

Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean cities of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy (GCoM)

– Event taking place within the framework of #ClimateWeekLAC –

DETAILED AGENDA

DAY 1 - 23/10

Venue	Marriot Panama Hotel Salón Colón 1 (2nd floor)
Time	Activity
9 am - 1 pm	<u>Inaugural session: Unlocking local climate action in the Caribbean and Latin America. The way forward</u>
1 pm - 2 pm	Networking lunch
2 pm - 5:30 pm	<u>Innovate4Cities Marketplace: forging connections to accelerate city climate action implementation</u>
5:45 pm - 7 pm	<u>Women leaders facing the climate crisis: Challenges and good practices in Latin America and the Caribbean</u>
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<u>Welcoming reception for local governments and cities representatives</u> Room Colón 3 (2nd floor)

DAY 2 - 24/10

Venue	Bristol Hotel, room 5 and 7 (4th floor)
Time	Activity
9 am - 11 am	<u>Climate Action Planning training workshop for GCoM Caribbean cities.</u>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<u>The City Climate Finance Gap Fund: two workshops in parallel, one for Latin American cities and one for Caribbean cities</u>
1:30 pm - 2.30 pm	Networking lunch

2:30 - 4:30 pm

Experience exchange between GCoM signatory cities in Latin America and the Caribbean

Inaugural session: Unlocking local climate action in the Caribbean and Latin America. The way forward

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 **9 am to 1 pm** (local time)

 **Marriott Hotel**, room Colón 1 (2nd floor)

Target audience: Latin American and Caribbean local government representatives (both GCoM signatories and non-signatories), DFIs, international organisations, and private sector companies.

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese (interpretation available)

Introduction: The inaugural session will bring together representatives of local and national governments, city networks, development financial institutions, and the private sector to discuss opportunities to unlock local climate action in the region.

With this session, the GCoM aims to consider the challenges that cities in the region face to finance their low-carbon, climate-resilient, and just development. The main topic relates to accessing international climate and development finance and investments, and the event will allow participants to engage in a meaningful conversation on opportunities for overcoming those challenges in a just and socially equitable way to leave no one behind.

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Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:30 am	Opening segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Hélinah Cardoso, GCoM Américas Coordinator - Izabela MATUSZ, EU Ambassador to Panamá - Carolina Basualdo, Mayor of Despeñaderos (Argentina), Chair of the GCoM Latin America Mayors Forum and GCoM Board member for Latin America - Sharon Palacio, Mayor of Belmopan, Belize

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Time	Activity
9:30 am – 10:30 am	<p>Panel: Learnings from successful partnerships in local climate action</p> <p>An opportunity to learn about the key success factors for fruitful partnerships between climate investors and subnational governments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderator: Johanna Granados, GCoM Global Secretariat - Maria Camila Uribe, Coordinator of the Inter-American Development Bank's (IADB) Cities Network - Alessandra Treuherz, Urban development specialist (World Bank) - Representante de CAF (TBC) - Debbra Cisneros, Climate Change Analyst, Ministry of Environment of Panama - Representative of River Impact - Nicolás Cuesta, Mayor of San Justo, Argentina - Alfred Mentore, Mayor of Georgetown, Guyana
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Coffee break
11:00 am – 12:00	<p>Group discussion: conversation from the ground, and seeking new climate action opportunities</p> <p>This interactive session seeks to gather collective knowledge and identify opportunities to strengthen the collaborative work among DFIs, cities, and private sector. Participants will be split into 5 thematic tables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaptation and Nature Based Solutions - Infrastructure - Waste - Transport - Sustainable energy
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Feedback session</p> <p>Each group will feedback on their conclusions to the plenary</p> <p>Moderator: Johanna Granados, GCoM Global Secretariat</p>

12:30 – 1:00
pm

Closing segment


Conclusions and final remarks looking at COP28

- Moderator: **Hélinah Cardoso**, GCoM Américas Coordinator
- **Alejandro Gonzalez**, Director ICLEI Colombia
- **Saskia Carusi**, Deputy Chief at UNDRR
- **Ligia Castro**, Director of Climate Change, Ministry of Environment of Panamá

Innovate4Cities Marketplace: forging connections to accelerate city climate action implementation

DAY 1 - 23/10

 **2:00 pm - 5:30 pm (local time)**

 **Marriott Hotel**, room Colón 1 (2nd floor)

Target audience: Latin American and Caribbean local government representatives (both GCoM signatories and non-signatories), city networks, DFIs, international organizations, and private sector companies.

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese (interpretation available)

Introduction: A shared space to connect and match cities and local governments with solution providers, funders and financiers, and other supporters to scale, develop, and implement city climate action. Marketplaces tackle specific research and innovation knowledge, technology, policy, and/or partner gaps required to achieve the urban ambition and goals of the Paris Agreement.

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Time	Activity
2:00 - 2:03 pm	Welcome to session and housekeeping Benjamin Jance IV GCoM Global Secretariat
2:03 - 2:08 pm	Cities and local governments on the frontlines through research and innovation: priorities for climate action Gonzalo Durán Mayor of Independencia, Chile, Member of the GCoM Latin America Mayors Forum

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Time	Activity
2:08 - 2:15 pm	Accelerating implementation and tackling urban research and innovation gaps through Innovate4Cities Marketplaces: setting the scene Benjamin Jance IV GCoM Global Secretariat
2:15 – 3:00 pm	Initial round of Pitches A group of key stakeholders from the region will make short presentations about cities' main challenges and needs.
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Deep dive discussion 1 By thematic tables, cities, solution providers, and other stakeholders will provide comments and feedback on the various challenges and needs identified.
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Coffee break
4:00 – 5:10 pm	Deep dive discussion 2 (select a different table to join) Within roundtables, participants form smaller groups to discuss details of programs/ projects/ solutions on the table – and indicate whether further discussions are desired among parties to build on initial pitches
5:10 - 5:25 pm	Rapporteur recap: key takeaways, linkages, and potential partnerships - Recaps from all breakout groups
5:25 - 5:30 pm	Concluding remarks Piero Remitti GCoM Global Secretariat

Women leaders facing the climate crisis: Challenges and good practices in Latin America and the Caribbean

DAY 1 - 23/10

 **5:45 pm - 7 pm** (local time)

 **Marriott Hotel**, room Colón 1 (2nd floor)

Target audience: Latin American and Caribbean local governments representatives (both GCoM signatories and non-signatories)

Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese (interpretation available)

Introduction: The session aims at addressing the gender perspective in environmental public policies in small and medium-sized municipalities. This roundtable addresses four main topics that reflect on the importance of promoting gender equality policies across Latin America and the Caribbean:

- Share and connect experiences of women's political leadership in public management.
- Raise awareness of the importance of a gender cross-sectional approach in environmental policies.
- Exchange of municipal experiences on successful interventions implemented at the local level. The woman leaders will disseminate the good practices carried out in each municipality promoting the exchange of experiences.
- Awareness raising about municipal networks/ women's networks

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Time	Activity
5:45 – 5:50 pm	Welcoming Remarks Moderator: Elise Abbès Castillo , GCoM Americas Carolina Basualdo , Mayor of Despeñaderos (Argentina), Chair of the GCoM Latin America Mayors Forum and GCoM Board member for Latin America

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Time	Activity
5:50 pm – 6 pm	Tour de table Brief presentation of the female leaders participating to the roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sheran Palacio (Mayor of Belmopan, Belize); - Kerry Breedy Prince (Mayor of Portsmouth, Dominica); - Marcia Conrado (Mayor of Serra Talhada, Brazil); - Viviana Carpio (Vice- Mayor of Oreamuno, Costa Rica); - Christiane Ferreira da Silva (Secretary of environment, Belém, Brazil)
6 pm - 6:45 pm	Roundtable discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Women's political leadership in public management and gaps in political participation. - Impact of the climate crisis on women and girls: exchange of municipal experiences on successful interventions implemented at the local level. - Importance of municipal networks/ women networks. Moderator: Elise ABBÈS CASTILLO , GCoM Americas
6:45 - 7:00 pm	Closing remarks

Climate Action Planning training workshop for GCoM Caribbean cities

DAY 2 - 24/10

 **9:00 am - 11:00 am** (local time)

 **Bristol Hotel**, room 5 (4th floor)

Target audience: Caribbean local governments representatives (GCoM signatories)

Languages: English

Introduction: In the context of their commitment to GCoM, cities are required to develop Climate Action Plans that adhere to a methodology with specific minimum requirements.

The purpose of this session is to assist cities in understanding various definitions and key steps, such as constructing the Baseline Emission Inventory (BEI) and conducting the Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA). These elements form the foundation for establishing targets and strategically planning actions. The session is organized in partnership with the Joint Research Center of the European Commission (JRC).

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Time	Activity
09:00-09:10 am	Introductions (Ice-breaker exercise) Judi Clarke , GCoM Americas
09:10-09:20 am	Presentation: Introduction to GCoM and Overview of climate change and background concepts The key principles to developing a climate action plan
09:20-09:30 am	Activity 1: Mitigation or Adaptation? Aldo Treville Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission

09:30-09:40 am	<p>Presentation: Methodology for climate change mitigation Reducing GHG Emissions: inventory, targets, and actions Giulia Melica Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission</p>
09:40-10:05 am	<p>Activity 2: BEI and target setting Discussion and Q&A Giulia Melica Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission Aldo Treville Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission</p>
10:05-10:15 am	<p>Presentation: Methodology for adaptation Climate risks and vulnerability assessment, goals and adaptation actions/measures Aldo Treville Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission</p>
10:15-10:40 am	<p>Activity 3: CRVA & goal definition Discussion and Q&A Aldo Treville Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission Giulia Melica Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission</p>
10:40-11:00 am	<p>Activity 4: Highlighting key elements of climate actions Aldo Treville Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission Giulia Melica Joint Research Center (JRC) - European Commission</p>

The City Climate Finance Gap Fund Workshop – Caribbean cities

DAY 2 - 24/10

 **11:30 am – 1:30 pm** (local time)

 **Bristol Hotel**, room 5 (4th floor)

Target audience: Caribbean local governments representatives (GCoM signatories)

Languages: English

Introduction:

The City Climate Finance Gap Fund (Gap Fund) is a multi-fund technical assistance facility for assistance to cities implemented by the World Bank and the European Investment Bank, aimed at supporting early-stage low-carbon and climate-resilient urban development projects. This fund and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) have partnered with the purpose of expanding knowledge and understanding of the Gap Fund, facilitating partnerships and exchange of experiences between cities, and supporting cities in assessing climate challenges and priorities.

This Gap Fund training aims to equip the attending local government representatives with the knowledge and tools to effectively engage with the Gap Fund, including understanding the eligibility criteria and the process for submitting Expressions of Interest (Eols). Through interactive exercises and case studies, participants will gain practical insights into completing an Eol and learn from successful application examples. Additionally, the training seeks to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing among cities and networks, promoting the integration of low-carbon and climate-resilient development strategies into urban planning and implementation efforts.

Proposed agenda	
Time	Activity
11:30 – 11:40 am	Welcome and introductions Welcoming remarks, Judi Clarke , GCoM Americas Round of introductions Contextualisation of the workshop, Johanna Granados , GCoM Global Secretariat

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Time	Activity
11:40 am – 12:00	Introducing the City Climate Finance Gap Fund Brief introduction of the scope and main objectives of this training, and detailed introduction to the Cities Finance Gap Fund. Q&A Agustín Botteron Technical Support for Latin America and the Caribbean, GCoM-Gap Fund
12:00 – 12:10	Learning from Caribbean Cities Challenges in the face of urbanization and climate change Lessons learned from Technical Assistance and International Cooperation in the city Alfred Mentore Mayor of Georgetown
12:10 – 12:50	How to create a successful Expression of Interest (Eoi) During this exercise, attendees will have the opportunity to explore and experience the requirements and steps for completing and submitting an Expression of Interest to the Gap Fund. Agustín Botteron Technical Support for Latin America and the Caribbean, GCoM-Gap Fund
12:50 – 1:00 pm	Coffee Break
1:00 – 1:25 pm	Feedback round and lessons learned Following the exercise, participants will gather in plenary format and discuss open questions and reflect on what they have learned. Q&A
1:25 – 1:30 pm	Closing and next steps Agustín Botteron Technical Support for Latin America and the Caribbean, GCoM-Gap Fund

Cities peer-to-peer learning on adaptation across Latin America and the Caribbean

DAY 2 - 24/10

 **2:30 to 4:30 pm** (local time)

Target audience: Latin American and Caribbean local governments representatives

Languages: English, Spanish, and Portuguese (interpretation available)

Introduction: The session will provide a space for focal points in both the Latin American and Caribbean regions to exchange experiences and lessons learned in fulfilling their GCoM commitments in the field of adaptation. Representatives from non-GCoM cities will be invited since a key objective is to create interest in these cities to join the Alliance.

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Time	Activity
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Welcome and opening remarks Hélinah Cardoso GCoM Americas coordinator Tour de table with the participants: why did your city join GCoM? Moderator: Elise Abbès Castillo GCoM Americas
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Successful achievements in climate adaptation GCoM Cities presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Floyd Rawlins Technical officer, Georgetown, Guyana, TBC - Ms. Vincienne George Technical Officer, Portsmouth, Dominica, TBC - Ms. Viviana Carpio Vice Mayor, Oreamuno, Costa Rica, TBC - Ms. Marcela Díaz Vaz Technical officer, Peñalolén, Chile, TBC Q&A Joint discussion about next steps for peer-to-peer learning in adaptation
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Closing: How can we enable further exchanges between Latin American and Caribbean cities Moderator: Elise Abbès Castillo GCoM Americas