



Covenant of Mayors
in Sub-Saharan Africa

**“Supporting Sub-Saharan Cities in
their Climate and Energy Actions”**

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What is the Covenant of Mayors in
Sub-Saharan Africa?



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Supporting Sub-Saharan Cities in
their fight against climate change



Through Mayors' voluntary
commitment



Regional chapter of the Global
Covenant of Mayors



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What is the objective of the initiative?

- To increase the capacities of SSA cities to provide access to sufficient, sustainable, affordable and clean energy services to urban and peri-urban populations (especially the most vulnerable).



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SEACAP

Sustainable Energy
Access and Climate Action Plans



Access to Energy

Mitigation

Adaptation

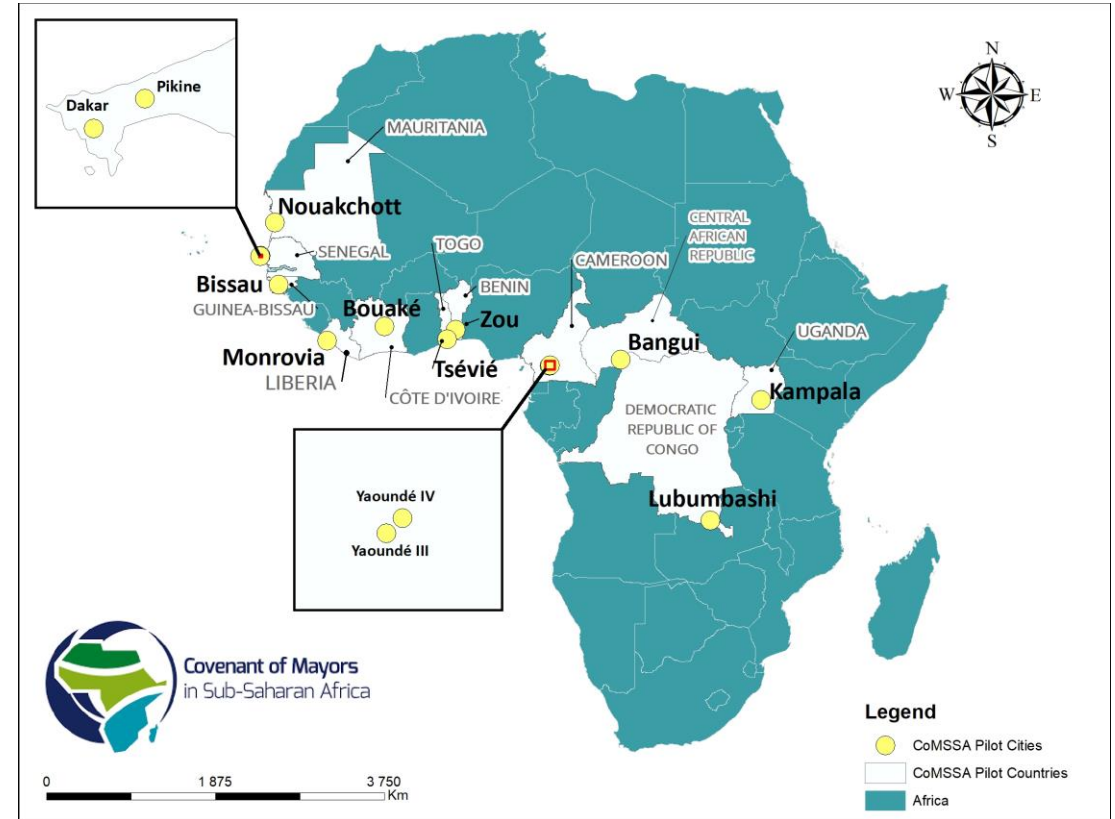
What is the objective of the initiative?

- To strengthen the capacities of cities to develop and use planning and implementation tools in energy, mobility and urban planning;
- To improve the legal and institutional framework of local authorities as well as their technical and resource mobilization capacities;
- To promote political ownership and best practice dissemination.



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How is the CoM SSA delivered?



- 110 CoM SSA signatory cities and municipalities in 34 countries
- 13 pilot cities (grants awarded through the EU delegations in the country)

How can African cities benefit from the CoM SSA office?

Have access to:

- Best practices and to knowledge exchanges activities;



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Have access to:

- General information and technical support through the helpdesk office in Accra



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How can African cities benefit from the CoM SSA office?

Have access to:

- Network and peer-to-peer exchanges in Sub-Saharan Africa



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How can African cities benefit from the CoM SSA office?

The possibility to:

- Develop decentralized, city to city cooperation mechanisms



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How can African cities benefit from the CoM SSA office?

The possibility to:

- Increase the visibility of their local government's Climate and Energy actions.



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How can African cities benefit from the CoM SSA?

Aiming at:

- Building a sustainable and resilient city contributing to SDGs, NDCs and more.



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What cities commit to ?

Since 12th September 2017, any City can start the process to commit to the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa and become part of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the largest coalition of cities committed to local climate and energy action by signing its Political commitment document (PCD)

...the PCD is the core political document of CoM SSA developed through a bottom-up approach by the cities for cities...committing the signatories to develop and implement their Climate and Energy Actions....



THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY in Sub-Saharan Africa,

a Regional Covenant within the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy¹

We, the Mayors signing this Covenant, share a vision for a sustainable future - whatever the size and location of our municipality. This common vision drives our action to tackle interconnected challenges: climate change mitigation adaptation and access to sustainable energy. We are also aware that low emissions development is a challenge in this context in order to contribute to sustainable growth. We stand ready together to deliver concrete, long term measures that provide an environmentally, socially and economically stable environment for present and future generations. It is our collective responsibility to transition to a more sustainable, attractive, liveable, resilient and energy efficient communities.

WE, THE MAYORS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

Climate change is already happening and is one of the greatest global and local challenges of our time, calling for immediate action and cooperation on adaptation, resilience, mitigation, low emissions development and access to sustainable energy between local, regional and national authorities from all over the world.

Local and regional authorities are key drivers in the fight against climate change. Local and regional authorities in all socio-economic situations and geographical locations stand at the frontline of reducing the vulnerability of their territory to the various impacts of climate change.

Local and regional authorities are willing to engage with national governments, financial institutions and private sector to encourage investment in the low- emission sustainable energy transition, hence ensuring universal access to sustainable and affordable energy services.

¹ The [Global Covenant of Mayors](#) is the largest coalition of cities acting on climate. It is the result of merging in 2016 the [Covenant of Mayors](#) with the [Compact of Mayors](#). It currently gathers over 7400 cities.

How to join the initiative ?

Central helpdesk in Accra:
Helpdesk@comssa.org



How to join the initiative ?

1

Interested cities liaise to Helpdesk

2

The Helpdesk provides information

3

Once the PCD is signed and approved by the Municipal Council, the city becomes a signatory

4

Municipal Council appoints one person in charge

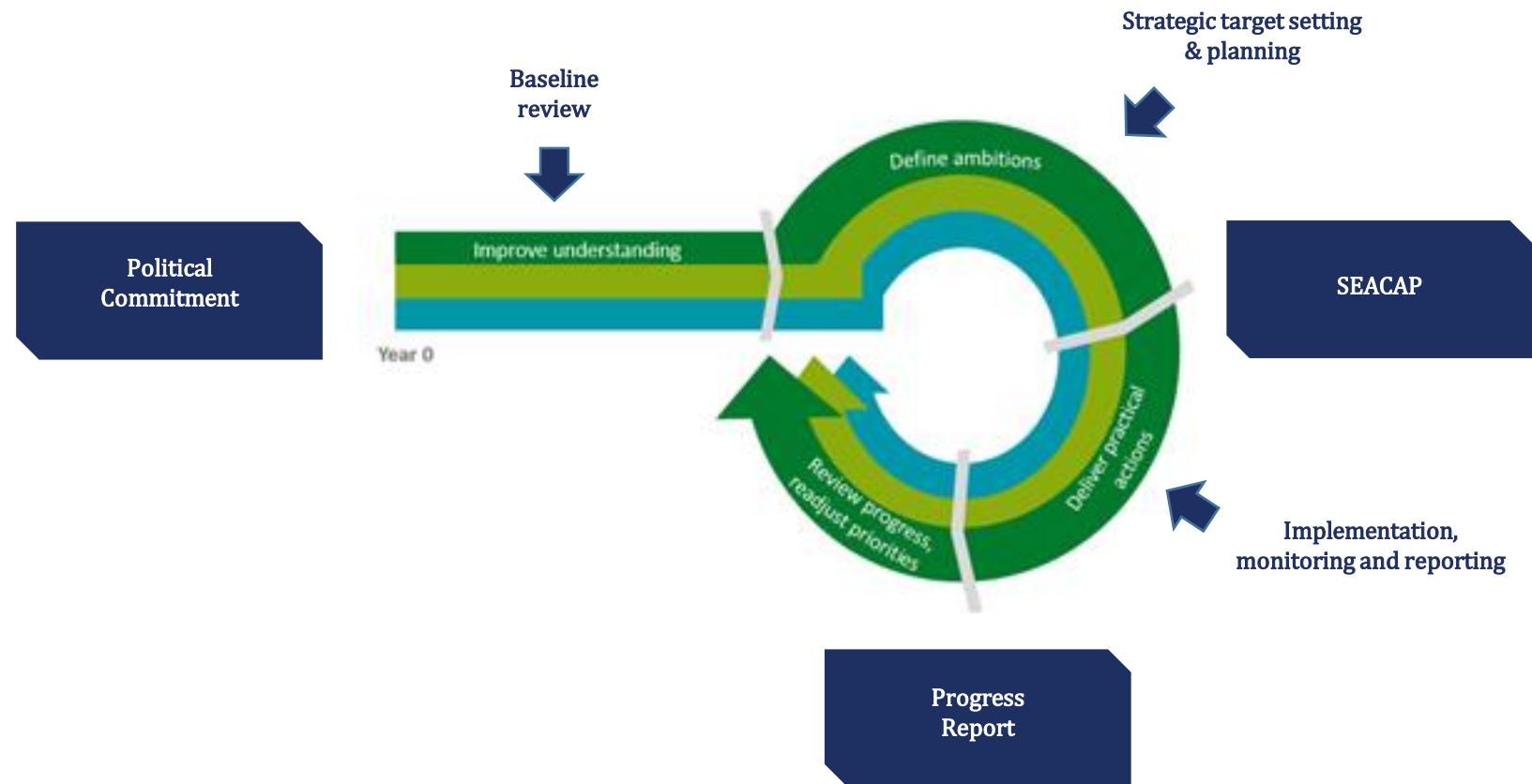


Supporting the CoM SSA signatories

Translate the PCD into action by developing and implementing a Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plan (SEACAP) based on the 3 pillars.

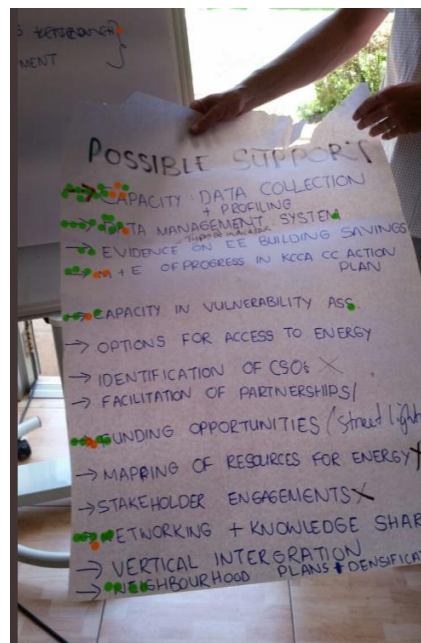
Mitigation pathway
Adaptation pathway
Pathway for increasing
access to energy

➡ Actions
■ Documents



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With the inception visits, CoM SSA provides local capacity building assistance to Sub-Saharan cities and their staff, including knowledge and technology transfer related to the development, deployment, monitoring and evaluation of climate, energy efficiency and renewable programmes.



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Cities are supported in assessing their existing energy gaps and planning tools and in determining their own objectives to reach in the long term to address these gaps.



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CoM SSA encourages the cities to adopt a participatory approach in the development of their action plans by engaging and involving non-state actors and CSOs in their activities.



Supporting the CoM SSA signatories

Knowledge acquired during the inception visits is leveraged and consolidated during the technical and professional workshops organised by CoM SSA.



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Webinaire: La collecte de données

Mardi 20 Février 2018 de 09h à 11h (GMT)/ La collecte de données est une étape essentielle dans la conception du Plan d'Action en Faveur d'un accès à l'énergie Durable et du Climat/ Joignez vous à ce Webinar pour comprendre les différentes étapes, partager vos difficultés et apprendre des autres villes qui l'ont expérimenté



Upcoming activities

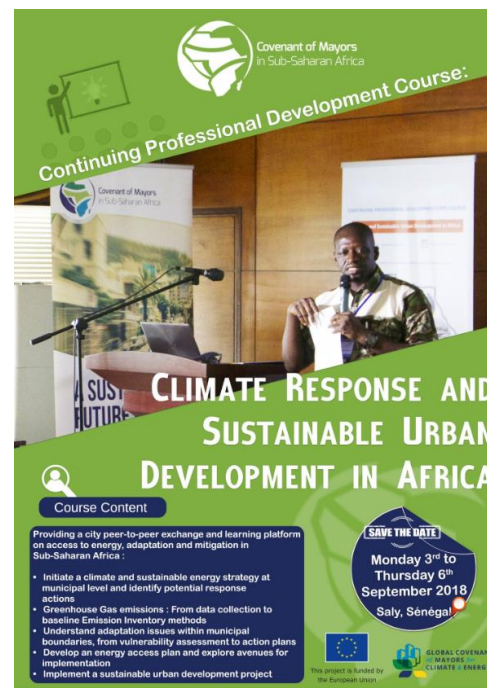
- Climate Chance Summit, 28-29 June 2018, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire



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Upcoming activities

- CoM SSA CPD Workshop, 3-6 September, Saly, Senegal



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