

The science is clear: climate change is the crisis of our time and must be addressed by all sectors of society at unprecedented speed and scale. Despite this, transformative climate action that reduces emissions, boosts adaptive capacity, increases energy access, minimises energy poverty, and meets core human needs is challenged by the critical gaps between local ambition and the large-scale implementation required to meet the moment.

In response to these gaps, the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM), Cities Power Partnership (CPP) and partners invite you to join the Innovate4Cities Marketplace session at the [CPP Local Government Summit](#) on [8 September 2023](#) 2pm to 4pm at Storey Hall, RMIT University, Melbourne.

About the Innovate4Cities Marketplace

Building on priorities identified via key [city & climate change science agendas](#), Innovate4Cities Marketplaces are spaces to connect and match cities, local governments, funders and financiers, academia, and others to tackle the policy, research, and innovation gaps most critical to urban action.

This 2 hour, Australia focused Innovate4Cities Marketplace seeks to catalyse conversations and potential partnerships for Australian local governments to implement their city climate actions and solutions to accelerate a net-zero, climate-resilient and safe future.

Summary Program:

Chairs - GCoM Board Members Anna Reynolds Lord Mayor Hobart and Abigail Binay Mayor City of Makati (Philippines)

Speakers:

- Ben Jance IV Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM)
- Cathy Oke Melbourne Centre for Cities, University of Melbourne
- Peta Olesen Director, Net Zero Innovation, International Climate & Energy Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water
- 8 Speakers from 8 Australian cities - pitching their challenge or project (5 minutes each)
- **8 x 45 minute roundtable discussion on these city pitches.. For audience input and discussion.**

Why attend?

- **Connect and match with others** on unique project / solution / program offerings that can facilitate action plan implementation;
- **Learn from other cities and local governments** about sustainability-related challenges and opportunities they face - and share good practices to address them;
- Generate knowledge around policy, research, and innovation gaps at the nexus of city climate action that feeds into **longer-term engagement opportunities** through the GCoM and CPP alliances

All CPP Local Government Climate Summit attendees welcome to join this session

