



May 12
Room 12
14:00 - 16:00

Topic: Adaptation Policy & Governance

Multi-level government and climate change adaptation: reconciling bottom-up and top-down perspectives?

Programme

Session Chair: Duncan Russel (University of Exeter, UK)

Time	Programme
14:00 – 14:15	Name of speaker: Mr Christoph Oberlack Title of presentation: Alleviating barriers to urban climate change adaptation through international cooperation (abstract number 132)
14:15 – 14:20	Q&A
14:20 – 14:35	Name of speaker: Dr Roos Den Uyl Title of presentation: Understanding decision making capacity (or the lack of it) to address climate change in settings with unreconciled bottom-up and top-down perspectives (abstract number 198)
14:35 – 14:40	Q&A
14:40 – 14:55	Name of speaker: Prof Mikael Hilden Title of presentation: What happens locally and why - The relationship between central policy and local action in adaptation in Finland (abstract number 420)
14:55 – 15:00	Q&A
15:00 – 15:15	Name of speaker: Mr Marco Pütz Title of presentation: Dealing with problems of fit by rescaling: Multilevel governance of climate change adaptation in Switzerland (abstract number 497)
15:15 – 15:20	Q&A
15:20 – 15:35	Name of speaker: Camille Washington-Ottombre Title of presentation: Polycentric Governance and Irrigation Reform in Kenya (abstract number: 559)
15:35 – 15:40	Q&A
15:40 – 15:55	Name of speaker : Lawrence Title of presentation: The relationship between institutional frameworks and adaptation practice: a country study from New Zealand (Abstract number 153)
15:55 – 16:00	Q&A



Posters

Understanding complex networks, trade-offs and synergies within the science-policy domain for climate mitigation and adaptation	Berman Ms, Rachel, Edinburgh
Planning for climate impacts that's delivering results – Using multi level governance to deliver far reaching reform	Hamden Mr, Rohan, Campbelltown
Building Resilient Regions. Italian Adaptation to climate change, a multi-level governance prospective	Senior Expert Pelizzaro Mr, Piero, Milano
Implementation and Governance of Adaptation to Climate Change in Portugal	Paulino Mr, José, Lisbon
From Gradual Participation to Responsible Governance – a Policy Design for Adaptation Policies	Lucas Mr, Rainer, Wuppertal
Carbon management – solution for behavioural change to sustainability?	Brnkalakova Ms, Stanislava, Bratislava
Adaption to Climate Change in Sursee-Mittelland: A Regional Strategy - A Project contributing to the Swiss "Pilot Program Adaption to Climate Change"	Kohler Mr, Peter, Sursee

Session outline:

Climate change adaptation governance involves public, private and third sector actors working together across a number of governance scales. This situation is especially relevant to the EU where adaptation policy making spans from the European Commission right down to the local level in member states.

This session aims to explore the benefits and the drawbacks of initiating climate change adaptation initiatives in multi-level political systems. For instance, consistent adaptation planning from the higher decision making tiers can help establish a more coherent approach to adaptation planning in the lower tiers to help avoid conflict and potentially damaging policy spillovers between states and local regions (the so-called top down approach).

However, adaptation and the action needed is also specific to the local context and thus adaptive measures need room to develop from the bottom-up.

Thus there is a danger that that a higher-level strategy can stifle the type of adaptation measures required in a given local context. This problem is potentially exacerbated by the sheer number of private, public and third sector actors involved at different governance levels, each with their own goals and interests.

This session welcome papers that empirically and/or theoretically deal with these bottom-up and top-down tensions within a multi-level systems, including how these tensions manifest and strategies for reconciling top-down and bottom-up climate adaptation needs.

Papers can either focus on a single case study or can be comparative in nature.