

Peer to Peer Learning Webinars on Sub-National Integration in Asia Pacific

Session III:

Climate action at sub-national level – the role and importance of MRV

27th January, 2022, 13:00-14:30 IST; 14:30-16:00 Bangkok

Context

Climate action from sub-national governments (such as cities, states and regions) is widely recognized as having significant potential to enhance national and international efforts to curb greenhouse gas emissions, close the so-called 'emissions gap' – between current commitments and the action necessary to meet climate targets – and help move the world on to a 1.5°C pathway. This includes measures that sub-national governments can take directly, that can help national governments to implement existing targets faster and more effectively. It also includes wider contributions to climate governance, through the development of new policies and business models at local levels that can accelerate national ambition to support emissions cuts and build resilience. Sub-national governments have also had a key role to play in helping to build political support for more ambitious climate action, with a number of networks and initiatives advocating for sub-national action and support, and the range of guidance, tools and resources now available.

However, whilst sub-national governments can clearly play a role in raising ambition, there can be technical challenges to aligning action at different spatial scales. This includes quantifying, tracking, and reporting actions, as well as making best use of the data and analysis underpinning decision-making at city level and integrating it with national process. The integration of the sub-national and the national level and better communication between the levels is a very important issue but is often neglected, leading to missed opportunities to fully integrate and report actions at sub-national level, double-counting or use of lower quality data, or misaligned plans and policies. Enhancing transparency through robust Monitoring, Reporting and Verification processes can help to improve data quality and reduce reporting burdens, raise ambition and achieve targets more effectively, and streamline actions and accelerate implementation.

Session Description

In this final session on sub-national integration, key concepts of MRV will be presented with considerations for sub-national integration. The presentation will draw on examples and reflect on the climate action planning approaches and tools from the previous webinars, to explain how MRV could be enhanced to enable better alignment and enhance action. The session will include guest presentations on MRV in practice and the experiences working at both sub-national and national levels. It will end with a discussion and Q&A on the opportunities and challenges, and further support needed in this area.

Proposed Agenda

Time	Agenda	Speakers
2 mins	Welcome and introductions	Asia LEDS Partnership
10 mins	'MRV Experiences' - interactive exercise <i>Using Mentimeter to ask participants 4-5 high level questions on experiences and knowledge of MRV, and gather some questions, thoughts or common challenges, to address during the webinar</i>	Rose Bailey, Associate Director - Climate Action Planning and Transparency Ricardo Energy & Environment
20 mins	MRV at sub-national level - technical Presentation <i>Presentation covering MRV at sub-national level – what is it, why is it important, and how can it help climate action?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is 'MRV'? • Key concepts/components, & why MRV is important • What does MRV at subnational level mean? • Key challenges for sub-national MRV integration: common issues / pitfalls • Simple solutions and approaches to enhance integrated MRV 	Dr Rose Bailey, Associate Director - Climate Action Planning and Transparency Ricardo Energy & Environment
15 mins	Case study – challenges and opportunities for integrated MRV in Vietnam	Dr PhuongNam Nguyen, climate advisor, Klinova, and former C40 City Advisor to Hanoi, Vietnam
15 mins	Case study – building capacity and action in Tanzania through collaborative working	Yassin Mkwizu, former C40 City Advisor to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
25 mins	Q&A / panel discussion	Dr Rose Bailey, Associate Director - Climate Action Planning and Transparency Ricardo Energy & Environment
2 mins	Closing and Vote of thanks	Mr. Anandhan Subramaniam, Senior Manager (Energy & Climate), ICLEI South Asia