

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



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

What is the Local Government Climate Roadmap?

Introduction

In an unprecedented display of unity of purpose, leading local government associations worldwide, representing communities around the globe, have embarked on a two-year strategy - the Local Government Climate Roadmap – to work for a strong and comprehensive post-2012 climate regime and to draw attention to the crucial role and interest of local governments (LGs) in climate protection.

The roadmap was launched in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007 at the Local Government Climate Sessions held in parallel to the annual United Nations Climate Change Conference – in this case the 13th Conference of the Parties (COP13). It is designed to be an accompanying process to the international negotiations leading up to COP15 in Copenhagen, Denmark in December 2009, where the post-2012 climate agreement shall be negotiated and hopefully adopted.

Partners of the LG Climate Roadmap

This process was started by the global local governments associations and networks:

- ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI),
- United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG),
- the World Mayors Council on Climate Change (WMCCC)
- the C40 Climate Leadership Group (C40)
- Metropolis

Within the process, these organisations work in conjunction with their regional and national associations, networks and partners.

ICLEI acts as international Roadmap facilitator and is the Local Government and Municipal Authorities (LGMA) Constituency Focal Point of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

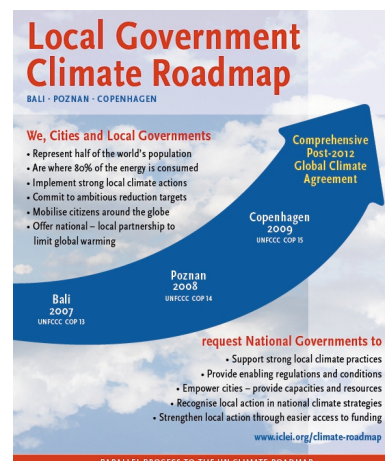
How does the LG Climate Roadmap process work?

Within the joint roadmap process, Local Government associations:

- cooperate and coordinate their activities,
- develop joint messages/positions to key issues,
- express these messages/positions vis-à-vis national governments and the UN, media and stakeholders, and
- advocate for these messages/positions through their members and partners on national and international scale.

Advocacy Process under LG Climate Roadmap

Initiated during the Local Government Climate Sessions celebrated in parallel to **COP 13 in Bali**, the first global strategic symposium on the roadmap was held in **Geneva** in October 2008, bringing together networks and thematic experts in order to identify priorities and share of tasks. In parallel to the **COP 14 in Poznań**, Poland in December 2008, the Local Government Climate Sessions were organised where the most relevant issues were discussed and the draft text for a COP Decision



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on “Cities, Local Authorities and Climate Change” was presented (www.iclei.org/poznan2008). The roadmap was also advocated during the **Bonn Climate Change Talks** in March 2009.

Key international organisations and national delegation representatives have been contacted since Bali, especially during COP 14 and the Bonn Climate Change Talks, among them representatives from Australia, EU Troika (Czech Republic, European Commission, Sweden), France, Spain, Mexico, Japan, Belgium, Indonesia, Germany, Poland, Sri Lanka, as well as the Chairs of the UNFCCC Working Groups.

Next steps include the development of thematic papers, advocating and negotiating with national governments with and on behalf of LGs around the globe. Pre-events to COP15 in 2009, such as the Bonn Climate Change Talks in June and the Bangkok Climate Change Talks in September, will be used to offer partnership to national government against climate change and to call for improved support and framework conditions from national governments and international actors in the post-Kyoto (post-2012) phase.

Some important LG Climate Roadmap events

Key events to further advance and advocate the LG Climate Roadmap include:

- The **Local Government Climate Change Leadership Summit** from June 2 to June 4, 2009, in Copenhagen, Denmark, which shall support the dialogue between national and local governments in order to move forward with the cooperation on main issues highlighted in the Roadmap.
For more information, visit www.kl.dk/localclimatesummit
- The COP 15 in December 2009 in Copenhagen will be the point of culmination of the LG Climate Roadmap, and Local Government will be present. The **Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors** is planned in parallel to COP 15 and will culminate in a strong local message highlighting the vital role communities are playing in climate protection, and how LGs can help national governments to achieve ambitious CO₂ reduction targets.
- Furthermore, a series of Local Government Events at the national level in EU-27 countries was started in order to disseminate local governments' common vision of a strong and comprehensive post-2012 global climate agreement. In emerging economies, these events will be organised in the following months, concretely in Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa during 2009.

This national mobilisation of Local Governments is driving the Local Government Climate Roadmap until COP 15 in Copenhagen and assures that the message is distributed widely.

Planned outcomes

Local Governments desire that the post-2012 global climate agreement will be strong and comprehensive and that there will be an agreement on ambitious reduction targets, as well as actions for adaptation, technology transfer and finance. The key role of Local Governments in climate change shall be recognised and LGs shall be empowered and resourced to go further in their Local Climate Action to help national governments in the Agreement implementation

Get involved!

LGs and their associations from all countries are warmly invited to participate in this important international development – share examples, contribute arguments, interact with their governments and identify needs that can be considered in the LG Climate Roadmap. Please use the form on www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap or contact us by e-mail: climate-roadmap@iclei.org

Stay informed!

If you would like to stay informed about the process, subscribe to the Local Climate Roadmap mailing list by sending an E-Mail to climate-roadmap@iclei.org or by visiting www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap.

You will receive updates on the process and you will be able to post any relevant information to be disseminated via the mailing list.

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