



Wrapping up: Critical Concerns and Ways Ahead for Urban Climate Adaptation

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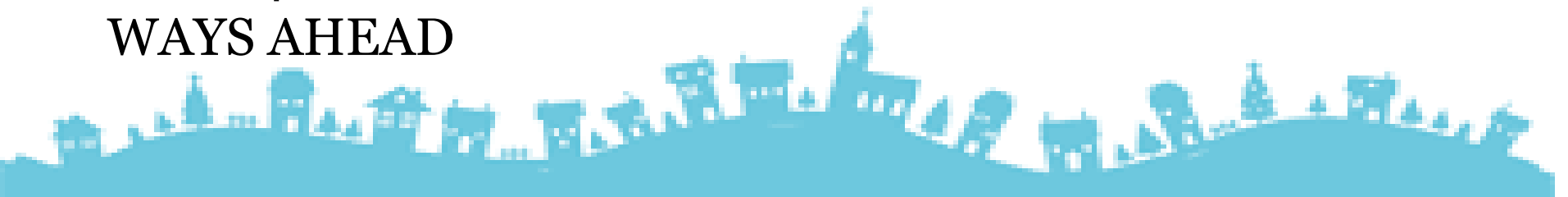
SESSION 1A: Policy, planning and implementation: critical concerns and approaches for climate-proof urban areas

PART 1 SETTING THE STAGE FOR URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION

PART 2 MAKING THE CASE FOR URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION IN AGENDA SETTING AND PLANNING

PART 3 IMPLEMENTING URBAN CLIMATE ADAPTATION: LESSONS LEARNED

PART 4 WRAPPING UP: CRITICAL CONCERNS AND WAYS AHEAD



Summarizing Critical Concerns...

- **Large variations in urban preparedness between and within countries**
- **Climate adaptation needs to be better integrated in urban development practices. Particularly in these times of rapid urban (re-)development.**
- **Many types of barriers restrict urban adaptation: New challenges vs. old structures. Silo-mentalities, path-dependencies, conflicting priorities...**
- **The cost of inaction is high: adaptation measures needs to be taken while developing/rebuilding cities**

Summarizing Ways Ahead...

- **”Make room for adaptation”**: national structures/ policy/legislation, concrete visions/strategies/plans, agency, funding mechanisms, political priorities/ decision-making, spatially e.g. land reservation...
- **Chaning mindsets and establishing joint values/objectives among key public-private actors to support new urban strategies and measures**
- **Identifying multifunctional measures: exploring co-benefits**
- **Learning from practice: what works and what doesn't in different contexts/locations. Scaling-up measures!**

Urban development is an arena where goals, interests and considerations can be interlinked and better balanced to support urban climate-proofing

BUT we must also have a realistic view of the various challenges involved in urban development practices:

“Planning can either increase the local capacity to deal with climate risks or lock future generations into development pathways that increase vulnerability”
(Rayner 2012)





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