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Plenary session, "From Rio to Rio" argues for actions to reverse global environmental degradation

The plenary session, "From Rio to Rio" opened on the second day of the ICLEI World Congress on Friday, 15 June at the Municipal Park of Belo Horizonte. The event, which included several youth leaders, mayors and international experts, highlighted the need for urgent and immediate action in order to combat the environmental crises the world is currently facing.



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ICLEI presents 8 agendas for rapid and radical action

ICLEI's 8 agendas of action for sustainable cities was presented in parallel sessions at the congress today. The agendas are: Biodiverse Cities, Resource-efficient Cities, Low-carbon Cities, Sustainable Cities, Resilient Cities, Green Urban Economy, Smart Urban Infrastructure, and Healthy and Happy Communities.

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Voices from the corridors: how can you involve the youth in decision making?



The youth has a very strong voice. For young people to be empowered, they have to be given as much as information as possible.

Herbert Bautista, Mayor of Quezon City, Philippines

Quote of the day

"Right now we are here not only to propose solutions, but also to share our dreams, on which world we want to live in and how we can make it real"

Simone Ariane Pflaum, Councilor of City of Freiburg, Germany

What's on?

The green economy, waste management and the legacy of large events will be tackled at the Congress on Saturday 16 June

ICLEI World Congresses always leave a legacy for its host cities. This Saturday, during various parts of the program, the heritage of the 2012 Congress for Belo Horizonte will be discussed. Several lectures, sessions and workshops on green economy, waste management and greening events will make up the agenda of the day.

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