ICLEI TIMELINE 1990-2012
22 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION TOWARD GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY

SEPTEMBER 1990
ICLEI foundation at World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future at UN Headquarters in New York. Founder Jeb Brugmann appointed as Secretary General.

JUNE 1992
UN Conference on Environment and Development (Earth Summit) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; launch of Local Agenda 21 (LA21) Initiative proposed by ICLEI.

APRIL 1995
ICLEI and the UN CSD convene the first “Local Authorities’ Day” at the CSD. Office of the Africa Regional Coord. opens in Harare, Zimbabwe.

OCTOBER 1995
ICLEI Word Congress held in Saitama, Japan; Chair Dr. Peter Heller elected for second term.

DECEMBER 1997
Councillor Collin Matjila (Johannesburg, South Africa), part of an ICLEI delegation, addresses UN Special Session.

JANUARY 1999
Launch of CCP Campaign in Mexico and the Philippines.

AUGUST 1999
Australia/New Zealand Office opens.

2001
Launch of CCP Campaign in South Africa, India & Indonesia. Executive Committee appoints Sean Southey as second Secretary General.

OCTOBER 2001
Africa Secretariat opens in Johannesburg, South Africa.

APRIL 2002
Executive Committee appoints Konrad Otto-Zimmermann as third Secretary General.

AUGUST 2002
World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa. ICLEI organizes Local Government Session – the Johannesburg Call, the Local Government Declaration. Local Action 21 launched.

SEPTEMBER 1991
Opening of World Secretariat in Toronto, Canada, and European Secretariat in Freiburg, Germany.

JANUARY 1993
First Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change and launch of Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign at UN headquarters in New York.

JUNE 1993
Council Meeting in Toronto; election of second Chair, Dr. Peter Heller (Freiburg, Germany); ICLEI establishes Japan Office in Tokyo.

JANUARY 1996
ICLEI’s Cities for Climate Protection Campaign coordination moves to Berkeley, California.

JUNE 1996
Habitat II held in Istanbul, Turkey; ICLEI secures endorsements for LA21- local government part of the formal record of a General Assembly meeting. Office of the Latin America Regional Coordinator in Santiago, Chile opens.

MARCH 1998
Election of third Chair, Prof. Nicky Padayachee (Johannesburg, South Africa).

JUNE 2000
ICLEI World Congress held in Dessau, Germany; launch of Water Campaign. Members endorse Earth Charter. MoU with UNEP and UN-HABITAT signed. Election of fourth Chair, Kaarin Taipale (Helsinki, Finland).

OCTOBER 2000
Latin America and Caribbean Secretariat opens in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

MAY/JUNE 2002
Korea Office opens in Seoul, hosted by KLAFLR; expansion of CCP Latin America to Argentina, Brazil, and Chile. CCP launched in Thailand.
**NOVEMBER 2003**
Southeast Asia Secretariat opens in Manila, Philippines.
ICLEI World Congress in Athens, Greece—focus on implementation of Local Action 21.
ICLEI broadens mandate to address sustainability issues and name changes to ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability.
Election of Executive Mayor Amos Masondo, Johannesburg, South Africa as fifth President.

**2005**
ICLEI South Asia Secretariat established in Noida/Delhi, India.

**SEPTEMBER 2005**
ICLEI celebrates 15th anniversary and launches new website.

**NOVEMBER 2005**
4th Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change in Montreal.
World Mayors Council on Climate Change launched.

**MAY 2007**
Launch of CCP Campaign in Mexico and the Philippines.

**AUGUST 2007**
Advisory Council meets at UNEP Office, New York.

**NOVEMBER 2007**
New ICLEI Country Office opens in Mexico city.
UNEP, UN-HABITAT sign tripartite partnership agreement.

**DECEMBER 2007**
ICLEI hosts 1st Local Government Climate Sessions in Bali, Indonesia, part of COP-13; Local Government Climate Roadmap launched in Bali.
Global Alliance for EcoMobility launched.

**JANUARY 2009**
ICLEI Bonn Center opens in the City of Bonn, Germany.

**JUNE 2009**
ICLEI World Congress held in Edmonton, Canada.

**DECEMBER 2009**
Bonn Center for Local Climate Action and Reporting (carbon) launched by ICLEI and UNEP at COP-15.

**MAY 2011**
ICLEI’s Cities Biodiversity Center opened at the Africa Secretariat in Cape Town.

**OCTOBER 2011**
First EcoMobility World Congress in Changwon, Korea.
The Cities Climate Registry, cCCR starts online system for reporting of cities climate commitments, actions, and emissions of greenhouse gas.

**DECEMBER 2011**
Durban Adaptation Charter adopted at COP-17.
The Latin America region is reorganized; ICLEI South America Secretariat based in Sao Paulo and ICLEI Mexico, Central America and Caribbean Secretariat based in Mexico City.

**JUNE 2004**
International Conference for Renewable Energies in Bonn, Germany
SG signs MoU with the German Government to launch the Local Renewables Model Communities Network.
ICLEI e-News launched.
UNEP Executive Director, Klaus Töpfer becomes Honorary Chair of the ICLEI Advisory Council.
Launch of the “Local Evaluation 21” self-assessment tool.

**FEBRUARY 2006**
ICLEI World Congress in Cape Town, South Africa on local solutions to global challenges.
Local Action Biodiversity launched as a global program.
Councilor David Cadman (Vancouver, Canada) elected as 6th President.

**SEPTEMBER 2006**
African Cities Symposium on Climate Change in Nairobi, Kenya.
Korea Office moves to Jeju, Korea.

**DECEMBER 2006**
ICLEI welcomes its 500th Member, Delhi, India.

**APRIL 2008**
Annual Local Renewables International Conferences series launched in Freiburg, Germany.

**AUGUST 2008**
World Economic Forum appoints ICLEI Secretary General to new Global Agenda Council on Urban Management; ICLEI welcomes its 900th Member, Basel, Switzerland.

**NOVEMBER 2008**
ICLEI grows to 1000 with newest Member, Mumbai, India.

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**JUNE 2010**
Invited by the City of Bonn, the ICLEI World Secretariat relocates to Bonn, Germany after 18 years of generous hosting by the City of Toronto.

**JANUARY 2012**
Start of the EcoMobility Alliance.

**MARCH 2012**
ICLEI Sustainable Public Procurement Center started and run by the European Secretariat.

**JUNE 2012**
ICLEI World Congress in Belo Horizonte, Brazil
ICLEI Global Town Hall at UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio +20