Connective Cities Insight Session
Action for Cool Cities: Pathways for carbon reduction in buildings and improvement of outdoor thermal comfort

Date & time: 30th March 2023, 11:00 – 13:00 CEST
Enrollment link: https://community.connective-cities.net/en/node/1325

Objectives of the learning process

This insight session is organized as part of Connective Cities learning process on pathways for carbon reduction in buildings and improvement of outdoor thermal comfort.

The learning process provides the participating municipalities the opportunity to address urbanisation-induced warming through an integrated approach that focuses on: climate mitigation through carbon reduction in building stock, improving outdoor thermal comfort by optimising the urban form (climate adaptation), and the overarching practices governing municipal action for the reduction of carbon emissions in building stock and improving outdoor thermal comfort. This interaction will take place using a variety of tools and the discussions will be recorded for future reference.

As part of the learning process activities and modules, good practices will be showcased on the reduction of carbon emissions in building stock and improving outdoor thermal comfort as well as examples of faltering implementation in these key spheres of action. Participating municipalities will engage in peer learning to devise solutions to achieve their desired goals of carbon reduction in their building stock and improving outdoor thermal comfort. These solutions include both hard and soft interventions. The formulated solutions can also induce organisational changes to improve procedures, methods, and data availability.
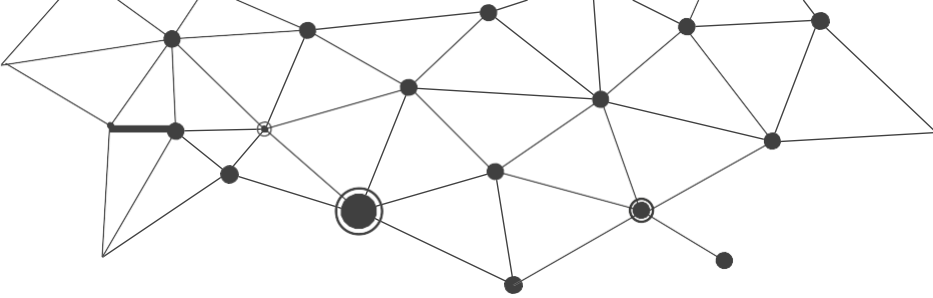
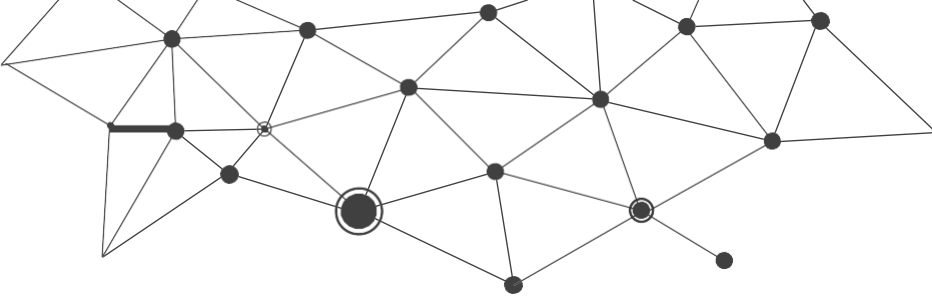The objectives of the learning process include:

1. Supporting the participating municipalities in devising solutions (including strategic plans) via peer learning and tailored technical advisory to achieve their desired goals of carbon emission reduction in their building stock and improving outdoor thermal comfort. These include both hard and soft interventions.

2. Developing the competences of participants to lead organisational changes related to improving procedures and methods relevant for simulating various scenarios to meet the desired carbon emission reduction goals in their building stock and the improvement of outdoor thermal comfort.

3. Supporting the participating municipalities in risk assessment and spatial mapping of heat vulnerability in urban areas, as well as updating climate data for municipal decision making influencing the achievement of their desired goals of carbon emission reduction in building stock and improving outdoor thermal comfort.

Time (CEST)	Activity	Speaker
11:00-11:20	**Welcome Note** and **introduction to The Learning process** 'Cool Cities'	**Dr. Muna Shalan & Ketevan Papashvili**-Connective Cities
11:10-11:45	_Insights from participating cities:_ Kisumu-Auji creek: prototyping a solution for riverside informal settlements at flood risk Superblocks program and prioritizing Public transport offer Regional Park for Khan Younis	**James Nyagol**- Senior Climate Change officer- Kisumu county government, Kenya **Giorgi Maisuradze**- Head of the International relations and projects department, Tbilisi City Hall- Georgia **Haya Al-Agha**- director of investment and economic unit, Khan Younis municipality, Palestine
11:45-12:00	Expert input and feedback	**Prof. Dr. Shady Attia**, Sustainable Architecture & Building Technology & Head of Sustainable Building Design Lab (SBD)-University of Liège
12:00-12:50	Panel discussion with the participants	All participants
12:50-13:00	Next steps and closing remarks	Connective Cities team
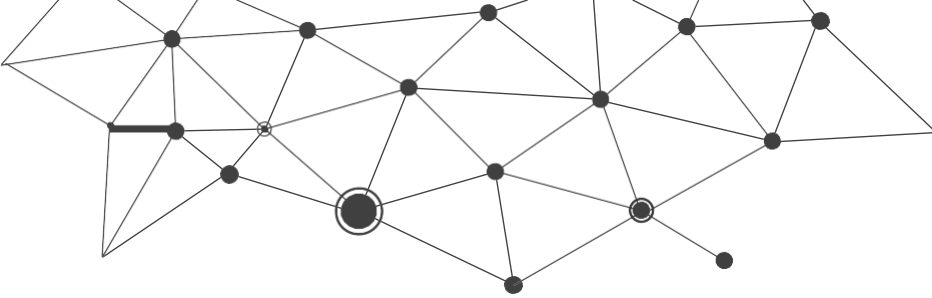
Notes:

- Use the latest version of Chrome, or Microsoft Edge.
- You need a very stable internet connection especially if you are presenting. Use a headset.
- The room will be open half hour earlier therefore, login 15 minutes in advance for technical set up
- Note that the time is in **CEST**. Remember to synchronize your calendar accordingly.
- The learning process consists of combination of online sessions and offline activities on Connective Cities platform.
- You can access all recording and material as well as interact with other participants through this page: https://community.connective-cities.net/en/group/209/topics
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Connective Cities at a glance

Connective Cities is a cooperation project between the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), the German Association of Cities and Engagement Global with its Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW). The project promotes international knowledge-exchange among urban practitioners from city administrations, civil society, academia and the private sector since 2013. Connective Cities activities enables joint learning, peer-to-peer advisory and the development of joint projects on topics of sustainable urban development. Connective Cities is supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).