

Local Government Climate Roadmap

Comprehensive
Post-2012
Global Climate
Agreement

Copenhagen 2009
UNFCCC COP 15

Poznan 2008
UNFCCC COP 14

Bali 2007
UNFCCC COP 13



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A POST-2012 GLOBAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT
REQUIRES NATIONAL-LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION

AFRICAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ROADMAP PRE-COPENHAGEN SUMMIT

mobilising Local Governments towards a strong post 2012 Climate Agreement

Southern Sun Hotel, Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa

29 – 31 July 2009

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 the potential to achieve substantial emission reductions in their local areas, and they are key to ensuring that global and ambitious targets of greenhouse gas emission reductions are met.

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 will be negotiated at the **UN FCCC COP-15 in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2009**.

On a global level, United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, supported by Metropolis, 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 this post-2012 UN Framework on Climate Change and thereby directly influencing the Bali-Poznan-Copenhagen Roadmap process and outcomes.

Aim of the African Local Government Climate Roadmap Summit

By providing a dedicated and accessible platform for African Local Governments to unpack the Climate debate, the practical implications, priorities and needs for action at the local level, there will be more meaningful horizontal and vertical mobilisation towards concrete action and a consolidated voice from, and ownership of, African local governments regarding the new globally negotiated Climate Framework.

The aim of this African Summit, driven by ICLEI Africa in partnership with South African Cities Network (SACN), United Cities and Local Governments for Africa (UCLGA) and working closely with various other partners and key role players, is to mobilise African Local Governments, to build consensus and capacity, to understand the process and to join efforts towards a strong and global post-2012 climate agreement - that also addresses the needs and implementation requirements at the local level. This is done globally by developing common, participatory positions by Local Governments across the world on their contributions and future role in a post-2012 climate agreement. In Africa, our Cities and Local Governments need to be part of this global process, by ensuring that these global positions also reflect the needs and realities from an African perspective. Senior political and technical representatives for Local Governments and National Associations of Local Governments are therefore encouraged to actively take part in this event.

Summit themes include the following:

- Climate Change mitigation and adaptation: understanding and translating these terms in an African Local Government context.
- The role and position of African Local Governments in the post-2012 Climate Framework negotiations and outputs – engaging with the African Union structures including AMCEN, National Governments, the scientific community, Local Government networks, NGOs and development partners.
- Local priorities, opportunities and obstacles for climate action on the ground.
- Preparing a formal Local Government position among participants, in the form of a Declaration, to feed into the Local Government Climate Roadmap process (www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap), African (AMCEN) and Global processes towards the post-2012 Climate Framework.
- Preparation for a strengthened African Local Government delegation to, and active participation in, the UN FCCC COP-15 in Copenhagen and associated events, also as part of African national delegations.
- The post-Copenhagen African Local Government follow-up process: to maintain momentum, realise outcomes and ensure effective implementation across Africa at local level, while ensuring optimal access to climate financing mechanisms.

A registration form is attached. Please register as soon as possible as there is a limited number of reservations available. We also welcome any proposals for contributions at this Summit.

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Practical Information

VENUE: Southern Sun Hotel, cnr Beatrix and Church Streets, Arcadia, Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa
 LANGUAGES: English is confirmed as main language of the Summit (depending on registrations in coming weeks, French may be introduced as an additional official language)
 DATES: 29-31 July 2009
 TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION: Own arrangements and at own cost
 Final draft programme to be circulated shortly.

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