

Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Presentation of the CoM SSA initiative and
its support services**

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in Sub-Saharan Africa

Evolution of the Covenant of Mayors (CoM)

2008 The European Commission launched the first **Covenant of Mayors (CoM)** to endorse and support European local and regional governments in the fight against climate change.

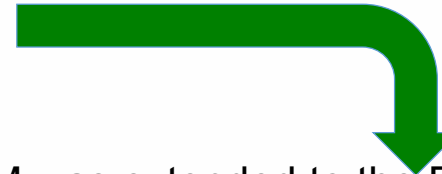


2015 CoM integrated Climate and Energy with three pillars: mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions, adaptation to climate change, and use of secure, sustainable and affordable energy.



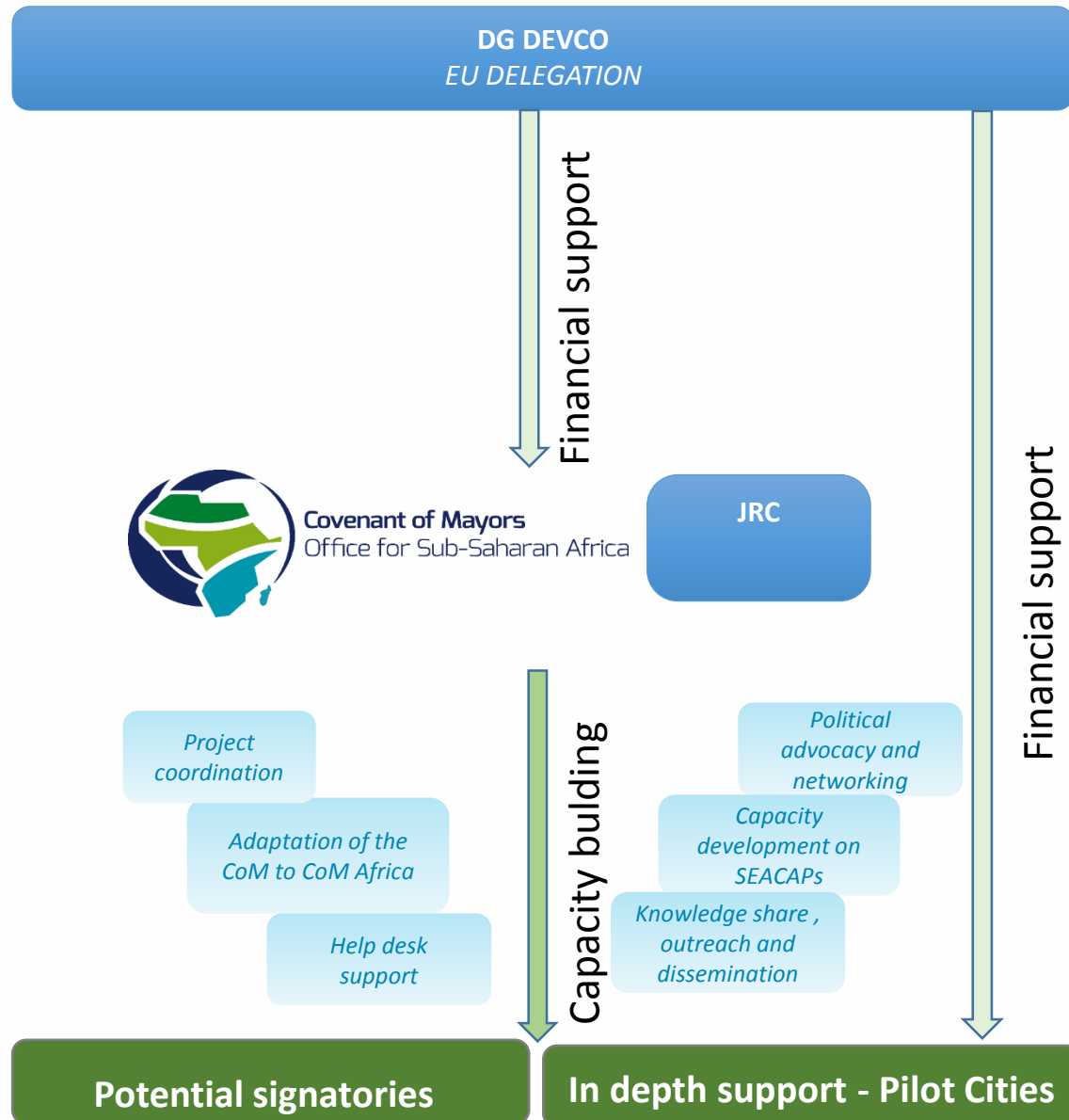
2015 Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa initiative was launched by the Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development (DG DEVCO) and supported under the Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI).

2010 the CoM was extended to the EU's 11 Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries **2013** 10 more countries in the EU's South Neighborhood region joined the CoM.



2015 EU CoM and the Compact of Mayors, announced the formation of a new, first-of-its-kind global initiative of cities and local governments leading in the fight against climate change- Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy.

Covenant of Mayors Initiative



Objectives:

- Enable cities to set up and use efficient **planning and implementation tools**, and **develop action plans** for their energy, mobility and/or spatial organisation
- Improve the **legal and institutional frameworks of local governments**, as well as their technical and resource-mobilisation capacities
- Promote **political ownership** and disseminate **best practices**

CoM SSA principles

- Autonomous voluntary commitment
- Integrated, holistic and long term approach to climate and energy planning
- Political endorsement
- Reporting
- Acceptance of scrutiny and transparency
- Subsidiarity
- Multi level governance
- Involvement of stakeholders
- Quantitative objectives
- Acceptance of climate different models for climate and energy planning



THE COVENANT OF MAYORS FOR CLIMATE AND ENERGY in Sub-Saharan Africa

We, the Mayors signing this Covenant, share a vision for a sustainable future - whatever the size of our municipality or its location on the world map. This common vision drives our action to tackle interconnected challenges: climate change mitigation, adaptation and sustainable energy. Together, we stand ready to deliver concrete, long term measures that provide an environmentally, socially and economically stable environment for present and future generations. It is our collective responsibility to build more sustainable, attractive, liveable, resilient and energy efficient communities.

WE, THE MAYORS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

Climate change is already happening and is one of the greatest global challenges of our time, calling for immediate action and cooperation between local, regional and national authorities from all over the world.

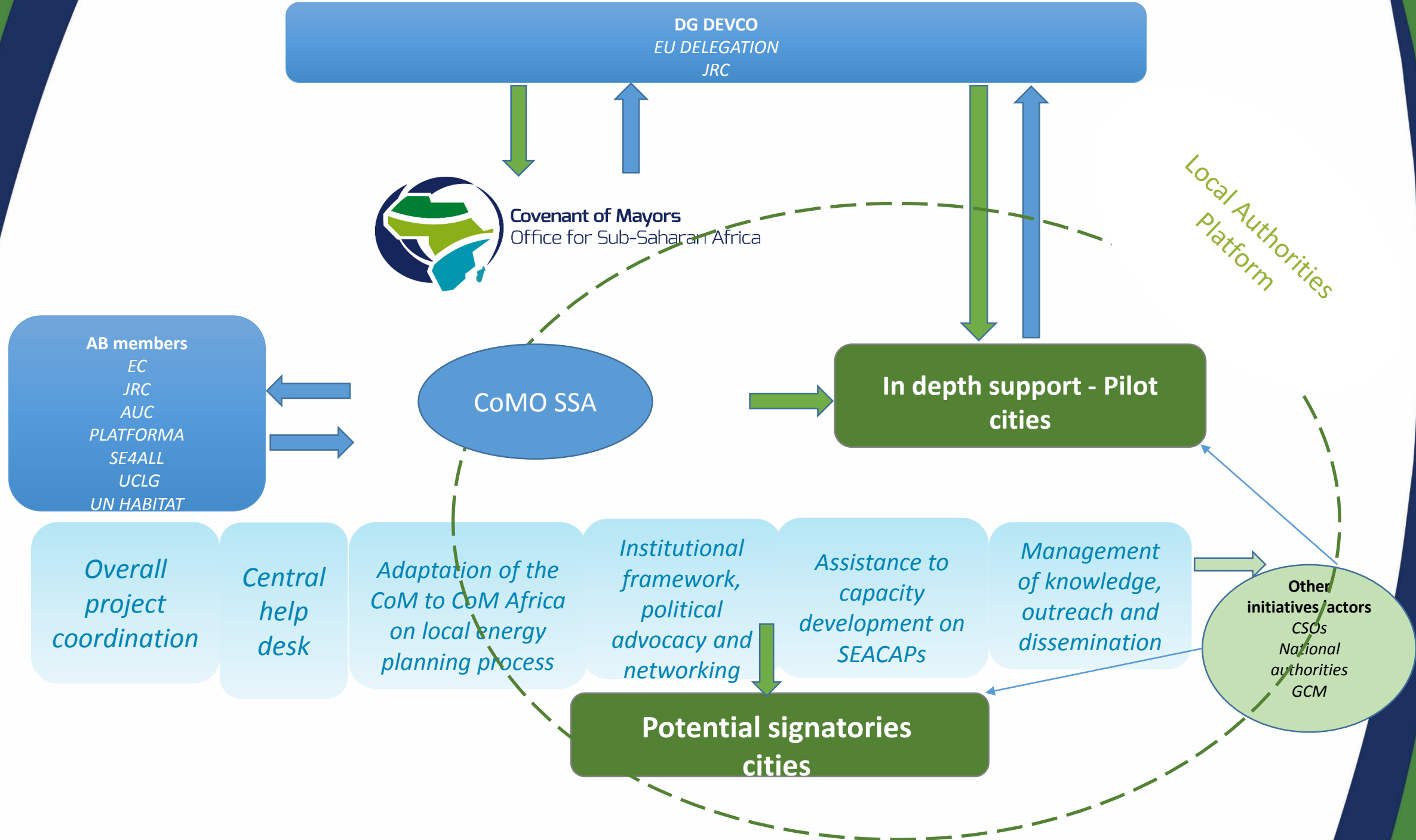
Local and regional authorities are key drivers in the fight against climate change. Local and regional authorities in all socio-economic situations and geographical locations stand at the frontline of reducing the vulnerability of their territory to the various impacts of climate change.

Being closest to citizens, local and regional authorities can lead the low-carbon energy transition, hence ensuring universal access to sustainable and affordable energy services.

Actions on climate change mitigation and adaptation as well as access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy services can bring multiple benefits to the environment, society and the local economy. Tackled together, they open up new opportunities to promote sustainable local development and poverty alleviation. This includes building inclusive, climate-resilient, energy efficient communities; enhancing the quality of life; stimulating investment and innovation; boosting the local economy and creating jobs; reinforcing stakeholder engagement and cooperation.

Political commitment document – what is in it?

- **Ambitious targets** for climate change mitigation, adaptation and access to energy in line with our relevant national commitment(s)
- **Policies and action to address the local situation** in our cities and towns through strategy development, implementation and monitoring
- **Sharing our vision**, results, experience and know-how with fellow local and regional authorities , cooperation and peer-to-peer exchange, Global Covenant of Mayors
- **Relevant national commitments** (Paris Agreement, UN SDG, Sendai Framework risk reduction, New Urban Agenda and national goals for development, climate and energy)



Project partners



Lead partner: CEMR

Co-beneficiaries:

- **5 Networks:** Climate Alliance – CA, Energy Cities - ENC, United Cities and Local Governments Africa - UCLG Africa, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability Africa (ICLEI Africa), ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, World Secretariat (ICLEI World Secretariat)
- **2 Institutional organizations :** French Agency for Environment and Energy Management – ADEME and Portuguese Energy Agency – ADENE
- **2 NGOS:** Environment Development Action in the third world – ENDA and Sustainable Energy for Africa NGO – SEA
- **Associates:** International Association of Francophone Mayors – AIMF

Project activities

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The Central Project Team coordinates and monitors all support provided to the pilot cities.

It liaises directly with all parties, including the European Commission in Brussels the Advisory Board members, and in-country Delegations of the European Union (EUDs.)

Helpdesk in Accra



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Helpdesk Officer – Abdoul Garafou

The Helpdesk provides general information on the Covenant of Mayors initiative and the adhesion procedure, acting as the first line of assistance for SEACAP templates and procedures.

Activities:

- **Signing and adhering to the Covenant of Mayors for Sub-Saharan Africa.**
- **Information on the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy.**

You, as a pilot city, should always contact first the CENTRAL PROJECT TEAM for information.

Knowledge sharing team: Experiences from the Covenant of Mayors in Europe



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The knowledge sharing team is responsible for facilitating the exchange of experience on local energy and climate planning with other Regional Covenants : Europe, North Africa, Eastern Neighborhood and Central Asia.

Political Advocacy and Institutions Liason Team



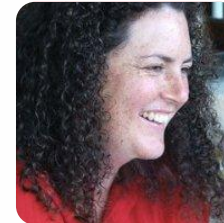
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The political advocacy team will undertake actions to streamline urban planning, transport and energy efficiency activities. The team will liaise with local, regional, and national stakeholders, and with local support organisations in and outside Africa.

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The team accompanies the pilot cities in the development and drafting of their SEACAPs (data collection, energy profiling, modeling & more).

It also leads the trainings, study tours, and peer-to-peer learning exchanges.

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The Communication Team supports the exchange of knowledge among interested cities and potential signatories. It is responsible for communication and outreach, offering a common framework to pilot cities for impact-oriented monitoring and evaluation.

Operational helpdesk in Accra



How CoMSSA can assist the pilot cities? - 1

- List of pilots: Kampala Capital City Authority, Lubumbashi, Dakar, Bouaké, Community of Zou, Urban Agglomeration of Nouakchott, Tsevié(Initial)
- Direct funding from the European Commission to assist in development of SEACAPs
- They will get capacity training and assistance
- They will demonstrate best practices and share lessons learnt between each other and to other SSA cities that are potential signatories

How CoMSSA can assist the pilot cities? - 2

- Considered as pilot cities to get inspiration of the CoM in Europe towards becoming more low carbon cities
- Exchange of knowledge among CoMSSA community, in Africa, in Europe and widely
- Join the local authorities platform (in development)
- Country profile on the CoM SSA context-specific topics for the pilot cities

How CoMSSA can assist the pilot cities? - 3

- Inception Visit to each pilot city – **first half of 2017**
- (Regional) Training on energy profiling and emissions accounting - **second half of 2017**
- (Regional) SEACAP development Workshops - **2018**

More events to come!

How can CoMSSA assist in Kampala's component 1?

Component 1: strengthening data/quality management system of
KCCA's SEACAP

Example: CoMO SSA organises tailored-made capacity building activities for the pilot cities, prepares thematic brochures and circulates relevant training materials. Direct technical support is provided from specialized partners and dedicated webinars will be organised and led by CoM SSA Office members.

How can CoMSSA assist in Kampala's component 2 and 3?

Component 2: stake of urban development

Component 3: integrated services platform

Example: CoMO SSA can assist through our work on political advocacy and networking (interaction with national governments, local government associations and civil society organizations; continue desk research (country profiles) to support capacity building activities; synergies with other large initiatives (eg. Global Covenant of Mayors, SDGs, etc.) and a reference guide for financing opportunities.

Examples which can be linked to components 2 and 3: Promotion and first contacts with Ministries and associations of local authorities



COP22

15 November 2017, DG DEVCO's side-event on the Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa

featured over 20 African Mayors on the spotlight as inspiring examples to lead the way for local governments in the continent to address the triple challenge of energy access, climate mitigation and adaptation:

- The **first pilot cities** presented their plans to be developed within the framework of CoM SSA and their proposed actions
- The **Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, Neven Mimica**, highlighted the importance of the bottom-up approach of this initiative.
- **Frédéric Vallier from the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)** introduced the main aspects of the project



HABITAT III

side event on 20th October 2017 during the 3rd United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development in Quito, Ecuador.

The event provided insights on the principles of the initiative and the process of developing Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plans (SEACAPs) for 3 cities with concrete examples cases (Praia, Dakar and Kampala).



How can CoMSSA assist in Kampala's component 4?

Component 4: communication and participative activities

Example: CoMSSA can assist through our communication WP in promoting/organising events/dissemination and interacting with comms department in Kampala





La coopération décentralisée et les partenariats :
puissants leviers pour la lutte contre les changements
climatiques.

AFCCRE - Platforma - ENDA énergie - CCRE/CEMR - Cités Unies France

Salle 300

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Forums de 13h00 à 15h00



Bâtiment Durable

PNUE - Global Alliance for building and construction

Salle 200

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COOP7 - Financements innovants – Mobiliser de nouvelles ressources pour des
coopérations au développement résilientes et sobre en carbone.

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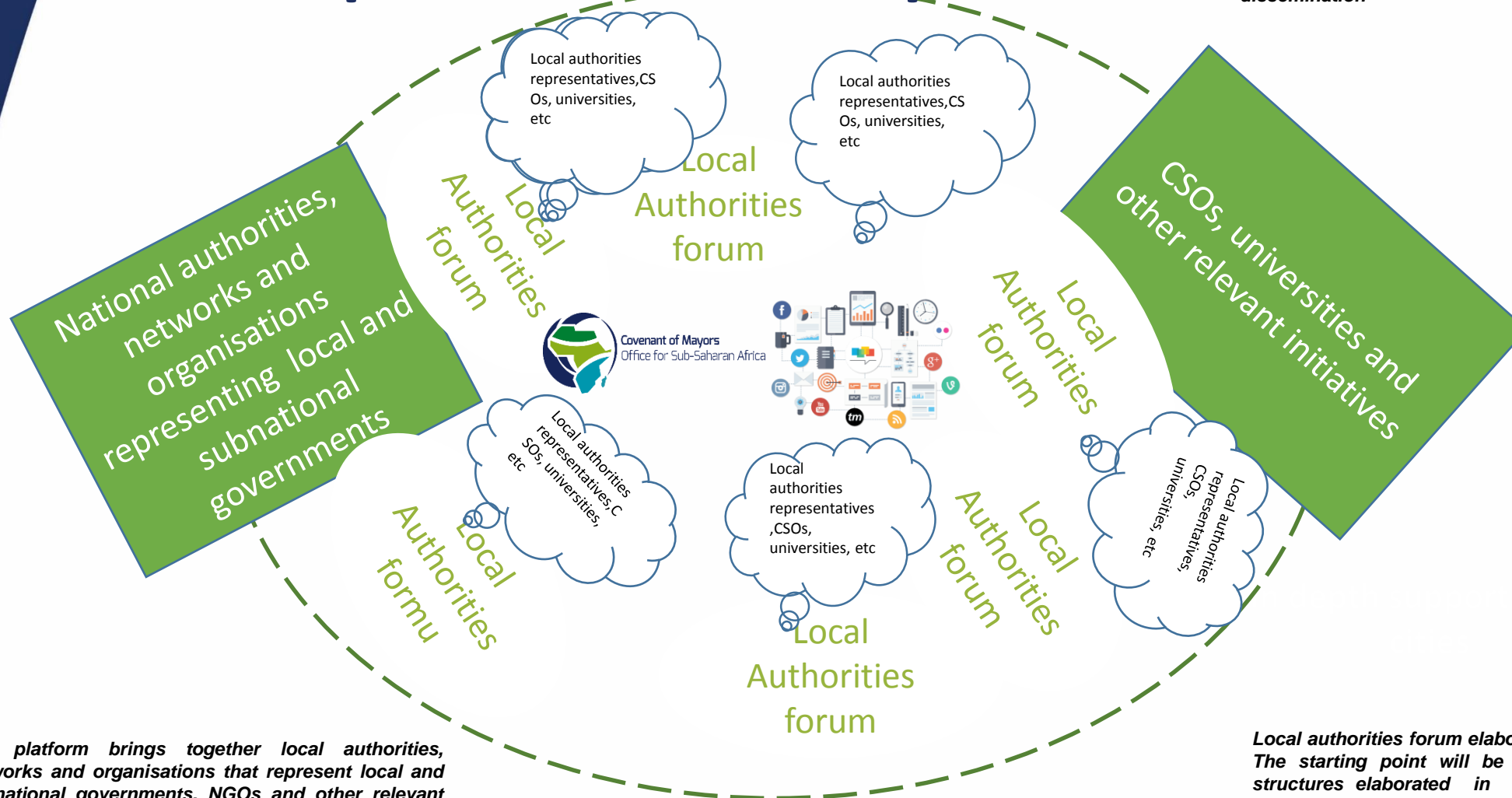
How can CoMSSA assist in Kampala's component 5?

Component 5: Cooperation between cities and districts at GKMA and Uganda levels

Example: CoMSSA can assist through the Local Authorities platform structure and principles; CoMSSA can assist in organizing visits, establishing twinning arrangements with other (European) cities, cooperation with different cities

Example linked to component 5

A website as a window for local authorities and other stakeholders for management of knowledge, outreach and dissemination



The platform brings together local authorities, networks and organisations that represent local and subnational governments, NGOs and other relevant actors sharing the same vision on climate and energy issues in Sub-Saharan Africa by exchanging information, good practices and working together towards common objectives.

Local authorities forum elaborated at the local level. The starting point will be the "working group" structures elaborated in the pilot city projects, expanded then at national level for finally becoming a movement at the Sub-Saharan African level.



Thank you!