

Local Government Climate Roadmap

Comprehensive
Post-2012
Global Climate
Agreement

Copenhagen 2009
UNFCCC COP 15

Poznan 2008
UNFCCC COP 14

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UNFCCC COP 13

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

Advocacy for a strong climate agreement needs you!

Options for local governments prior to and during COP 15 to support global advocacy activities

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There are various ways for local governments to engage, bring ideas and enthusiasm, and build on two years' of work in the Local Government Climate Roadmap process.

Local leaders from around the world are asking how best they can support and engage in advocacy activities from now until December 2009, when the United Nations Climate Change Conference (15th Conference of the Parties - COP 15) takes place in Copenhagen.

Below follows an overview of options, based on dedicated and committed local action and advocacy conducted today at the national level.

Due to the importance of the COP 15, specific local government advocacy efforts are being organised in and around the Local Government Climate LOUNGE at COP 15. This replaces the usual Local Government Climate Sessions at COPs. Please, find below the Local Government Activities as planned prior to and during COP 15 – from 3 to 18 December 2009.

The Local Government Climate LOUNGE – the base for operation during COP 15

The base for local governments' activities at COP 15 is the Local Government Climate LOUNGE. This is a meeting space in the COP 15 venue, the Bella Center, ideally placed in the centre of the national delegations' offices. This means local governments will be positioned next to the negotiating COP parties.

- LOUNGE dates: 7 to 18 December 2009
- ICLEI has secured this prominent space for local governments, and will act as host of the LOUNGE meetings, sessions and activities.
- The purpose is to enable as much interaction between representatives of local governments and national governments as possible.
- All interested committed local governments, their partners, associations and networks that wish to engage in the LOUNGE are invited to financially contribute and can order LOUNGE time slots, and/or receive visibility opportunities.

The range of options on how local government representatives can get active are provided overleaf:

1. Information: make your local case, pool successes, facts and figures:

- Consult the latest updates on the COP 15 negotiation text, the current references to subnational and local governments as achieved until today, as well as the further activities of the Local Government Climate Roadmap on the website: www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap
- Contribute to a strong argument - namely the importance of the local government role and the local potential to act on climate issues - and help to pool material that shows your community's commitment, experiences and achievements. This will be documented in a Local Government Climate Roadmap format (please see detailed option descriptions below), for example:
 - E-Posters (see par. 4.1)
 - Brief case descriptions/ Local stories (see par. 4.2)
 - The City Climate Catalogue (see par. 4.3, www.climate-catalogue.org)

2. Attend the COP 15:

- Demonstrate your commitment as a local leader by being present at COP 15 and attend COP 15 events.
- Access to the COP 15 is restricted. You can request to be nominated to access COP 15 through ICLEI, which has observer status to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Write to climate-lounge@iclei.org to get the "request to be nominated" form.
- We recommend local leaders to be part of their national delegation during COP 15 and so gain specific benefits (these benefits can include accommodation – one of the main challenges in December!).
- Ensure your hotel accommodation early. Book on the official website: www.cop15.nhg.dk

3. Make use of the Local Government Climate LOUNGE:

- From 7 to 18 December 2009, the LOUNGE will include briefings, meetings, interaction with national delegations, topical events and media outreach.
- Each day will have a standard programme format, starting with a morning briefing for all interested local government delegates. Three time slots per day for "Topical meetings" are available which will be designed together with the respective partner that co-funds it (slot options still available). The remainder of the time is reserved for meetings and interactions of Local Government leaders with National Negotiators.
- The programme is under development. Local governments and associations can act as LOUNGE partners and propose programme elements. A financial contribution is required for services. Contact the team for more details (see below).
- All local government representatives present at COP 15 will receive a briefing package with background information, local positions, media material, etc. – valuable information providing the context and main messages from the Local Government Climate Roadmap.
- Local leaders can also share the local government media and web services organised as part of the Local Government Climate LOUNGE.

4. Documents and materials:

4.1 E-Posters:

- All local governments (LGs), also those unable to send a representative to Copenhagen, can give valuable input by demonstrating activities through E-Posters. By doing so, they do not only promote their local case, but provide valuable support for the Local Government Climate Roadmap.
- There is space for a limited number of city cases to be illustrated in this manner.
 - E-Posters: Through an electronic display, posters of local cases (standard format) will be shown in the LOUNGE, inside the COP 15 area. Cost: 600 Euro (exl. VAT) per case (includes design costs). You just need to provide the text and images (additional details on request). Deadline for contributions: 15 November 2009

4.2 Brief case descriptions/ local stories:

- A package of outstanding and innovative local action cases, with a focus on the UN negotiation and community relevant topics (incl. mitigation, adaptation, technology transfer, financing, Clean Development Mechanism, carbon trading, Local Renewables), will be compiled and made available to the press and national delegations in the LOUNGE.
 - Your community case can be considered. Please submit the title and brief description. If selected by the organisers, the case will be produced electronically using the standard format, and a fee of 600 Euro (exl. VAT) is required to cover printing and managing costs. You will need to provide the content according to the template provided (additional details on request). Deadline for contributions: 31 October 2009

4.3 The City Climate Catalogue:

- The City Climate Catalogue tracks local reduction targets and other climate commitments of cities world-wide. A great opportunity to list your city as well, sponsored by the City of Copenhagen – just register on www.climate-catalogue.org
- Add information on climate change mitigation targets, main activities and results – profile your community!
- The City of Copenhagen and ICLEI will use this to put a substantial argument on the table for the UN climate negotiators and national governments, showing what local governments are doing and calling for recognition and support.
- The results will be a key document used during the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors (15-17 December) and to inform the press during the COP 15.

5. Once in Copenhagen, what can you do:

If you arrive between 3 and 6 December, you can:

- Visit The Copenhagen Climate Exchange 2009 – www-cphco2009.dk – which offers an exhibition and programme of events. Here you will also find the Local Climate Action exhibition section, with an opportunity to link to this coordinated presentation of local climate action.

If you arrive between 7 and 18 December, you can:

- Join the open events at the LOUNGE (between 7-18 December).
- Act as a LG Ambassador – support the strong voice of LGs during COP 15 (in corridors, in specific side events, in plenary rooms).
- Speak and interact with members of your country's national delegation, and those of other countries.
- Visit side events. Should you inform us that you are interested to act as a speaker, we could facilitate an invitation to selected side events to represent LGs.
- Report back – let your colleagues, other communities, the local / national media and national government representatives know what is happening. First-hand information on the progress of the climate negotiations is valuable!
- Meet many interesting experts, representatives from NGOs, institutions and other communities – motivate them, get inspiration and contact potential partners for future climate activities.
- Join a study tour in Copenhagen, Malmö, and Växjö (tbc)

6. The Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors:

- The Summit takes place from 14 to 17 December 2009, and is organised by the City of Copenhagen in cooperation with the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability - www.climatesummitformayors.dk. Participation is by invitation only and specifically for a limited number of mayors from large cities.

Your opportunity for advocacy input from home

Should you not be able to travel to Copenhagen in December, there are also many opportunities to contribute your ideas and comments and to advocate and act locally, nationally, regionally and globally.

- **Locally:** Local and regional governments should increase their own activities for local climate action, both in mitigation and adaptation. There are many good examples to follow on: energy savings, energy efficiency, using renewable energy, sustainable mobility, water and waste management, etc. In addition to addressing climate change and proving commitment to this, other benefits include improving citizens' quality of life, stimulating the local economy, creating jobs, gaining energy security, saving municipal costs and improved air quality.
- **Nationally:** Local and regional governments should come together, not only for exchange, but to engage with national governments. They can organise visits to national ministers, invite them to local government events, inform media, etc. This national interaction aims to:
 - a) improve enabling framework conditions, such as feed-in tariffs, regulations and laws to improve efficiency, national climate programs for cities and towns, as well as access to funding and investments,
 - b) start or improve local-national dialogues to stimulate local climate action programmes,
 - c) request national governments to support a strong, comprehensive and global post-2012 climate agreement, and effective implementation mechanisms.
- **Regionally:** Local and regional governments are encouraged to exchange and jointly lobby regional bodies, such as the European Commission (EC). In Europe, local governments are invited to feed in their ideas via the project LG Action (www.lg-action.eu), by completing the questionnaire and posting input for Positioning (this process continues after the COP 15 for EU-27 communities).
- **Globally:** Exchange and cooperate with your partner cities, join and work with global networks. Sign the World Mayors and Local Governments Climate Protection Agreement that calls for a global reduction target of 60% of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 based on 1990 levels (www.globalclimateagreement.org).

In conclusion

The above mentioned opportunities were developed based on many years of experience during the Conference of the Parties (COPs). However, with this multi-action approach we are also entering new terrain.

Please support the organisers and the local government networks / associations that are linked to the Roadmap process with your contributions. This is the best way to demonstrate local commitment, and to call for a strong and comprehensive post-2012 global climate agreement. It is the pinnacle of two years' work in the Local Government Climate Roadmap.

We call for your support and engagement to make this a success!

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