



## **A call for collaborative climate action in Kosovo**

Climate change is impacting Kosovo just as the rest of the world, with increased temperatures, heat waves, droughts, forest fires, heavy rainfalls and floods. All these are expected to further increase in frequency and magnitude, causing significant habitat, human and economic losses. Our institutions and citizens are not sufficiently prepared to deal with the related impacts; therefore, we need urgent mobilization of all actors in increasing efforts towards adapting to the foreseen changes and mitigating further greenhouse gas emissions!

Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Kosovo dealing with environmental and climate change issues have joined the Local Climate Action Forum (LoCAF), facilitated by UN-Habitat Kosovo, to establish an inclusive climate action platform that will continuously address climate change issues and contribute to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. We are committed to advocate and conduct impactful campaigns that will contribute to raising awareness on global warming and related impacts in the community, to encourage increased action by local and national decisionmakers, and to create local and regional alliances for implementing respective activities in creating more livable and resilient habitats for all.

We need visionary and proactive leaders in our local and central institutions, who see the benefits of tackling climate change issues and push forward the implementation of greener and more sustainable development agendas. We need increased transparency and inclusion of CSOs and citizen representatives, especially vulnerable communities and young people, when planning and undertaking decisions in tackling the impacts of climate change and working towards the decarbonization processes.

While Kosovo cannot directly benefit from international climate related funds, we need increased coalitions with public and private finance institutions to scale up financial mechanisms in supporting climate adaptation, building resilience and a just transition towards lowering emissions and pollution. Those processes are costly but have extensive long-term benefits to our communities and future generations! The international organizations in Kosovo can support local and central institutions in mobilizing finance, building relationships, and joining regional and global networks for knowledge exchange on the implementation of climate action measures.

Last, but not least, we need citizens to trust in science which is clearly telling us that climate change is happening at a faster pace than previously thought! Actions of all of us matter! We need to keep educating ourselves and adapting our behaviors in a way that sustains a better future for Kosovo! Climate change and its impacts cannot be tackled alone, we need all of us to be on board!



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