

## Conference Topics

- Sustainable and Climate-Efficient Urban Structures in the Making
  - Energy Systems
  - Urban Resources, Material Flows and Urban Mining
  - Climate Adaptation and Resilience
  - Mobility and Transport
  - Cooperation and Governance
  - Urban Development / Urban Planning
  - Sustainable Financing
- ... in Future Megacities



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## Future Megacities in Balance

First announcement  
for the international conference  
New Alliances for Energy- and  
Climate-Efficient Solutions  
October 11-13, 2010 in Essen (Germany)



Igniting ideas!

## About the Conference

**Cities play an important role in the realisation and dissemination of promising climate protection measures.**

They advance climate change. But they also take the full brunt of its consequences. Technical and non-technical innovations in urban areas could pave the road to better climate protection and increase the quality of life of the citizens.

In BMBF's programme on "Future Megacities" (2005-2013) science is put into praxis. Ten bilateral research teams from eight developing and newly industrializing countries and from Germany form new alliances with city administrations, industry, the finance sector and civil society. Together they are developing strategies for sustainable urban development and for combating climate change.

**Meet the hidden urban champions: Join our international and transdisciplinary dialogue together with about 500 experts in the heart of Europe's Cultural Capital 2010, the City of Essen, where urban transformations are felt at every turn!**

**Let us learn from each other, explore good practices and develop transferable solutions to overcome the urban ingenuity gaps.**

## Guiding Questions:

- What role do megacities play on our way to a climate-neutral society?
- What is the importance of new alliances between sectors in pursuit of sustainable and climate-efficient urban structures?
- What are the specific strengths of the individual sectors?
- What can we all learn from each other?
- How do we create flexible and learning urban systems that can adapt quickly and resiliently to changes?
- What role can policy instruments play in achieving sustainable and climate-efficient urban development?

## Who should come?

**Promoters of sustainable cities from around the world**

- municipal decision makers and city managers
- developers of urban infrastructure from industry & commerce
- urban planners and architects
- urban researchers and experts on climate, traffic, water and energy topics
- experts in international cooperation
- international financiers funding infrastructural measures
- urban pioneers



### Conference Structure

**October 9-10: Young Researchers' Symposium (upon special invitation)**

**October 11-12: International Conference**

**October 13: Excursions/Field Trips**

**There is no open call for papers or sessions.**

**For more information see [www.future-megacities-2010.org](http://www.future-megacities-2010.org)**

## ... and why?

**To learn, for example, about how to**

- shorten commuting times and improve urban mobility
- make energy and money out of waste while preserving the climate
- make multiple use of scarce water resources
- combine traditional knowledge and smart-tech for climate-friendly housing
- reduce urban pollution or landslides
- improve your citizens health
- smartly incorporate urban agriculture into master plans
- forge new alliances between research, the public and the private sectors and civil society

**These and other examples will be discussed and presented in a variety of presentations, excursions and plenty of other networking-opportunities.**

