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My name is Miriam Badino and I represent here **ICLEI Local governments for sustainability**. It is an organization composed of a global secretariat, based in Bonn, and 17 Regional offices around the world, covering all the countries (a “region” for us is Africa, South East Asia, north America,... for example)

Our members are more than 1500 around the globe, for more than 25% of the population, and are governments below the national level which commit to become more sustainable.

I work for the Global secretariat, which is coordinating the work of the other offices, **ICLEI World Secretariat (WS)** is an advocacy and technical partner, helping explore with national governments how to include LGs in their NDCs, offering a robust reporting system in partnership with CDP Cities and guidance e.g. Solutions Gateway, tools and practical support to LGs

Regional Offices, like for example **ICLEI Africa Secretariat (AS)** (based in Cape town) are technical expert partner – they have direct contact with members and can help develop climate action plans, energy and GHG inventories, how to work with local and national stakeholders, how to connect to NDC. To do that, they work with research organisations, the private sector, national and regional governments.

They can do that also thanks for project and initiatives at local or global level, coordinated by WS. For example, they are involved in:

- ICLEI is one of the founding partners of the **Global Covenant of Mayors** which is now finalizing the technical and political details of the merge between the Compact and EU Covenant of Mayors. We are now trying to keep in consideration all the different needs of the different parts of the world, which have already good preparation and experience on different aspects. For example, resilience and energy access which are crucial in Africa. AS is one of the partner of the **CoM SSA (South Saharan Africa)**, together with other 5 networks (ICLEI WS and United Cities of Local Governments Africa UCLG Africa for example, plus the coordinator Council for European Municipalities and Regions CEMR (coordinator); Climate Alliance CA, Energy Cities ENC), 3 organisations (French Agency for Environment and Energy Management – Ademe for example, plus: French Agency for Environment and Energy Management – ADEME; International Association of Francophone mayors – AIMF; Portuguese Energy Agency (ADENE)) and 2 Non-governmental organizations (Environment Development Action in the third world – ENDA; Sustainable Energy for Africa NGO – SEA) It is a EU-funded initiative supporting SSA cities in their fight against climate change and in their efforts in ensuring access to clean energy to their populations

Local/regional authorities are invited to voluntarily commit to implementing climate and energy actions in their territory and agree on a long-term vision to tackle 3 pillars (access to energy, mitigation and adaptation)

The initiative supports 8 pilot cities in their planning, but any SSA city can join. There will be a next call for participants very soon.

8 Awarded pilot projects in Sub- Saharan Africa

- Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda
- Mairie de Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Ville de Dakar, Senegal
- Mairie Bouaké, Cote D'Ivoire
- Communauté de communes du Zou, Benin
- Communauté urbaine de Nouakchott, Mauritania
- Commune de Tsevié, Togo
- Ville de Pikine, Senegal

- **The Local Climate Solutions for Africa ([LOCS4Africa](#)) Congress**, held under the ICLEI Africa's Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme, is Africa's leading platform on local climate action for cities and sub-national governments across the Continent. The platform offers opportunity for engagement and strategic discussions around current on the ground solutions and emerging trends relating to Africa's vulnerability to climate change in urban areas. biennial Local Climate Solutions for Africa () Congress series aims to serve as a unique and accessible platform for local leaders to share and consolidate vision, build position and forge new and innovative partnerships to accelerate local climate action in Africa.



- **[Urban LEDS](#)** project has the objective of enhancing the transition to low emission urban development in four emerging economy countries. Phase 2 started in May, with 4 countries of phase 1 plus other 4 (in Africa: South Africa "old" and Rwanda "new"). Cities have not been selected yet.
- **[Building Efficiency Accelerator \(BEA\)](#)**: AS is regional lead for Africa in BEA. The initiative is part of the Sustainable Energy for All ([SEforALL](#)) initiative and is one of the accelerators launched to support the objectives. BEA supports involved cities in the development of 1 project and 1 policy in building

sector, and monitor/showcase their results. The first phase will finish at the end of the year and we are discussing the follow up of the activities

In all these initiative and in our daily commitment, we highlight the importance of alignment of local and national policies and plans, and promoting platforms where multi-tiered governance can occur. This **vertical integration (multi level governance)** is crucial to make sure that local objectives are aligned with national policies, and that national governments are aware that local level can support and contribute both to highlight the needs and to reach the objectives at a global level.