Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments Pavilion at COP31

*Session "**The overlooked solution: culture and heritage in climate action**"*

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
12:00 - 13.00 (local time)

Interpretation available in Turkish, English, French and Spanish

Culture and climate action are deeply intertwined. Climate change affects memory, identity, livelihoods and knowledge systems; but, in turn, culture also shapes the way in which communities perceive risk, act collectively and build their resilience.

Culture and heritage are part of the solution, yet their contribution is often overlooked in climate policy. At every COP, more and more voices acknowledge their role as a key factor in climate action, and a growing number of initiatives are working to advance both the cultural and climate agendas. This session aims to gather them around the same table.

The session will discuss the 'Guidance for Negotiators', drafted by the LGMA Working Group on Culture, and will welcome intergenerational voices from different sectors, cities, civil society and networks to discuss joint efforts and future work.
The session is co-led by IFLA and the LGMA Working Group on Culture, with support of UCLG and its Culture Committee, which draws on more than two decades of work linking culture and sustainable development at the local level.

12:00-12:10 - CHAIR & INTRODUCTION

- **Claire McGuire**, Manager, Policy and Advocacy, IFLA

12:10-12:40 - PANEL DISCUSSION:
CULTURE AND CLIMATE ACTION: CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

- **Dr. Kate Strachan**, Director of Risk and Resilience at ICLEI Africa and representative of the LGMA Culture Working Group
- **Andrew Potts,** Director of Policy and Community, Heritage Adapts! Legacies
- **Prof. Dr. Pınar OKYAY**, Deputy Secretary General Izmir Municipality
- **Lydia Pilcher**, Filmmaker, Educator, Cultural Strategist (ECCA representative)
- **Gunjan Nanda**, Co-Founder of the Entertainment + Culture Pavilion

12:40-12:55 - Q&A

12:55-13:00 - FINAL CONCLUSIONS

- **Pablo Mariani,** UCLG Programme Manager on Ecological Transition