

## Conference Program

### **The local level in multi-level climate and energy governance: the role of rural communities in an urban age**

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

The global process of urbanization and the importance of city-level action for tackling climate change are widely acknowledged. Related implications for rural communities and their changing role in the fight against climate change have been relatively neglected. This conference closes this gap by highlighting existing experiences from rural climate and energy governance with a focus on China, India and Europe. Local success stories will be presented and compared and their contributions assessed within a multi-level perspective on global climate and energy governance. A particular emphasis is placed on the enabling environment for climate-friendly investments in rural areas as well as the importance of integrating rural and urban strategies for climate change mitigation. In a final session, key findings from the conference will be linked to ongoing international negotiations at COP 21 and HABITAT III with the objective of formulating related policy messages emerging from the discussions.

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<b>Session 1</b>	<b>The local level in multi-level climate and energy governance: the importance of rural communities in an urban age</b>
9:15 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome: <b>Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence</b>, Scientific Director, IASS</li> <li>● Introduction and conceptual framing: <b>Prof. Dr. Martin Jänicke</b>, Senior Fellow, IASS</li> </ul> <p>Session chair: <b>Dr. Sebastian Helgenberger</b>, head of Plattform Energiewende (TPEC) at IASS</p> <p><b>High-level panel:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Prof. Yongsheng Zhang</b>, Development Research Centre of the State Council of the People's Republic of China</li> <li>● <b>Jairam Ramesh</b>, former Minister of the Environment and Forests and former Minister of Rural Development, India</li> <li>● <b>Hans-Josef Fell</b>, former Member of the German Bundestag, Die Grünen</li> <li>● <b>Prof. Dr. Carlo Jäger</b>, Head of Green Growth, Global Climate Forum</li> </ul>

10:45 – 11:15	TEA TIME
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Local climate and energy governance: the role of rural communities</b>
	<p><b>Guiding questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is the particular role of rural communities in the context of multi-level climate and energy governance?</li> <li>- What do current local-level approaches to rural climate and energy governance look like?</li> <li>- Is there a need for better integrating urban climate and energy governance with surrounding rural communities? What good practice examples exist?</li> </ul>
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Session chair: <b>Dr. Annika Bose Styczynski</b>, Plattform Energiewende, IASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Jeppe Jensen</b>, Covenant of Mayors</li> <li>● <b>Martin Nesbit</b>, Institute for European Environmental Policy</li> <li>● <b>Prof. Dr. Sabine Barles</b>, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne</li> <li>● <b>Bernhard Osterburg</b>, Thünen Institute</li> </ul>
12:45 – 14:00	LUNCH
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Mobilizing climate friendly investments in rural communities</b>
	<p><b>Guiding questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What are priority investments needs for building climate-friendly and resilient rural communities?</li> <li>- What are particular opportunities and challenges for mobilizing climate friendly investments in rural communities?</li> <li>- What role do urban centers play for mobilizing climate friendly investments in rural communities?</li> </ul>
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session chair: <b>Dr. Armin Haas</b>, Co-Lead Economics &amp; Culture Program, IASS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Janina Oest</b>, KfW</li> <li>● <b>Prof. Dr. Joyashree Roy</b>, Jadavpur University Kolkata</li> <li>● <b>Howaida Barakat</b>, Senior Sustainable Development Expert, Egypt</li> <li>● <b>Andreas Bleschke</b>, Climate Protection Coordinator, Teltow-Fläming</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	TEA TIME
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>Concluding Panel: The role of rural communities in global climate and energy governance: from COP 21 to HABITAT III</b>
	<p><b>Guiding questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How are the opportunities and challenges of climate and energy governance in rural communities being addressed in international fora?</li> <li>- How are rural communities represented at the international level?</li> </ul>

	- What are key messages from the conference for COP21 and HABITAT III?
16:00 – 17:30	Session chair: <b>Dr. Rainer Quitzow</b> , Plattform Energiewende, IASS <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Dr. Vincent Kitio</b>, UN Habitat</li><li>● <b>Alexander Carius</b>, Adelphi</li><li>● <b>Dr. Vera Rodenhoff</b>, BMUB</li><li>● <b>Prof. Dr. Martin Jänicke</b>, IASS</li></ul>
17:30 – 19:00	RECEPTION