

## Press Release

### **Sub-Saharan African cities are invited to join Covenant of Mayors initiative in the region**

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***Today, Sub-Saharan African cities appealed to their peers to join the voluntary initiative Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa as a framework for developing and implementing effective local climate and energy actions.***

Sub-Saharan cities across the continent invited their peers to join Covenant of Mayors Initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa (CoM SSA) to make a voluntarily political commitment to implement climate and energy actions in their communities and agree on a long-term vision to tackle 3 pillars, namely access to energy, mitigation and adaptation. The appeal came through an official letter signed by mayors and local leaders that will be announced today during the Climate Chance – World Summit of Climate Actors in Agadir (Morocco).

*"To go far, we need to go together"*

Luc Atrokpo, Mayor of Bohicon and  
President of Communauté des communes de Zou (CCZ), Benin

Among the mayors making the appeal were the President of UCLG Africa and Mayor of City Council of Dakar – Mayor Khalifa Sall, the Chairperson of ICLEI Africa and Mayor of Bafut Council, Cameroon - Mayor Abel Langsi Ngwasoh, the Mayor of Praia, Cape Verde- Mayor Óscar Santos, Mayor of Kampala, Uganda – Honorable Erias Lukwago, and the Mayor/ Deputy President of South African Local Government Association (SALGA) Ethekewini Metro Municipality South Africa – Cllr Gumede Zandile.

Cities joining CoM SSA before November will be invited to meet, exchange and share about their actions at the first ever Africa – Europe Local Government Forum in Abidjan on 27 November 2017 on the eve of the fifth EU-Africa Summit.

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### ***About the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa***

The “Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa” (CoM SSA) is an initiative supporting Sub-Saharan African cities in their fight against climate change and in their efforts in ensuring access to clean energy to their populations. CoM SSA is part of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, the broadest global alliance committed to climate leadership.

For more information about the initiative and the activities in support of it, please send an e-mail to: [helpdesk@comssa.org](mailto:helpdesk@comssa.org)



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