

Webinar: "Contributions of participatory budgeting to climate change mitigation and adaptation"

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Background

The International Observatory on Participatory Democracy and United Cities and Local Governments are organising a webinar following the publication of the study "[Contributions of Participatory Budgeting to Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation](#)", coordinated by Yves Cabannes (UCL/DPU) and co-edited by several partners¹.

This report builds on the contributions from two international sessions on the contributions of participatory budgeting (PB) to climate change adaptation and mitigation. It also draws on PB initiatives in 15 participating cities and regions from different continents². Its first objective is to describe and understand what is actually happening in the field and explore the extent to which PB contributes to

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² Águeda, Portugal ; Arzgir District [Rayon], Regional Republic of Stavropol [Krai], Russia ; Regional Republic of Bashkortostan, Russia ; Bordeaux, Nouvelle Aquitaine, France ; Cerveira-Tomiño Eurocity, Portugal / Spain; Cuenca, Ecuador ; Dalifort – Foirail, Dakar; Luhwindja Commune/Chefferie, Democratic Republic of Congo; Metz, France ; Molina de Segura, Murcia, Spain; New Taipei City, Taiwan/Republic of China; Pemba, Mozambique; San Pedro Garza García, México; Semarang, Indonesia ; Yaoundé Commune 1, Cameroon.

climate change adaptation and mitigation, how it does so, and the current challenges facing PB actors. It assesses the nature and importance of these contributions: Are they marginal or not? How many projects are implemented each year? What do they cost and where do the resources come from? It highlights the numerous innovations that actors have introduced to integrate PB into climate adaptation and mitigation efforts.

It finally raises questions for future explorations and advocates for climate-related participatory budgeting, raising awareness of its huge (and as yet largely untapped) potential to help address the dramatic impacts that climate change has on millions of people's lives.

Program

- Welcome message and introduction of the session (5')
 - **Emilia Saiz**, General Secretary, UCLG,
- Introduction to Solidarity Participatory Budgeting for Climate Justice (5')
- *Presentation of the study's main findings*
 - **Yves Cabannes**, Emeritus Professor of Development Planning at University College London / Development Planning Unit
 - **Aymeric Reymond**, General manager South pole: importance and experiences of the EU supported Program Climate KIC and reactions on the study for PP and CC in Europe
- **Presentation of local and regional experiences of climate-sensitive participatory budgeting contribution and comments on the comparative study (10 minutes per city)**
 - **Maëlle Despouys**, Mayor Cabinet, Bordeaux, France: Sustainable Development PB
 - **Ahmad Rifai**, Executive Director, Kota Kita: Kampung Tematik and Kampung Iklim [local PB], Semarang, Indonesia
 - **Alan C. Wei**, Senior Policy Advisor, New Taipei City Government, Taiwan: District based Energy saving PB
- 15' Break
 - **Anna Sukhova**, Specialist, Social Protection and Community Development, World Bank Russia: **Arzgir District PB, Stravropol Republic / Krai, Russia**
 - **Jez Hall**, Co-director, Shared Future CIC, Katey Tabner, COSLA, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and **Oliver Escobar**,

Edinburgh Futures Institute, University of Edinburgh : **Scotland**
panorama on PB and introduction to Scotland Citizen's Assembly on
climate change

- **Exchange with participants (30')**
- **Closing**
 - **Adrià Duarte**, Coordinator of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy: Wrap-up of the session and next steps.