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Local governments in the post-2012 process for a new climate agreement: how to move adaptation in urban water management higher on the global agenda

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Numerous examples across the world demonstrate the readiness and capability of local governments to tackle climate change impacts now - rather than waiting for national governments to discuss and enter into a new global climate agreement. Local efforts and achievements will therefore be key when it comes to get prepared for increased water scarcity, sea level rise and more dramatic flood events through shifting climate regimes in the future. However, local efforts are most effective within the framework of an agreed global agenda.

This session will explore potential entry doors and strategies for local governments to ensure water is taken up more prominently in a post-2012 agreement that includes the recognition of spheres of government below the national level.

Questions to be addressed in this session will be:

- How could local governments benefit from global commitments to adaptation in the water sector?
- What are the political entry points for local governments to add adaptation commitments into a global climate agreement?
- Which global action by local governments could drive adaptation outside the process for a new global climate agreement?

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