

Forum @ Kanada Haus Berlin

Climate Change and the Renewal of Cities: A German-Canadian Dialogue

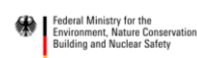
Location: Embassy of Canada, Leipziger Platz 17, 10117 Berlin

Date: May 10, 2016, 13:30 – 18:00

This year's Forum @ Kanada Haus will examine the measures that cities can take to deal with climate change and ongoing urbanization. As cities are growing disproportionately quickly, requirements for energy supply, infrastructure and living space are multiplying at the same rate, leading to a number of crucial issues. Why is the role of cities so important when facing such challenges? What can we do to make the urban environment more eco-conscious, energy efficient and an overall more pleasant place to live? What can cities do to tackle the problems posed by continuous urbanization and by the increased demand for energy and living space?

Program

- 13:30 – 14:00 Registrations
- 14:00 – 14:15 Welcome Remarks by **H.E. Marie Gervais-Vidricaire**, Ambassador of Canada to Germany
Welcome Remarks by the **Deutsch-Kanadische Gesellschaft e.V.**
- 14:15 – 15:30 **Opening Keynote Addresses: *Climate Change and the Renewal of Cities***
Michael Small, Executive Director "Renewable Cities", Simon Fraser University Centre for Dialogue, Vancouver, Canada
Topic: *Leadership by Cities in the Transition to Renewable Energy*
Dr. Vera Rodenhoff, Head of Division, International Affairs in the Field of Environment, Building and Urban Development Policy, OECD and Cooperation with OECD-Countries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)
Topic: *Cities and Climate Governance – in Germany and beyond*
Dr. Inge Paulini, Secretary-General, German Advisory Council on Global Change
Topic: *Humanity on the Move: Unlocking the Transformative Power of Cities*
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee and Networking Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 **Panel: *Cities and Climate Governance***
Moderator: Habib Massoud, Counsellor (Economic and Environment), Embassy of Canada in Germany
Toby Couture, Director, E3 Analytics
Kaj Fischer, Project Manager Urbanisation, Adelphi
Michael Woodbridge, Officer, Urban Research, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
- 17:30 Closing Comments and Reception



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