The ICLEI Agenda at

UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015

and

Climate Week NYC 2015

21-28 September, 2015 – New York, USA

as of 20 September 2015

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1. Background information

Every year in September, Heads of State and Governments of Member States to the United Nations convene at the General Assembly to share their views on global issues.

This year’s 70th Session of the United Nations General Assembly will be preceded by the UN Sustainable Development Summit on 26-27 September that will conclude with the adoption of the Outcome Document “Transforming Our World: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, as the result of 3 years of negotiations.

This UN decision will include a universal set of 17 goals for sustainable development, one of which is Goal 11: “Making cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable”. This new pathway towards sustainable development completes the outcomes of the Rio+20 conference held in 2012, is based on the experiences of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) between 2000-2015, and connects the outcomes of the global intergovernmental processes in 2015, such as the 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan in March 2015 and the 3rd Financing for Development Conference held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2015.

Since 2008, the Climate Week NYC is convened as an annual event that creates a high level platform to raise awareness on climate action in the US and globally. Climate Week NYC 2015 (21-28 September) will be of particular importance as it will coincide with the first anniversary of the UN Climate Summit 2014 which resulted in numerous initiatives, including the Compact of Mayors and the Compact of States and Regions.

A particular focus on this year’s activities will be the upcoming UN Paris Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP21/CMP11) on 30 November – 11 December 2015 where ICLEI will be involved in particularly with the organization of the Climate Summit for Local Leaders on 4 December at Paris City Hall as well as leading Cities and Regions Pavilion at Climate Generations Space and engagement in the official negotiations pursuant to its role as the focal point of Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency to the UNFCCC and facilitator of the Local Government Climate Roadmap.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, through its World Secretariat and USA Office, will be actively engaged in events around both the UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 Summit and Climate Week NYC 2015 to help raise the voice of committed and advanced local governments around the globe.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has been actively engaged in these processes, pursuant to its role as:

- the oldest Organizing Partner of the Local Authorities Major Group at the UN fora on sustainability since 1992, and a UN ECOSOC accredited organization with a special consultative status since 2000,

- focal point of UNFCCC Local Governments and Municipal Authorities Constituency (LGMA) since 1995, co-lead of the Global Sustainable Public Procurement Programme under 10YFP SCP since 2014, facilitator of the Local Government Climate and Biodiversity Roadmaps since 2007,

- an active member of the Management Committee of the Compact of Mayors and endorsing partner of the Compact of States and Regions, as well as lead member of the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments in Post2015 Development Agenda towards HABITAT III, the Urban SDG Campaign, the Communitas Coalition and as partner of the World Urban Campaign.

Links
UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 Official webpage
ICLEI at the UN SD Summit 2015 webpage
Global Task Force Webpage / UrbanSDG Campaign Webpage / Communitas Coalition Webpage / World Urban Campaign Webpage

Calendar of Events
UN NGLS - Stakeholder Forum/CIVICUS - ClimateWeekNYC2015
Social media: #Action2015, #GetInspired, #CJA2015, #Urbansdg, #Localising, #CWNYC

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2. Calendar of events that ICLEI is actively engaged

subject to revisions and updates

1. **21 September, Monday**: C40 10th Anniversary Dinner

2. **22 September, Tuesday**: Launch of the UNFCCC Climate Neutral Now Initiative

3. **23 September, Wednesday**: WRI Ross Center Multistakeholder Advisory Group meeting where ICLEI is a member, Mayors of Belo Horizonte, Copenhagen and ICLEI SG are invited)

4. **24 September, Thursday:**
   a. 09:00-10:00: Meeting with UN Secretary General’s Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change - Celebrating 1 Year of Compact of Mayors towards and beyond Paris, closed meeting where outcomes to be circulated to press and social media (Bloomberg Philanthropies

   b. 15:00 – 17:00, Youth and Mayors Forum, organized by UN Children and Youth Major Group and ICLEI, the New School, Starr Foundation Hall – Agenda - [RSVP](#)

   c. 18:00 – 18:30, U2MOU Announcement of California Governor Jerry Brown, the New School, Tishman Auditorium - [RSVP](#)

5. **25 September, Friday:**
   a. 11.00 – 13.00 UN Sustainable Development Summit 2015 Opening Plenary (ICLEI Secretary General Gino Van Begin is invited)

   b. 10.00 – 13.00 Safer Cities, hosted by UN-Habitat, The New School and New America (Parks Tau, Mayor of Johannesburg, South Africa and Khalifa Sal, Mayor of Dakar, Senegal are among panelists.)

   c. 16.00 – 18.00 From MDGs to SDGs Lessons and Reflections from Brazil (Marcio Lacerda, Mayor of Belo Horizonte and President of Brazilian National Front of Mayors is one of the speakers)
6. **26 September, Saturday:**
   a. 10.00 -13.00 Call for Joint Action - Ministerial and Stakeholders Event led by UNEP. ICLEI acts as a partner. (ICLEI interventions from Mayor Troy Pickard of Joondalup, Australia, Member of ICLEI Global Executive Committee and ICLEI Secretary General Gino Van Begin), UN Room:4 – Agenda - RSVP
   b. 10.00 – 13.00 – Interactive Dialogue-3 Fostering sustainable economic growth, transformation and promoting sustainable consumption and production (Patricia Iglesias, Secretary of Environment of State of Sao Paulo, Brazil one of speakers)
   c. 10.00 -14.00 Lima-Paris Action Agenda: Meeting with the French Government and Incoming COP21 Presidency regarding preparations towards COP21 in Paris and beyond. (Venue: tbc)
   d. 17.30 – 19.00 Reception on Linking the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Agendas, hosted by Galvanizing the Groundswell of Climate Action, Grand Hyatt
   e. Evening Global Citizen Festival, Central Park

7. **27 September, Sunday:**
   a. 08.00 – 09.30 Mobilizing Climate Finance for Sustainable Cities, UN CR:11, hosted by AFD, Gustavo Petro, Mayor of Bogota, Colombia and Member of ICLEI Global Executive Committee is invited as a speaker and ICLEI is invited with a limited number of Mayoral delegation
   b. 11.00 – 12.00 High-Level Event on Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 on Energy, SE4ALL, UN Room:11, Gregor Robertson, Mayor, Vancouver, Canada is invited as a speaker and ICLEI is invited with a limited number of Mayoral delegation - RSVP
   c. 08.15 - 14.15 Global Task Force Meetings including a joint session with Cities Alliance, Grand Hyatt Hotel
   d. 14.30 – 15.30 Global Task Force Meeting, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN
   e. 15.30 – 17.30 UNACLA meeting, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the UN

8. **28 September, Monday:**
   a. 09.00 -13:00 Signature event of the Climate Week NYC 2015 led by the Climate Group
   b. 08.30 -13.00 Sustainable Urban Development in the 21st Century A Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Making the Transformation Happen, by Communitas Coalition – UrbanSDG Campaign-GTF-German Government-Cities Alliance-UNSDSN and ICLEI as supporting organization, Ford Foundation HQ

3. Leaders of ICLEI in New York

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Members of ICLEI Global Executive Committee and ICLEI Council

1. Miguel Angel Mancera, Mayor, Mexico City, Mexico; Vice President, ICLEI (tbc)
2. Gustavo Petro, Mayor, Bogota, Colombia; Member ICLEI Global Executive Committee (tbc)
3. Troy Pickard, Mayor, Joondalup, Australia; Member ICLEI Global Executive Committee *
4. Parks Tau, Executive Mayor, Johannesburg, South Africa; Member, ICLEI Council and ICLEI Africa Regional Executive Committee; Member, C40 Steering Committee
5. Pam O’Connor, Vice Mayor, Santa Monica, USA; Member, ICLEI Council and North America Regional Executive Committee
6. Alex Zhang, Executive Director, Eco-Forum Global; Member of ICLEI Global Executive Committee portfolio seat for ICLEI China Strategy Envoy

Mayors of ICLEI Members pre-Registered for the UN SD Summit 2015

7. Marcio Lacerda, Mayor, Belo Horizonte, Brazil; President, Brazilian National Front of Mayors *
8. Kgosiento Ramokgoba, Mayor, Tshwane/Pretoria, South Africa *
9. Morten Kabell, Mayor for Technical and Environmental Affairs, Copenhagen, Denmark *

Other Mayors of ICLEI Members expected to be present in New York (listed in the alphabetical order of the name of the city)

10. Dakar, Senegal, Khalifa Sall, Mayor
11. Lisbon, Portugal, Manuel Salgado, Deputy Mayor
12. Minneapolis, US, Betsy Hodges, Mayor
13. Nantes, France, Ronan Dantec, Councillor, UCLG Climate Spokesperson
14. New Orleans, US, Mitch Landrieu, Mayor
15. New York, US, Bill De Blasio, Mayor
16. Oslo, Norway, Fabian Stang, Mayor
17. Porto Allegre, Brazil, Fernando Mello, Chief of Staff
18. Rhone-Alpes Region, France, Bernard Soulage, Vice-President
19. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Eduardo Paes, Mayor; Chair of C40
20. Sao Paulo, Brazil, Eduardo Suplicy, Mayor’s Special Representative
21. Vancouver, Canada, Gregor Robertson, Mayor

4. Staff, advisors and partners of ICLEI in New York

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1. Gino Van Begin, Secretary General, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability *
2. Michael Schmitz, Executive Director, ICLEI USA
3. Yunus Arikan, Head of Global Policy and Advocacy, ICLEI World Secretariat *
4. Angie Fyfe, Director Resource Efficiency and Renewable Energy, ICLEI USA
5. Stephanie Silva, Deputy Director of International Relations, Belo Horizonte, Brazil *
6. Loyiso Ntshikila, Chief of Staff, Johannesburg, S. Africa
7. Phindile Chauke, Mayoral Spokesperson, Johannesburg, S. Africa
8. Mhlago Flora Mokgohloa, Advisor on Sustainability, Johannesburg, South Africa
9. Dorah Nteo, Chief Sustainability Specialist, Tshwane/Pretoria, S. Africa
10. Tony Bech, Assistant, Mayor’s Office, Copenhagen, Denmark
11. Rodrigo Rosa, Advisor to the Mayor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
13. Alex Csicsek, Research Support Officer, London Assembly Labour Group
14. Maruxa Cardama, Executive Director, Communitas Coalition *
15. Felix Dodds, Senior Advisor, Communitas Coalition *