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### The Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa leads Africities' sessions on climate and waste management

The ninth edition of the Africities Summit will, for the very first time, be held in an intermediary city under the theme: **"The role of intermediary cities in Africa in the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the African Union Agenda 2063."** This flagship event is organized by the United Cities and Local Governments of Africa (UCLG Africa) in partnership with the Government of Kenya, the Council of Governors of Kenya (CoG), and the County of Kisumu. Participants include ministers, representatives of local authorities, civil society, NGOs, the private sector, academics and international development agencies.

**On 19<sup>th</sup> May, [The Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) (CoM SSA) co-funded by the European Union, the German Cooperation as well as Spanish Cooperation and its implementing partner in Kisumu, Expertise France will host a series of sessions on **the cross-cutting issues of climate and waste management in African cities**. The event programme offers several conferences and technical sessions for **representatives of African cities to meet with key players in the waste management, climate, and renewable energy sectors to share their experiences and knowledge, and discover innovative solutions to curb these challenges in the continent**. Public sessions on **development of climate-energy plans** and on **access to climate finance** will also be available.**

The CoM SSA initiative is a partnership between city networks, development agencies and funding institutions to support cities in meeting the dual challenge of climate change and access to sustainable energy. This European Union action also moves to strengthen the Africa-EU partnership and supports Agenda 2063 of the African Union Commission. CoM SSA's 270+ mayors and partners will share their learnings and stories of success throughout the Africities Summit.

*"The diagnostic studies conducted in our supported cities have shown a direct link between climate, energy and waste. Waste management is one of the mandates traditionally devolved to local governments and a lever for action in mitigating and adapting to climate change, as well as for the production of sustainable energy. By choosing this theme and highlighting these links, we wish to facilitate the financing of waste projects through climate finance, and to accompany cities towards better waste management and the achievement of co-benefits"*

*in terms of climate, energy, environmental protection, and public health."* (Florent Gallois, Project Coordinator of the Support to the CoM SSA, Expertise France)

A first for the CoM SSA initiative, the newly elected mayors of the Regional Mayors Forum will meet for the first time in Kisumu. The RMF is a new forum that will represent the voices of all CoM SSA signatories, provide strategic inputs to CoM SSA decision-making and represent the initiative for stakeholders at international and regional forums.

All CoM SSA Sessions will be offered in the three CoM SSA official languages: English, French, and Portuguese.

CoM SSA programme available [here](#)

All media are invited to attend.

Registration to Africities [here](#)