

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

**Comprehensive
Post-2012
Global Climate
Agreement**

**Copenhagen
2009**
UNFCCC COP 15

**Poznan
2008**
UNFCCC COP 14

**Bali
2007**
UNFCCC COP 13

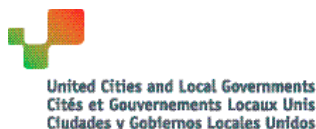
request National Governments to

- 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



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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 and local 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. Recalling the Decision on Cities and Biodiversity adopted by the Conference of the Parties on Biodiversity in its 9th meeting;

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 and local 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 and local authorities and fostering collaboration with the global local government associations as key partners to the UNFCCC.

The Parties:

- in accordance with and respecting national constitutions and legislation, recognise the role of cities and local authorities in the implementation of National Climate Change Strategies and Action Plans, and shall therefore facilitate the adoption by cities and local authorities of practices that support the implementation of these strategies and action plans, as well as support the consistency between local climate change strategies and action plans with National Strategies and Action Plans;
- are committed to engage with the local authority leadership and/or their local authority associations to provide enabling structures and effective framework conditions for climate cooperation with cities and local authorities;
- shall empower cities and local 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 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 and local authorities.