

Workshop:

Local actions versus global crises – how cities can act

Date: Tuesday, 6 Oct (Day 1)

Time slot: 15.00-16.30

Session duration: 90 min

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Description

The current crises require bold responses that address social, ecological and democratic challenges. Trade prioritising profit over human rights and the environment cannot be a part of the solution. Yet the **EU-MERCOSUR** agreement, an affront to Climate Alliance's goals, is currently on the verge of ratification. Explore what local authorities can do to fight negative social and environmental impacts and learn more about the resolution proposal to stop the Mercosur agreement that will be discussed during Climate Alliance's General Assembly.

Background of the Session

To stay in line with the Paris Agreement, it is vital we protect our carbon sinks, such as the Amazon rainforest. However, the EU's imports from that area could further increase after the ratification of the Mercosur trade agreement this autumn. For that reason, civil society is mobilizing and asking for another agreement to be reached, one that safeguards human rights and the environment. More information on the situation in Brazil [here](#) and on potential preconditions to the Mercosur agreement [here](#).

Objectives of this workshop

- Empower local authorities to be drivers of resilient societies
- Develop and promote a legal framework that supports ecological and fair societies
- Democratize our economies and rebuild them around international solidarity

WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

- **Marcelo Silva Martins**, Instituto Socioambiental, Brazil
- **Harol Rincón Ipuchima**, Coordinator for Climate Change and Biodiversity of COICA
- **Rainer Handfinger**, Mayor of Obergrafendorf, Austria
- **Dietmar Mirkes**, Climate Alliance Luxembourg / ASTM

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