

# Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change 2019

## Overview

- Name: Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change
- Date: October 24-25, 2019 (In conjunction with 2019 International Renewable Energy Conference )
- Venue: Asem Ballroom (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), COEX, Seoul
- Theme: New era of local climate action - leadership and acceleration
- Organizer: Seoul Metropolitan Government, ICLEI
- Partners: ICLEI, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
  - Invitees: Mayors and city representatives, experts
  - Global Covenant Board members
  - GCoM committed cities
  - ICLEI network
  - Relevant stakeholders from international organizations, experts, etc.

## Program Overview

October 24 (Thursday)		
Morning	<b>Opening</b>	Welcome remarks, Keynote speech, GCoM Korea Launch and Signing Ceremony, Seoul Statement, photos
	<b>Plenary Sessions</b>	Session 1: Climate Neutral Cities: contribution to NDCs Session 2: GCoM and Co-benefits of Climate & Energy Action
Afternoon	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	1. Climate Change in Asia
		2. Climate Finance
		3. Resilience and adaptation
		4. A new beginning of GCoM in South Korea
	<b>Joint Session</b>	KIREC 2019 – Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change High-level Panel Discussion
October 25 (Friday)		
Morning	<b>Side Event</b>	Seoul International Energy Forum 2019
	<b>Breakout Session</b>	5. GO-NGO Partnership for Climate and Energy
	<b>Closed Event</b>	ACP Workshop
	<b>Closing</b>	Wrap-up session
Afternoon	<b>Closed Event</b>	ICLEI RexCom
	<b>Site Visit</b>	Site Visit (to be organized by KIREC)

\*KIREC 2019 Opening, High-level joint session, KIREC sessions, welcome dinner hosted by Mayor of Seoul will be held on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Program in details**

### **October 23 (Wednesday)**

19:00~20:30

#### **WELCOME DINNER**

*Grand Intercontinental Hotel  
GrandBallroom (5F)*

### **October 24 (Thursday)**

08:00-09:00

#### **REGISTRATION**

09:00-10:00

#### **OPENING SESSION**

*ASEM Ballroom, COEX (2F)*

#### **Welcome remarks**

- Park, Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul
- Won-cheol Shin, Chairman of Seoul Metropolitan Council
- Gino Van Begin, ICLEI Secretary General

#### **Keynote Presentation**

*About the importance of local governments in coping with climate change, and how Seoul played a leading role, etc. to set the scene of the forum*

#### **GCoM Korea Launch and Signing Ceremony**

*The Global Covenant of Mayors of Climate & Energy (GCoM) is the largest global alliance for city climate leadership, built upon the commitment of over 9,200 cities and local governments. These cities hail from 6 continents and 132 countries. In total, they represent more than 818 million people. The cities and partners of the GCoM have put in a great deal of collective efforts to share a long-term vision of supporting voluntary action to tackle climate change. In Korea, ICLEI Korea Office has been playing a key role as national coordinator of the GCoM Korea, helping Korean cities to commit. To strengthen its role and expand the scope of activities, there will be a signing ceremony at the beginning of the forum for newly committed Korean cities to reaffirm their role in tackling climate change and promoting sustainable energy. The ceremony will bring together all stakeholders of GCoM Korea.*

#### **Presentation of Seoul Statement**

#### **Group Photo**

10:00-11:15

#### **PLENARY SESSION 1**

*ASEM Ballroom, COEX (2F)*

#### **Climate neutral cities: Local action that contribute to NDCs**

**Description:** The impacts of climate change are being felt everywhere, with heat waves, rising sea levels, floods and droughts, affecting people and the environment they live in. Climate change is disrupting national economies, costing us dearly today and even more tomorrow. It is clear that action is needed, both to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and in enhancing climate resilience and adapting to a changing climate.

In this plenary a panel of climate leaders - mayors from cities around the globe – will discuss how they are translating their vision to scaling up climate action. The call for climate neutrality among ICLEI's network of cities and towns, offers a coherent approach, from drastically scaling up climate change mitigation to enhancing resilience to climate impacts - helping cities of all sizes to plan, act and report. This outlines ICLEI's contribution to the world - presented during the UNSG Climate Action Summit - helping nations deliver on the necessary action to hold the increase in the global average temperature, as asked by the latest science, to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. This challenge is ours!

**Chair:** Gino Van Begin, ICLEI Secretary General

**Keynote Presentation:** Park, Won-soon, Mayor of Seoul

**Panel Discussion**

**Q&A / Wrap-up**

11:15-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30-13:00 **PLENARY SESSION 2** *ASEM Ballroom, COEX (2F)*

### GCoM and Co-benefits of Climate & Energy Action

**Description:** Climate and sustainable energy action by local governments can have positive effects on society, bringing many benefits to different actors and the environment. The direct result of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving air quality is a major component, but also the indirect and additional co-benefits in social, economic and health sectors are highly relevant. These range from local job creation to a reduction in illness and death due to improved air quality. This session will focus on the co-benefits of climate and energy action especially for the GCoM committed cities across the globe. It will include a panel of mayors discussing how local actions in their cities and towns have created opportunities beyond positive climate impacts. Examples will include small and mid-sized communities that export excess renewable energy (going beyond 100% RE) and ensure new income from locally produced energy to approaches that drastically improved air quality in cities that suffered from traffic congestion and polluting fuels. This session is co-organized by SMG, ICLEI (Korea office & World Secretariat), GCoM Global Secretariat, IUC, and EU.

**Chair:** Amanda Eichel, Executive Director, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)

**Presentation from Cities**

**Panel Discussion –** Bending the curve: securing sustainable co-benefits of climate action

**Q&A / Wrap-up**

13:00-14:30 **LUNCHEON** *(Invited only)* *COEX Intercontinental Hotel Jupiter Room (30F)*

14:30-16:00 **BREAKOUT SESSION**

Session 1: Climate Change in Asia *Room 201 COEX (2F)*  
Translating ambitious visions into inclusive climate strategies: Experiences of SEA

**Keynote Presentation to set the scene**  
*“Progress in implementing Ambitious City Promises in Southeast Asia”*

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

Session 2: Climate Finance *Room 202 COEX (2F)*

**Keynote Presentation to set the scene**

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

Session 3: Resilience and Adaptation *Room 203 COEX (2F)*

**Keynote Presentation to set the scene**

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

Session 4: A new beginning of GCoM in South Korea *Room 209 COEX (2F)*

**Keynote Presentation to set the scene**

**Panel Discussion / Q&A**

16:00-16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30-18:00 **HIGH-LEVEL PANEL** *Auditorium, COEX (3F)*

Joint Session:  
KIREC 2019 – Seoul Mayors Forum on Climate Change

**Description:** This is a joint session between Seoul Mayors Forum and KIREC 2019 to promote dialogue between local governments and national governments. High-level participants will come together to discuss the global challenge of climate change, with a special focus on energy transition.

19:00-20:30 **Dinner** *(Invited only)*

**October 25 (Friday)**

09:30-12:00 **SIDE EVENT**

Seoul International Energy Forum 2019

*Room 201, COEX (2F)*

10:00-11:30 **SEOUL MAYORS FORUM: BREAKOUT SESSION**

Session 4: Resilience and Adaptation

*Room 203, COEX (2F)*

**Keynote Presentation to set the scene**

**Panel – Brief presentations and panel discussion**

**Q&A**

12:30-13:00 **CLOSING**

*ASEM Ballroom, COEX (2F)*