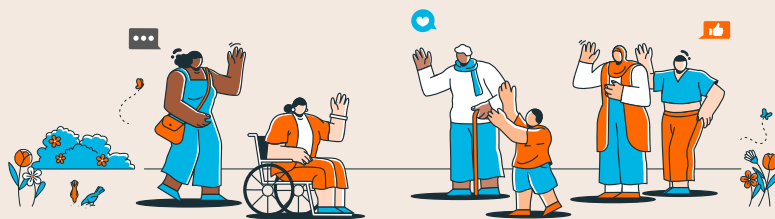


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DAY 1

Thursday 4 September - Académie du Climat and Paris City Hall

09:00 - 10:00 Welcome coffee and registration [Académie du Climat](#)

10:00 - 10:45 **Opening ceremony** [Académie du Climat](#)
Welcoming and open remarks, rollout of the objectives and the agenda

Anne Hidalgo *Mayor of Paris (France)*
Anacláudia Rossbach *Executive Director at United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)*
Jan Van Zanen *President at United Cities Local Governments (UCLG)*
Carlos Moreno *Scientific Director at Chaire ETI (France)*

10:45 - 11:00 **Keynote** [Académie du Climat](#)
Thani Mohamed-Soilihi *Minister of international partnerships and Francophonie (France)*

11:00 - 11:45 **The voices of the cities: Mayors and elected officials roundtable** [Académie du Climat](#)
Cities representatives exchange on urban proximities and best practices

MODERATOR **Emilia Saiz** *Secretary General at United Cities Local Governments (UCLG)*
Daniel Bumba Lubaki *Governor of Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo)*
Hanna Zdanowska *Mayor of Łódź (Poland), European Climate Pact Ambassador*
Hugo Kerguelen *Mayor of Monteria (Colombia)*
Ian Seong *Deputy Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City (South Korea)*
Christian Gaebler *Senator for Urban Development, Building and Housing of the city of Berlin (Germany)*

11:45 - 12:00 **Keynote** [Académie du Climat](#)
Jan Gehl *Professor of Urban Design (Denmark)*

12:00 - 12:45 **The voices of the cities: Mayors and elected officials roundtable** [Académie du Climat](#)
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MODERATOR **Emilia Saiz** *Secretary General United Cities Local Governments (UCLG)*
Luc Sétondji Atropko *Mayor of Cotonou (Benin)*
Arkadiusz Ptak *Mayor of Pleszew (Poland)*
Francisco Peña *Mayor of Santo Domingo Oeste (Dominican Republic)*

12:45 - 14:00 **Break**

14:00 - 15:15

Stakeholders roundtable 1

Académie du Climat

Reducing cities' environmental impact and enhancing their climate resilience

MODERATOR

Martha Thorne *Former executive director of the Pritzker Architecture Prize and currently Director at Gallery Institute (Spain)*

Takashi Terakawa *General Director at Public Works Bureau of Osaka City Government (Japan)*

Alexandre Labasse *Architect and General Director at APUR (France)*

María Buhigas *Chief Architect at city of Barcelona (Spain)*

Reggie Ramos *Executive Director at Transportation for Massachusetts (USA)*

Sharon Gil *Program management officer at UNEP*

Andrea Gorrini *Director at Fondazione Transform Transport (Italy)*

15:25 - 16:25

Stakeholders roundtable 2

Académie du Climat

Strengthening local economies and mixed-use to build affordable and thriving cities

MODERATOR

Albert Lladó *Head of Policy at United Cities Local Governments (UCLG)*

Gérard Wolf *Special advisor to the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs for sustainable cities*

Guadalupe Giselle Zavala Ojeda *Director of Urban Regulations and Land Management at San Luis Potosí (Mexico)*

Aida Robbana *Country programme manager at UN-Habitat Tunisia Country Office*

Amina Bécheur *Professor at University Gustave Eiffel (France)*

Giordana Ferri *General Director at Fondazione Housing Sociale (Italy)*

Hendrik Tieben *Professor & Associate Director at Chinese University of Hong Kong (China)*

16:35 - 17:35

Stakeholders roundtable 3

Académie du Climat

Inclusive governance and social cohesion for healthy communities

MODERATOR

Michelle Thompson *Associate Professor at University of New Orleans (USA)*

Anouch Toranian *Deputy Mayor of Paris (France)*

Rania Hedeya *Head of UN-Habitat Regional Office in Arab States (Egypt)*

Frédéric Vallier *General Delegate at AIMF (France)*

Anna Köning Jerlmyr *CEO at Arwidsson Foundation (Sweden)*

Ramon Marrades *Director at Placemaking Europe*

17:45 - 18:00

Closing keynote

Académie du Climat

Teresa Ribera *First Executive Vice-President of the European Commission for a Clean, Just and Competitive Transition*

18:00 - 19:00

Visit of the "From Paris to Belem" exhibition

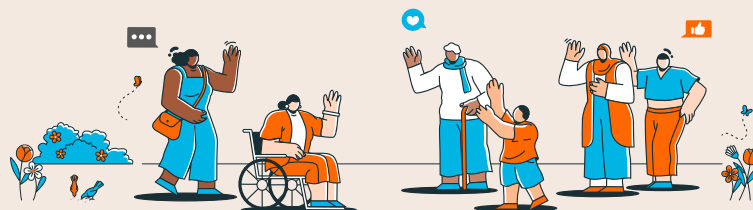
Paris City Hall (entrance at 5 rue Lobau)

19:00 - 21:00

Cocktail reception

Paris City Hall (5 rue Lobau)

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DAY 2

Friday 5 September - Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre at University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne

08:30 - 09:00 Welcoming and registration Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne

09:00 - 09:20 **Building global capacity for sustainable proximities** Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne
Opening session and Launch of the Global Methodology for Sustainable Proximities

Catherine Gall *Executive Director at Chaire ETI (France)*

09:20 - 09:25 **Opening remarks** Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne
Introduction of the academic segment

Carlos Moreno *Scientific Director at Chaire ETI (France)*

09:25 - 09:40 **Inaugural lecture** Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne

Ezio Manzini *Honorary Professor at Politecnico of Milan (Italy)*

09:40 - 11:00 **The scientific field of Urban Proximities** Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne
Renowned academics and researchers from around the world diving into the impact of Proximities as a powerful integrative cross-cutting scientific framework to empower urban transformations

MODERATOR Catherine Gall *Executive Director at Chaire ETI (France)*
Li Wan *Professor at Cambridge University (UK)*
Giselle Sebag *Executive Director, International Society for Urban Health*
Giuseppe Cappochin *Member of National Council of Italian Architect, Planners, Landscapers and Conservators (CNAPPC - Italy)*
André Torre *Professor at University Paris-Saclay (France)*
Benjamin Büttner *Chair of Urban Structure and Transport Planning at Technology University in Munich (Germany)*
Rossana Valdivia Pallares *Professor at Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico)*
Ian Seong *Deputy Mayor of Busan Metropolitan City (South Korea)*
Karima Kourtit *Open University Rotterdam (the Netherlands)*
Sunil Dubey *Professor at Institute for Cities Sydney (Australia)*

11:00 - 11:10 **Break**

11:10 - 12:20 **Innovative solutions for Sustainable Proximities** Room D632, University Panthéon Sorbonne
PRINCIPLES : What is proximity?
Three parallel interactive sessions will present and explore innovative, impactful and replicable tools and practical application in cities

MODERATOR Albert Lladò *Head of Policy at United Cities Local Governments (UCLG)*
Catherine Gall *Executive Director at Chaire ETI (France)*
Alexandre Granié *CEO at Cartosphère (France)*
Andrew Schmidt *Senior Policy Analyst at UN-Habitat*
Seunghoon Han *City designer at Chaire ETI (France)*

11:10 - 12:20

Innovative solutions for Sustainable Proximities

Room D633, University Panthéon Sorbonne

INDICATORS : How do you measure it?

Three parallel interactive sessions will present and explore innovative, impactful and replicable tools and practical application in cities

MODERATOR Chiara Martinuzzi *Research Project Manager at Chaire ETI (France)*
Kader Makhoulouf *Special Advisor to the Secretary General at UCLG*
Aline Matta *Programme Management Officer at UNITAC*
Fanny Rabu *Manager Consulting Services at Inetum (France)*
Jon Aguirre-Such *Cities Countdown to 2030 coordinator at UCLG*

11:10 - 12:20

Innovative solutions for Sustainable Proximities

Room D634, University Panthéon Sorbonne

PARTICIPATORY TOOLS : How do you implement it?

Three parallel interactive sessions will present and explore innovative, impactful and replicable tools and practical application in cities

MODERATOR Alina Koschmieder *Climate Change and Environmental Expert at UN-Habitat*
Jose Chong *Programme Management Officer at UN-Habitat*
Victoria Escobar *Board Member of Shared City Foundation (Sweden)*
Anna König Jelmyr *CEO at Arwidsson Foundation (Sweden)*
Alice Constant *Gender Equality project manager at City of Paris (France)*

12:20 - 12:30 **Break**

12:30 - 13:00

Closing session

Amphithéâtre Lefèbvre, University Panthéon Sorbonne

The conference will conclude with key messages from the various sessions and ideas for next steps for advancing urban proximities

Lamia El Aaraje *Deputy Mayor of Paris*
Raf Tuts *Director of the Global Solutions Division at UN-Habitat*
Albert Lladó *Head of Policy at United Cities Local Government (UCLG)*
Carlos Moreno *Scientific Director at Chaire ETI (France)*

13:00 - 14:30 **Break**

14:30 - 17:30

Site visits

Paris Centre, 12th and 18th arrondissement

Participants will have the opportunity to visit Parisian initiatives and projects that exemplify best practices on proximities