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**Tuesday, 26 June 2018, (14:00-15:30)**

**Session 4 – Parallel Session**

**Climate Action: Policy Coherence on the climate agenda**

### **Background**

Climate change is affecting the entire globe, with drastic impact on people's lives and livelihoods – the poorest and most vulnerable people currently the most affected. Because climate change is a global challenge with no borders, the EU, its Member States and almost all countries in the world, are fully committed to the Paris international agreement. Yet national plans are not enough to achieve the 1,5 - 2 degree target and climate action requires that all stakeholders and all sectors contribute to this global objective. In this context, civil society organisations and local authorities have a crucial role to play. This session will address how EU policy can continue integrating the climate objectives in order to improve coherence, scale up positive results, reach more beneficiaries and amplify the impact of its actions.

### **Objectives of the session**

- How to enhance integration of climate change objectives into EU policy
- Share lessons learned and practices in mainstreaming climate action into all our international cooperation programmes and policy activities
- Reflect on how to best work together, to enhance action at all levels, in particular at local level, in order to reduce climate change negative effects, especially on the most vulnerable people.

### **Expected Results**

- Actions are proposed to enhance alignment of EU development policies with the Paris agreement
- Good practices are shared on positive climate actions at local level
- Complementarities and synergies are identified between local climate action and sustainable development

### **Moderator**

- Jean Letitia Saldanha, Senior Advisor, International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE)

### **Panellists**

- Hans Bergman, Head of Unit, Governance and Effort Sharing, Directorate General for Climate Action, European Commission
- Simone Lovera, Executive Director, Global Forest Coalition, Paraguay

- Paul Amichia, Responsible for climate change, Assembly of the Regions and Districts of Ivory Coast (ARDCI)
- Emele Duituturanga, Executive Director, Pacific Islands Association of NGOs (PIANGO), Fiji for the Small Islands Development States
- Ida Bakhturidze, Coordinator, Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF), Georgia

**Rapporteur:**

- Etienne Coyette, Team Leader, Sustainable Energy and Climate Change, Directorate General for International Cooperation and Development

**Background documents**

- [Climate Action: Paris Agreement](https://unfccc.int/sites/default/files/english_paris_agreement.pdf)  
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- [EU Climate Action](https://europa.eu/european-union/topics/climate-action_en)  
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