened
a **Climate Summit** in
New York City. Goals:

- (1) Include
civil society in
climate action
- (2) Encourage govern-
ments to act



2. A Gap in the Response (continued)



*Sept. 2014 Climate Summit:
Mayors of Johannesburg,
Bonn and Istanbul,
representing C40, ICLEI &
UCLG, helping to launch
Compact of Mayors*

Launched at Ban Ki-moon Summit 2014:
New **multi-stakeholder cooperative initiatives**. One action area: **cities**

Compact of Mayors
(later merged to become Global Covenant of Mayors)

2. A Gap in the Response (continued)



City Climate Finance Leadership Alliance

However...

Where were the planners??

Planners could help cities

- *take climate action*
- *address key **gaps***

2. A Gap in the Response (continued)



Results of a 2012 survey by **City Development Initiative for Asia:**

- ❖ Of **894 Asian cities** surveyed...
- ❖ ...only **29 (3 %)** had adopted climate change plans

2. A Gap in the Response (continued)



Planning capacity

Planning capacity varies greatly across the world

UK	Nigeria	India
38	1.44	0.23
ACCREDITED PLANNERS per 100,000 population	ACCREDITED PLANNERS per 100,000 population	ACCREDITED PLANNERS per 100,000 population



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DEVELOPMENT**
Emerging Futures

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2. A Gap in the Response (continued)

Planning Schools:
553 worldwide (2009)

**65 %
did not teach
climate change**

**Developing countries:
80 % of world population
50 % of planning schools**

Region/country	Number of schools	Region/country	Number of schools
Developed countries	290	Kenya	3
Albania	2	Lesotho	1
Australia	19	Morocco	1
Austria	3	Mozambique	1
Belgium	3	Nigeria	39
Bulgaria	1	Rwanda	1
Canada	21	South Africa	11
Czech Republic	3	Tanzania	1
Denmark	2	Togo	1
Estonia	1	Tunisia	1
Finland	3	Uganda	1
France	17	Zambia	1
Germany	8	Zimbabwe	1
Greece	3	<i>Asia and the Pacific</i>	<i>164</i>
Hungary	1	Bangladesh	1
Ireland	3	China	97
Italy	13	China, Hong Kong	1
Japan	2	China, Taiwan	3
Latvia	1	India	15
Lithuania	1	Indonesia	16
Malta	1	Iran	1
Netherlands	12	Israel	1
New Zealand	5	Lebanon	1
Norway	7	Malaysia	4
Poland	12	Pakistan	1
Portugal	7	Philippines	1
Romania	2	Republic of Korea	7
Russian Federation	8	Saudi Arabia	1
Serbia*	2	Sri Lanka	1
Slovakia	1	Thailand	6
Slovenia	1	Turkey	5
Spain	3	United Arab Emirates	1
Sweden	6	Viet Nam	1
Switzerland	2	<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>	<i>27</i>
TFYR Macedonia	88	Argentina	3
United Kingdom	260	Brazil	6
United States of Am	69	Chile	2
Developing country	69	Colombia	2
<i>Africa</i>	<i>69</i>	Guatemala	1
Algeria	1	Jamaica	1
Botswana	1	Mexico	9
Egypt	3	Peru	1
Ghana	1	Venezuela	2

2. A Gap in the Response (continued)

Gap surprising:

- ✓ Planners are **well organized**
- ✓ **Individual associations** of practitioners & educators were taking climate action (*though room to scale up, increase visibility*)



2. A Gap in the Response (continued)

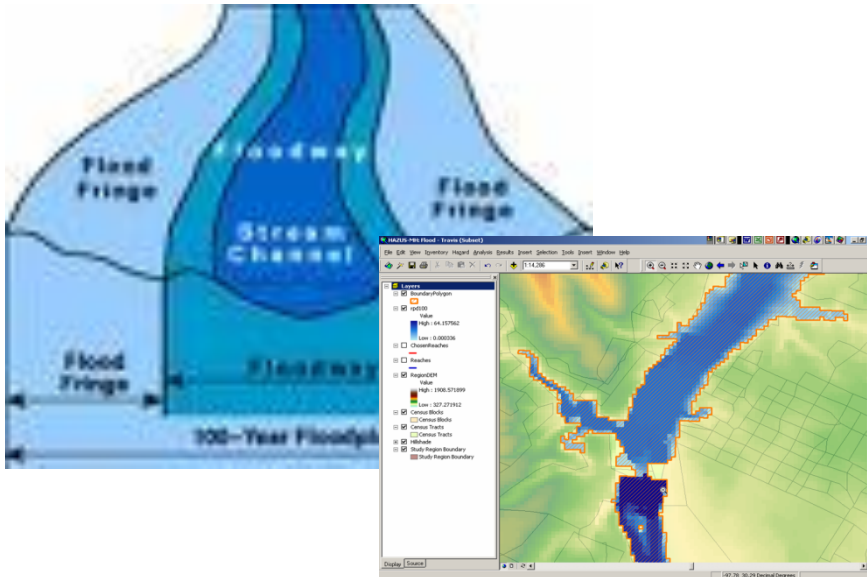


Clearly:
Urban & regional planners have a key role to play in helping cities...

✓ Reduce
greenhouse gas emissions

✓ Build **climate resilience**

More to be done



3. A New Initiative: *Planners for Climate Action*



Summer 2017,
UN-Habitat started to
talk to networks of:

- ✓ **Planning practitioners**
- ✓ **Planning educators**

Also discussed need
with **UN Climate
Change (UNFCCC)**

3. A New Initiative: *Planners for Climate Action* (continued)



Launched in Bonn on **11 November 2017** at
23rd Conference of Parties (**COP-23**) to
UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (**UNFCCC**)

3. A New Initiative:

Planners for Climate Action (continued)



Launch @ COP-23 11th November, 11.30-13.00, 2017

A new initiative promoting the role of urban and regional planners in building a low-carbon and climate resilient future



中国城市规划学会
URBAN PLANNING SOCIETY OF CHINA



AESOP

AAPS ALEUP



American Planning Association
Making Great Communities Happen



APERAU

Association pour la Promotion de
l'Enseignement et de la Recherche
en Aménagement et Urbanisme



ANZAPS



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THE ASSOCIATION of PLANNING SCHOOLS of TURKEY



ISOCARP
Knowledge for Better Cities



Commonwealth Association of Planners



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*...and associations of planning **educators***



3. A New Initiative: *Planners for Climate Action* (continued)



12 November 2017

Planners for Climate Action Organisational Kick-Off, GIZ Offices Bonn, Germany

3. A New Initiative: *Planners for Climate Action* (continued)



8 February 2018

Internal planning meeting of “Planning for Climate Action” Initiative
9th World Urban Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

3. A New Initiative: *Planners for Climate Action* (continued)

4 Work Streams:

1. Public statement /
Register on UNFCCC



2. Global Repository of Syllabi

3. Mapping exercise / State of
Climate Action Planning in Cities

4. Outreach / Visibility

Welcome new members



THANK YOU!
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