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The time for green urban economy has come!

In today's plenary session, panelists debated on how cities could assume leadership in turning their urban economy green. Green, inclusive urban economies based on cradle-to-cradle material cycles will have positive impacts to cities. Sustainable procurement will drive the market green, create green jobs, and support future-oriented industries.



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UNEP and ICLEI release Global Environment Outlook 5 for local government

The report highlighting a raft of inspiring examples of transformative actions by cities and local governments, was launched in today's plenary session. According to the report, policies can be replicated and upscaled to help world realize green economy.

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Voices from the corridors: how can you contribute to a green FIFA world cup 2014?



You must first have a vision of what the city wants to be and have an integrated urban planning. It's not just building parks, stadiums or having more buses - these must all be linked to the city's sustainability goals and policies.

Liana Vallecilli, Architect and Foreign Affairs Advisor of the City of Curitiba, Brazil

Quote of the day

"We can't afford expensive solutions, but we CAN afford solutions. Soft investment matters"

Simon Upton, Director for Environment, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

What's on?

ICLEI World Congress closes this Sunday with a Message to Rio+20

How can cities contribute to global sustainable development? The answer is in the document that will be approved this Sunday, June 17, at the closing ceremony of the ICLEI World Congress. Participants will be met with an intense agenda which will feature the session, "Message from the ICLEI World Congress to Rio,". The movement "Clean Brazil" is also within the day's program.

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