



Kyoto Conference on Climate Change

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Kyoto Climate Action Declaration

We, the **World Mayors Council on Climate Change**, are committed to leading policy action to protect the climate and to taking steps to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change.

Acknowledging, here in its birthplace, the 10th anniversary of the Kyoto Protocol, the first global collaboration to protect our climate, and applauding the city of Kyoto's own commitment to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 10 percent of 1990 levels;

Welcoming the recent IPCC report summary, which has overwhelmingly concluded that climate change is being caused by human activity;

Recognizing that world peace will be impacted by climate change;

Gathering now at the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change, where more than 100 local governments from around the world are meeting to share solutions for mitigating and adapting to climate change;

We commit to:

- Call on all nations to move urgently to negotiate targets for the second commitment period (post 2012) of a 30% reduction by 2020 and 80% by 2050.
- Urge our national governments to cut our reliance on fossil fuels by setting favorable frameworks for renewable energy, energy efficiency, conservation technologies and integrated multi-modal transportation systems.
- Collaborate with other local governments, mainly to:
 - make climate protection effective through partnerships,
 - develop adaptation strategies to protect public health and infrastructure from climate change impacts,
 - share experience and solutions,
 - politically and practically address the interrelations between climate change, biodiversity, water, soil and food production at the local level.
- Encourage other local governments to adopt targets and implement policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Integrate greenhouse gas reduction and local economic development strategies.
- Substantially reduce current levels of greenhouse gas emissions and adopt more aggressive reduction targets in the future, both in our local government operations and in our communities.
- Invite more municipal leaders to join the World Mayors Council on Climate Change.

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The World Mayors Council on Climate Change is an alliance of committed local government leaders whose concerns about the effects of global climate change have prompted them to foster international cooperation and call for climate mitigation and adaptation as well as sustainability policies.

They do so not simply on account of the impacts on their own cities and the need to provide for the future, but because they believe that the world's cities have a special obligation to help make global strategies work. World Mayors Council members combine their experience and knowledge in cooperating with each other and with other partners. They provide their expertise and influence to advance the global debate and the climate change strategy and related sustainability issues.

References:

- *Politically promote climate protection policies at the local level.*
- *Influence negotiations on future global climate protection regimes and help make the multilateral mechanisms for global climate protection effective.*