

The World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement



Cities & Local Governments Mobilising Leadership and Local Climate Action

By 2030, two thirds of humanity will live in urban centers, where today more than 50% of the world's population lives and more than 75% of all energy is consumed. All cities are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, especially fast growing cities in developing countries.

Mayors and local governments are critical when it comes to practical climate actions; if genuinely empowered and given adequate resources, they have the potential to lead the way in emissions reductions, ensuring the achievement of the targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

Addressing the Challenge, Embracing the Opportunities

Cities and local governments are striving, on a global level, to collaborate to effectively respond to the urgency and rapid pace of global warming. Local governments, subnational and national governments must- both individually and jointly- lead and act to achieve the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions required to avoid the catastrophic impacts of climate change.

The world mayors and local governments call upon all national governments to work through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to adopt commitments to not cross the threshold of a 2 degree Celsius increase of the Earth's surface temperature. They specifically call for a framework that will achieve a reduction of 60% of greenhouse gas emissions from 1990 levels by 2050 globally, with industrialized countries to commit to 80% of greenhouse gas reductions from 1990 levels.

Commitments to Leadership and Action

Mayors and local governments accept the challenge to lead and the responsibility to take action to combat the rapid and dangerous rate of warming of the planet. Building on the existing commitments of local government leaders and their associations, including the ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection™ Campaign, the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, the US Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement, C40 Climate Leadership Group and the United Cities and Local Government (UCLG) Jeju Declaration, mayors and local governments set forth the following commitments:

1. **REDUCE** greenhouse gas emissions immediately and significantly. Measure and report on annual reductions of greenhouse gas emissions and constantly work to increase reductions so that by 2050 greenhouse gas emissions will be reduced worldwide by 60% from 1990 levels and by 80% from 1990 levels in industrialized countries.
2. **IMPLEMENT** subnational, national and international frameworks that are complementary and enable local governments by providing resources, authority and sufficient mandate to carry forward these roles and responsibilities.
3. **BUILD** a 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.
4. **EXECUTE** climate change adaptation and preparedness measures through local government planning, development and operational mechanisms, prioritizing the most vulnerable cities.
5. **ADVOCATE** that every national delegation participating in the UNFCCC negotiations include local government designated representation to ensure that local climate priorities and actions are included in future negotiations.
6. **PERSISTENTLY CALL** for national governments to join the international community in undertaking binding carbon limits to rapidly and significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the short-term and by at least 60% worldwide below 1990 levels by 2050.

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SIGNATURE FORM
**WORLD MAYORS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
CLIMATE PROTECTION AGREEMENT**

[Name of Local Government / Local Government Association]

joins local governments across the World in committing to the protection of the climate by signing up to the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement.

Adopted by ***[Name of Local Government / Local Government Association]***

on ***[Date]***

Name of the Mayor or the President:
Signature and/or stamp

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