



Insight Session: Enhancing Local Governance for Climate Action

Date: 13th October 2025

Time: 10:00 – 12:00 CEST

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Thematic focus of the event

Local governance plays a critical role in advancing climate action across the MENA region, where cities and municipalities are increasingly at the frontline of responding to climate-related challenges such as water scarcity, extreme heat, and urban vulnerability. Despite national climate strategies, local authorities often face limited financial and technical capacities to implement sustainable solutions. However, there is growing recognition of the need to decentralize climate governance by empowering municipalities with the tools, knowledge, and resources to plan and implement locally tailored climate initiatives. Collaborative efforts—such as regional networks, peer-learning platforms, and partnerships with civil society and the private sector—are helping to strengthen local capacities and foster more inclusive, participatory approaches to climate resilience in urban and rural settings alike.

Connective Cities is organizing this **insight session** to showcase good practices and achievements from municipalities in the MENA region in this field.

Objectives of the insight session

1. Showcase how decentralized cooperation supports knowledge exchange, strengthens global partnerships, and drives innovation in local climate adaptation and climate protection efforts.
2. Present inspiring case studies from municipalities in the MENA region to highlight local climate initiatives and collaborative approaches to resilience building.
3. Emphasize the importance of engaging local communities and academic institutions in designing and implementing inclusive climate action strategies.
4. Provide actionable insights and tools for municipalities to integrate climate resilience into local planning, infrastructure, and service delivery while ensuring social equity and long-term environmental sustainability.

Agenda

| Activity | Speaker | Duration |
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| Welcome remarks and Introduction to the topic | Dr. Muna Shalan, Connective Cities | 10 minutes |
| Municipal Case Studies Followed by Q & A | Dr. Marwa Ahmad- Urban Development Fund, Egypt Speaker from Constantine municipality, Algeria | 50 minutes |
| Connective Cities learning process “Green neighbourhoods” | Dr. Muna Shalan, Connective Cities | 20 minutes |
| Final Remarks and Way forward | Connective Cities | 10 minutes |

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