

Local Government Climate Roadmap

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We, Cities and Local Governments

- Represent half of the world's population
- Are where 80% of the energy is consumed
- Implement strong local climate actions
- Commit to ambitious reduction targets
- Mobilise citizens around the globe
- Offer national – local partnership to limit global warming

Bali
2007
UNFCCC COP 13

Poznan
2008
UNFCCC COP 14

Copenhagen
2009
UNFCCC COP 15

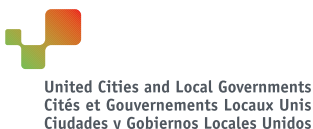
**Strong and Comprehensive
Post-2012
Global Climate
Agreement**

request National Governments to

- Support strong local climate practices
- Provide enabling regulations and conditions
 - Empower cities – provide capacities and resources
 - Recognise local action in national climate strategies
- Strengthen local action through easier access to funding

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PARALLEL PROCESS TO THE UN CLIMATE ROADMAP



ASSOCIATED PARTNERS & NETWORKS:



REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

CITIES, LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Acknowledging that by 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban centres where more than 75% of all energy is consumed today;

Understanding that all cities are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, especially fast-growing cities in developing countries;

Recognising that cities, local and regional authorities are critical when it comes to practical climate actions and that if genuinely empowered and resourced, they have the potential to lead emission reductions to ensure that ambitious targets for the reduction of global greenhouse gas emissions are met;

Drawing lessons from the success of the implementation of the Rio Agenda through Local Agenda 21 and the successful measures that are being implemented by cities around the world on sustainable energy economy through energy savings and the application of new and existing renewable and high efficiency technologies, to reduce dependence on fossil and nuclear fuels and aim for lowest-carbon options;

Recognising that cities, local and regional authorities play a critical role in designing and implementing energy and infrastructure guidelines, investment promotion, and consumer awareness campaigns, all of which have direct effects on energy consumption, and in particular on water, energy, biodiversity and communication, education, and public awareness;

Welcoming the commitment demonstrated by the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement by reaffirming the will of local authorities to accept the challenge and co-responsibility to take action to prevent the dangerous effects of climate change;

Noting that, while responsibilities for implementation of the Convention rest primarily with the Parties, there are multiple reasons for promoting the engagement of cities, local and regional authorities and fostering collaboration with the global local government associations as key partners to the UNFCCC;

Recalling that the Conference of the Parties on Biodiversity in its 9th meeting adopted the Decision on Cities and Biodiversity, thus recognising in that field the importance of local action globally;

the Parties:

- in accordance with and respecting national constitutions and legislation, recognise the role of cities, local and regional authorities in the development and implementation of National Climate Change Strategies and Action Plans, and shall therefore facilitate the adoption by cities, local and regional authorities of practices that support the implementation of these strategies and action plans, as well as support the consistency between local and regional climate change strategies and action plans with National Strategies and Action Plans;
- are committed to engage with the local and regional authority leadership and/or their local authority associations to provide enabling structures and effective framework conditions for climate cooperation with cities, local and regional authorities;
- shall empower cities, local and regional authorities so that they have the abilities, the capacities and the resources required to take necessary action at the local level and to support the Parties in their efforts to meet the agreed targets as appropriate and to implement local climate mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- shall include local and regional authority delegates in the national delegation to the Conference of the Parties and relevant decision making processes hereafter;

the Conference of the Parties:

- recommends to include the development and implementation of local policies in the agenda of the UNFCCC;
- requests the UNFCCC Secretariat to strengthen cooperation with cities, local and regional authorities.