



*Building strategic
partnerships to enhance
urban resilience*

*Cooperation project
between Bonn and La Paz*

Bonn - La Paz

- ⇒ First contacts since 1996: First mainly collaboration in cultural events
- ⇒ Signing of official partnership agreement (2002)
- ⇒ Regular exchange in the fields of youth and cultural exchange, but also on mandatory municipal topics like disaster prevention, waste management, provision of water and energy
- ⇒ In 2007 the City of Bonn facilitated and supported the application for funds for the development of an early warning system in La Paz. A three year collaboration with Bonn based UN organisations funded by the German Foreign Office resulted from this
- ⇒ 2012 – 2014: Participation in the project “50 Municipal climate partnerships” by Engagement Global.

Climate Partnership

- ⇒ Started in 2012
- ⇒ Funded by Engagement Global / SKEW
- ⇒ Goal: Development of a joint climate action programm
- ⇒ Key areas:
 - ⇒ Integrated waste management
 - ⇒ Environmental education
 - ⇒ Exchange about cultural concepts for a better quality of life



Activities



Current focus of collaboration between Bonn and La Paz

- Additional inclusion of the topic of renewable energy into the climate partnership
- Development of a joint proposal based on the joint action programme
- Implementation of this 3 year project is just starting
- Funding from Engagement Global
- Around the municipal partnership collaboration with associations, schools and scientific institutions on these topics has developed





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OBJECTIVE

Developing an eco efficiency management framework in the Municipality of La Paz, to generate conditions for adaptation, mitigation and resilience to climate change through multi-stakeholder involvement



ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Capacity building

Decision makers and staff of GAMLP

Applied research

- research projects in the fields of energy and waste management with institutes in Bolivia and Germany

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Technology transfer

- Systems and models of energy efficiency and solid waste transformation in exchange with City of Bonn

Platform for climate action and commitment

- Universities, NGO's, private sector in Bonn and La Paz
- Education strategies and public campaigns

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Exchange of experiences and knowledge

- Within Bolivia with the cities of Cochabamba and Santa Cruz
- Metropolitan area

Policy pilots

- Solar panels in two public schools.
- 7.000 students participate in capacity building activities in eco-efficiency and climate change.
- Waste management in public schools

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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Energy efficiency

- Installation of solar panels in the Secretariat of Environment facilities
- Reduction of electricity consumption

Waste management

- Introduction of containers for separate collection of solid waste

- Visit of Mayor Sridharan in La Paz this July to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the signing of the partnership agreement
- Participation of the two Mayors in the summit of local leaders during COP 23 in Bonn
- Development of a theatre play around environmental issues with actors from Bonn and La Paz; performances are planned in Bonn (Nov 2017) and La Paz (spring 2018)
- Setting up of a research agenda with relevant topics for the project
- Building up of a scientific network with research institutes from La Paz (Universidad Catolica and Universidad San Andres) and Germany (ITT Cologne, HBRS Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, MPI Dresden); meeting of academics probably in early 2018

Lessons learnt and success factors

- Areas of cooperation have to take into account the various contexts (priority issues, legislative environment, available resources) and define individual action plans.
- In each partnership different focal topics come up
- Municipal partnerships allow for individual designs
- Frameworks allowing a reliable long-term collaboration are essential.
- Municipal partnerships can be very beneficial for access to wider city networks.
- Municipal cooperations can also strengthen the collaboration with other actors in the city.
- Municipal partnerships contribute to global partnerships and SDG 17.

An aerial photograph of a city, likely La Paz, Bolivia. In the foreground, a large, historic church with a prominent bell tower and red-tiled roof stands in a busy square. The square is filled with people and vehicles, including white vans and trucks. In the background, a steep hillside is densely packed with colorful buildings, creating a vibrant urban landscape under a blue sky with scattered clouds.

Thank You!

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