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The Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA)

Update on progress and next steps
Setting the scene

crucial role of local actors
  • fighting climate change
  • tackling the challenges of sustainable development

local authorities commit to
  • set ambitious targets for climate change mitigation, adaptation and energy access
  • translate commitments into Sustainable Energy Access Climate Action Plans (SEACAPs)
  • monitor and report on implementation of SEACAPs and results

new Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
  • more than 7,100 cities
  • six continents and 119 countries
  • representing more than 600 million residents
Developments 2016 and 2017

the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa
- set-up CoM SSA Office project and local help desk in Accra (GHA)
- first meeting of the Advisory Board in February 2017
- first cities to formally sign (second half 2017)
- inclusion of 50+ cities of the Compact of Mayors (2017 onwards)

grant projects in (pilot) cities
- Kampala (UGA) Lubumbashi (DRC), Dakar (SEN), Bouaké (CIV), Zou (BEN), Nouakchott (MRT), Tsevié (TGO)
- ongoing negotiation with three additional cities (2017)
- extension of support to selected cities in crisis situation (2017)

EU Joint Research Council (JRC)
- technical and methodological support
The way forward

After successfully focussing on

a) setting up the CoM SSA network, governance & methodology, mobilizing cities, creating local ownership
b) forming a core group of pilot cities and early movers in order to generate critical mass

Identification of possible next phase of CoM SSA

a) scaling-up: additional technical and financial support
b) bridge the gap to finance and pave the way to infrastructure investments
c) link activities to other programmes (Member States, donors, financing institutions, private sector)