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## **Sustainable Cities**

Co- Benefit Strategies for Sustainable Cities in the Asia-Pacific Region

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## Sustainable Urban Development

Cities are the powerhouses of national economies and as such key drivers of energy consumption. Almost 80 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions are estimated to originate from urban areas. The trend towards urbanisation will continue. Over 70% of the world's population is predicted to live in cities by the middle of the century, compared to just over 50% currently. This makes cities not only a key focus for climate change mitigation efforts it also highlights the vulnerability of densely populated urban areas to the impacts of climate change.

This workshop will facilitate discussions about experiences from Europe, Asia and the Pacific and will explore options for integrated strategies that maximize co-benefits for sustainable and resilient urban development.

## **Programme**

### 8:30 Arrival and registration

## Session 1 – Sustainable Urban Development: Drivers and Challenges

### 9:15 Welcome

Celia Wade-Brown

Mayor, Wellington City Council

H.E. Thomas H. Meister Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

## 9:45 Sustainable Urban Development: Experiences from Europe and Asia

Speaker: Prof Manfred Fischedick Wuppertal Institut for Climate, Environment and Energy

#### 10:30 Coffee break

## 11:00 Resilient and Sustainable Cities: Some best Practice Examples

Speaker: Prof Peter Newmann
Curtin University, Western Australia

#### 11:45 Discussion

Moderator: Prof Ralph Sims, Massey University

#### 12:30 Lunch

## Session 2 – Transitioning to resilient, low-carbon cities

# 1:30 Mitigating Climate Change: Towards a low-carbon City Speakers: Assoc Prof Ralph Chapman, Victoria University of Wellington

Prof Ralph Sims,

Massey University

# 2:30 Coping with Climate Change: Towards a resilient City Speakers:

Prof. Martin Manning, NZ Climate Change Research Institute

Prof Philippa Howden-Chapman *University of Otago Wellington* 

#### 3:30 Tea break

# **4:00 Synthesis: Cities as systems**Chris Cameron Wellington City Council

## 4:30 Discussion and next steps

Moderator: Oliver Lah
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Environment and Energy