

EVENT

HEAT ACTION DAY:

CITIES BEAT THE HEAT

**29 May 2024
13:00 - 14:15 CEST**

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2023 was the warmest year on record. Extreme heat affected many parts of the world, with temperatures reaching almost 50°C in cities on both sides of the Mediterranean, in China or in Brazil. Heatwaves are on the rise globally, getting both hotter and longer due to climate change.

In an urbanizing world, more and more people live in cities. They are particularly impacted by extreme heat because of the concrete built-up areas, high population density, limited green space, air pollution, high energy consumption (for air conditioning systems, for instance), among others. Heatwaves claim the lives of the most vulnerable, they put our health and energy systems under significant strain, amplify inequalities and affect our livelihoods.

Cities are on the frontlines to prevent, prepare and manage the impact of heatwaves, including through action plans. These plans must be comprehensive and look at concrete measures to beat the heat and protect their residents. Among those, the issue of heat risk perception is fundamental to ensure adherence of people to the measures taken at local level. In addition to that, cities must reflect upon an issue that receives less visibility but is nonetheless crucial: how to ensure that heat waves do not deepen socio-economic inequalities?

Join us for an insightful conversation about cities beating the heat and how the international community can help cities in this regard.

Speakers:

- **Aynur Kadihasanoglu**, Red Cross and Red Crescent Climate Centre
- **Bushra Afreen**, Chief Heat Officer, Dhaka North, Bangladesh
- **Joyce Kimutai**, Climate Scientist, World Weather Attribution, Grantham institute

Moderated by Anh Thu Duong, Co-Director, Global Cities Hub

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