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Local Government Climate Roadmap for the process leading up to a post-2012 global climate agreement

Leading Local Government associations worldwide embark on a two-year strategy “From Bali (COP 13) to Poznan (COP 14) to Copenhagen (COP 15)”.

Summary

United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), Metropolis, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, the C40 Climate Leadership Group, and the World Mayors Council on Climate Change (WMCCC), in conjunction with their regional and national associations, networks and partners, have embarked on a local government process that shall seek empowerment and inclusion of cities and local governments in a UN post-2012 framework on climate change, thus influencing the Bali-Poznan-Copenhagen Roadmap.

The local government associations and networks leading the strategy are committed to involving their member and – where applicable – their regional sections in the process.

Mobilising Leadership in Local Climate Action

By 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban areas, where today more than 50% of the world’s population lives and up to 80% of all energy is consumed. Cities, especially fast growing cities in developing countries, are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

Mayors and local governments, as the governance level closest to citizens, are critical when it comes to practical climate actions. If genuinely empowered and resourced, local governments have a large potential to achieve substantial emission reductions in their local areas and, therefore, they are essential to ensure that global and ambitious targets of greenhouse gas emission reductions are being met.

“The evidence of escalating climate change is indisputable and the world’s cities which account for 80% of humanity’s production of greenhouse gases, recognize that inaction is not an option. The Mayors of the world’s cities are the great pragmatists on the world’s stage. Results, not ideology, are what matter to us.”

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg of New York City, USA addressing the United Nations Climate Change Conference, Bali, 14 December 2007

Cities & Local Governments are strong partners in a post-2012 Framework

The United Nations Climate Change Conference 2007 in Bali, Indonesia determined a roadmap for nations towards a post-Kyoto framework on climate change for the period after 2012 which is to be worked out at COP-14 in Poznan, Poland in 2008 and should generally be agreed at COP-15 in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009.

Provided with legal, institutional and public competencies, cities and local governments of the world should be part of this international process. Local representatives must be empowered to speak for themselves as full members of their national delegations. They must be given access to the negotiation processes of the post 2012 framework to ensure that local governments are given the mandate, authority and resources to continue and to strengthen their local climate work through supportive and enabling national and international regimes.

**Seven Components of a two-year strategy
“From Bali (COP 13) to Poznan (COP 14) to Copenhagen (COP 15)”.**

The envisaged advocacy process of these leading Local Government associations includes the following components:

- **Component 1: Mobilising Local Governments world-wide**, especially in developing and emerging countries, to build consensus and capacity, to understand the process and to join efforts towards a strong and global post-2012 climate agreement.
- **Component 2: Promoting the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement or similar, complementary regional instruments** to help mobilise a global campaign of highly committed Local Governments which give credibility and visibility to local governments on their priorities.
- **Component 3:** developing a common, participatory **position(s) by Local Governments** on their contribution(s) and future role in a post-2012 climate agreement. This will include two symposia to gather recommendations from experts as well as to facilitate a global consensus and capacity building process.
- **Component 4:** Establishing and preparing a **Local Government Delegation** comprised of local leaders from all parts of the world and linked to the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, which will lead the interaction with the international negotiation process (at COP-14 and COP-15) and the parallel national dialogues. This activity aims at getting the support from many nations for a strong post-2012 climate agreement; advocating and representing the Local Government priorities at the COPs to an international audience, and over the entire period vis-à-vis national partners.
- **Component 5:** Local Government Session at COP-14 in **Poznan**, December 2008.
- **Component 6:** Local Government Session at COP-15 in **Copenhagen**, December 2009.
- **Component 7:** Continuous interaction with the international **policy process**, in particular with UNFCCC preparatory events, and Roadmap **process coordination**.

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