



In a few days time, Agadir will host the second "Climate Chance" Summit which, after COP22 in Marrakech, will be the most significant event dedicated to climate action by non-State actors ever organized in Africa.

The African continent is a key player in climate change issues. First of all, it is amongst those hardest hit by the current disturbances, with an urgent need for adaptation and the resources to fund adaptation, but also the continent which, depending on its own development choices, especially regarding urbanization, will tomorrow contribute either to an explosion in emissions or, on the contrary, to their stabilization.

We are therefore especially pleased to organize this second summit in Morocco, Africa, with the primary aim of helping to boost the mobilization of African non-State actors and enhance their integration within the current dynamic processes, thematic coalitions and sharing of good practice.

The appeal from African elected representatives to be launched in Agadir will be the trigger for all actors on the continent to work more closely together and we are already looking forward to seeing you at Africities, in December 2018 in Brazzaville, to review the progress of this mobilization. A Climate Chance Summit serves as a showcase for the vitality and inventiveness of non-State actors around the world, a space where they can put forward their demands and proposals, an antidote, through more than one hundred plenary sessions, forums and workshops, to "climate fatalism" – and a response to certain major world leaders who still think they can refuse to accept their share of global responsibility or take action against climate change, despite its potential to swallow up their societies, however developed they may be.

In Agadir, after Lyon and Nantes, we are going to form a community, to demonstrate that big companies and small associations, village communities and metropolises, in all their diversity, are capable of getting together, putting out joint messages on their priorities to boost collective action capacity and combining development issues and the fight against climate change within the same strategy. Several thousand participants from across the world will therefore be in Agadir on 11, 12 and 13 September, attending more than 100 events (plenary sessions, forums, workshops ...) to join in the debate about appropriate solutions reflecting the diversity of areas and situations concerned.

See you there!



Ronan Dantec and Bernard Soulage, President and Secretary-General of the Climate Chance association



**World Summit on non-State climate action.**

The success of the Summit already looks assured! Around 2500 people registered, including 500 just this last week, representing every category of actors (local authorities, businesses, associations, young people, women etc.)! All continents will be represented, with more than 80 nationalities! It's D-7 from the event, so don't forget to register! The Summit is free, but registration is compulsory. You will find a wide range of accommodation offered on the Summit's website.

For all information: <http://climatechance-2017.com/>

**1st large-scale meeting post-COP 22 in Africa, chaired by Morocco**

The Summit will be the meeting place for non-State actors from around the world! Prominent personalities have already confirmed their attendance:

- ✓ Patricia ESPINOSA - Executive Secretary UNFCCC
- ✓ Salaheddine MEZOUAR, President COP22
- ✓ Hakima EL HAITÉ, High-Level Climate Champion
- ✓ Manuel PULGAR VIDAL, President COP 20
- ✓ Brigitte Collet, Ambassador in charge of climate change negotiations for France
- ✓ A stronger US delegation:
  - ✓ **Matt RODRIQUEZ**, Secretary for environmental protection, State of California
  - ✓ **Mike BARRETT**, Senator – Massachusetts
  - ✓ **Chris DAVIS**, Adviser on the energy and carbon markets, Governor's Office, Washington State

✓ Many top African elected representatives

**2017 Edition: a showcase for non-State actors**

Mirroring Lyon and Nantes, the community of non-State actors will adopt the Agadir Declaration, thereby confirming their commitment and setting out how they plan to boost action at all levels – citizens, non-State actors, Governments, etc.

**And a platform for the African continent and its elected representatives.**

Particular emphasis will be placed on African issues. Migration and development, funding for adaptation and the challenges for African cities will be amongst the matters for debate.

The Summit will also provide an opportunity for the elected leaders of African cities and regions to speak out, echoing the commitments undertaken by the networks of local authorities in Lyon in July 2015 at the "Climate and territories" Summit and the American appeal "We are still in". This will culminate in the launch of the initiative to mobilize all African non-State actors, particularly through the **Declaration by African local and regional elected representatives.**

For more information:

<http://climatechance-2017.com/programme/>



**Désertif'actions: a gamble that paid off!**

Unprecedented in its multi-stakeholder character, Da'17 brought together more than 200 people in Strasbourg on 27 and 28 June, drawn from some 30 countries committed to combating the degradation of the land and climate. Participants in around a dozen workshops were able to identify many possible points of convergence and synergy between the two communities, putting together a roadmap for action in the field, along with the political messages to be delivered at the next international meetings, particularly COP 13 of the United Nations Convention to combat Desertification, from 6 to 16 September in China, and COP23 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 6 to 17 November in Germany.



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27-28 JUIN 2017 STRASBOURG  
SOMMET INTERNATIONAL DES ACTEURS NON ÉTATIQUES  
Dégradation des terres et changement climatique dans les territoires

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**Enhancing trust between actors and supporting existing solutions.**

Nicolas Hulot, the French Minister for the ecological transition and solidarity, sent a message in which he clearly set out today's challenges: *"international action to restore degraded land is the keystone of the fight against climate imbalances"*.

In this context, two things are very clear: not only are local communities strongly committed to becoming more resilient, but the commitment of local governments and non-State actors really does lie at the heart of collective action.

**The Strasbourg Declaration: "Reducing land degradation and restoring degraded land must be a priority for the international community".**

This new multi-stakeholder dialogue resulted in the first joint declaration by non-State actors working to combat degradation of the land and climate and firmly stressed the need for a territorial approach, following on from the declarations of the "Climate and territories" Summit in Lyon in 2015 and "Climate Chance 2016" Summit in Nantes.



**Take action now, it can be done!**

The Declaration puts forward several concrete solutions:

- Equipping elected representatives, especially in the South, with land-use planning and management tools
- Making their funding a priority for the international community
- Supporting the development of decentralized co-operation in the field of land restoration, stressing the importance of pooling experience, sharing good practice and learning lessons.
- Encouraging local actors to equip themselves with food security action plans enhancing their autonomy and sovereignty.

Adopted unanimously, the Declaration has already received support from: CGLU, FMDV, World Association of the Major Metropolises, GPS-Dev (Governance & Policies for Sustainable Development), AFPAT – Association des Femmes Peuples Autochtones du Tchad [Association of indigenous Peul women in Chad), Voûte Nubienne, Enda Energy, WECF, the France Libertés foundation, Urbanistes sans Frontières.

For more information: <http://www.desertif-actions.fr/en/>

**Climate Chance brought non-State actors from Oceania together in Melbourne from 12 to 14 July 2017**

Climate Chance co-organized several sessions at the 2017 Ecocity World Summit. The event attracted around 1000 participants to some one hundred sessions.



As co-organizer of the opening plenary on "Cities and civil society are stepping up action against climate change", the Association was able to bring together the highly diverse community of non-State actors, especially from the Oceania region, a widely applauded approach.

Ronan Dantec stressed the role of non-State actors. *"In reality, they are the ones who do the legwork"*

Attention was drawn to key steps that non-State actors can take to speed up progress on climate issues and achieve the objectives of the Paris Agreement. This could also encourage rapid progress in creating resilient cities and societies with a neutral carbon footprint.

Ronan Dantec and Bernard Soulage chaired sessions where Climate Chance's expertise was brought to bear on:

**Access to funding for non-State actors**, with backing from the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The session was attended by, amongst others, Kevin Austin, deputy director-general of C40, Debra Roberts, Climate adviser for ICLEI, and Simon Richardson, mayor of the city of Byron Bay and member of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

- **Sustainable building and construction**, with backing from the Global Alliance for Building and Construction (GABC). Participants included the *Green Building Council of Australia*, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network*, UNEP, *US Green Building*, *Climate Works Australia* and *Zenata Ecocity, Morocco*.

- **Sustainable urban transport**, with Yarra Trams, Keolis, the French Transport Authority, University of Melbourne and Government of the State of Victoria, Australia.

- **Planning and building new eco-cities**, with a presentation of the new Zenata Eco-city, in Morocco.

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During the Ecocity Summit, Al Gore and Ronan Dantec met on several occasions, giving them an opportunity to discuss the challenges and role for cities in combating climate change. In particular, they took part in the round table on "Implementing the Paris Agreement and building ambition", which discussed ways to dynamize the progress of climate action.

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