Familiar Actors in New Roles! Regional Coordination for Local Climate Action

Wednesday, November 8th, 10-11 a.m., Bonn Zone

„Talana means that you sit together, you share experiences, you respect each other … you build relationships, … and during all of this you gather information."

- Fijian chief negotiator, ambassador Nzhat Shameem Khan

TOGETHER,
- we have explored the possible role of intermediary regional/territorial actors in climate action,
- learned about different forms of regional leadership,
- arrived at an understanding of how to best support these actors.

THE SESSION was hosted by the Deutscher Landkreistag (German County Association), representing all 294 Landkreise. The inspiration stems from an adelphi project, supported by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment (BMUB), empowering counties to lead local authorities in climate action.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Deutscher Landkreistag; Dr. Marcus Andreas, adelphi
Thesis: Local climate action undertaken by local governments can profit from (collaborative) regional leadership, e.g. by districts, counties and provinces.

CONVERSATION with Anita Schneider, Head of District Authority, District of Gießen
Key insights into how to solve the “puzzle” of regional coordination, e.g. by creating an “energy board” but also through calling forth emotions and empathy.

WORKSHOP on “Similar roles, various interpretations”
The workshop-part invited examples from the audience, on the question(s): “What forms of regional leadership for local climate action do you value?, … would you like to see emerging in your context?” Answers included waste and transport systems, but also highlighted the role of trust in relationships.

KEY LISTENER: Scott A. Muller, Chair LEDS GP Working Group on Subnational Integration
Scott placed the session in a larger picture and highlighted urban-rural relationships (in times of rapid urbanisation especially in the Global South) as well as the benefits of shared data and information.

PRESENTER: Dr. Ulrich Maurer, Under2Coalition and Head of Department Europe and Int’l Cooperation, Ministry of the Environment, Climate Protection and the Energy Sector Baden-Württemberg
Ulrich Maurer took climate action to another level by explored the states’ potential to support (and scale up) subnational/ regional leadership.

DISCUSSION with the speakers standing at high tables
Vinaka! Please join us again*

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