

Dear Mayor, CEO and Councillors

Paris COP21 – an opportunity available to ICLEI members in Australia-New Zealand.

COP21, also known as the 2015 Paris Climate Conference, will, for the first time in over 20 years of UN negotiations, aim to achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C. Local government can play a significant role in showing leadership and providing local examples and approaches throughout these negotiations.

ICLEI Oceania is encouraging local government from Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific to participate in this critical climate conference. This letter provides further information for you and to invite your city to consider joining the ICLEI Oceania delegation by sending representatives to the Paris COP. By participating your city can demonstrate your commitment to addressing climate change, showcase your local achievements and publicize ambitious projects to potential investors, other cities and governments.

Your council is invited and can participate in Paris by:

- Joining the Compact of Mayors
- Submitting a Transformative Actions Project (TAP) proposal
- Attending the Local Government special events on 4 & 5 December 2015
- Presenting your city's progress or planned initiatives at the ICLEI Pavilion



Join the Compact of Mayors

Launched at the UN Climate Summit in New York last September, the Compact is a global coalition of mayors and city officials pledging to reduce local greenhouse gas emissions, enhance resilience to climate change, and track their progress transparently. The Compact demonstrates that regardless of national targets, policies or programs, local action is the most effective response to community concerns about climate change. Benefits for your city are to show your local commitment and leadership, to demonstrate to your community how local efforts can contribute to capping global warming, and potentially to attract investors for your transformative projects and initiatives.

Joining the Compact requires you to complete a greenhouse gas inventory and action plan, and a climate vulnerability study and action plan, within 3 years. Most Australian councils are already well progressed in this area and could easily undertake the Compact requirements. If you join the Compact by 30 September your city will be featured at the Paris COP21. www.compactofmayors.org



Transformative Actions Program TAP

The TAP provides cities with an opportunity to present your most ambitious plans for transforming your city to an international audience at the Paris COP21. TAP will collect and present "ambitious, cross-cutting, multi-sectoral, inclusive and innovative" greenhouse mitigation or climate adaptation actions led by local governments.

Every year during the COP meetings, a range of well-defined, ready-to-accelerate transformative actions will be brought to the attention of international climate negotiations and implementation partners. It is proposed to present up to 100 selected projects to the Paris COP in December 2015. Applications for the first round close on 15 September 2015 and can be lodged online. <http://www.tap-potential.org>

ICLEI Special Events for Local Governments

4 December 2015 - Climate Summit for Local Leaders in Paris

ICLEI is part of the organizing group for an ambitious summit with the Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo and Michael Bloomberg, UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change. Mayor Hidalgo and Michael Bloomberg will co-chair the Climate Summit for Local Leaders. One thousand mayors and local councilors are expected to attend this event. Joining the ICLEI delegation will enable you to be part of this summit.

5 December 2015: UNFCCC High Level Meeting on Climate Action

The 'Action Day' will aim at sharing the objectives and achievements of impactful initiatives addressing climate change; capturing the magnitude of the mobilization, and highlighting the credibility of corresponding commitments.

ICLEI Pavilion

As a focal point for local government, ICLEI has organized a "TAP2015 – Local Government Pavilion" The pavilion will provide a dedicated space for local governments adjacent to the main Paris COP venue. ICLEI has guaranteed access to this facility for the duration of the Paris COP. It will provide an area for showcasing your city's transformative climate plans and actions – your best practices, ambitions and investment potential – to an international audience and to meet potential funding partners.

The space will comprise:

- an **AGORA** designed for opening and closing events, TAP sessions, thematic sessions and briefing sessions
- **EXHIBITION areas** and **Partners STANDS**
- a **small central LOUNGE area** for meetings and discussions

ICLEI Oceania would be very happy to talk with you about these opportunities and help organize how your city can participate. ICLEI can discuss with you specific travelling needs for council representatives including advice on budgets, itinerary and outcomes, specific meetings, meeting places for councils from Oceania and small side events. Please contact Sue Oliver or Steve Gawler (details below) and please also let us know if you are planning to attend the Paris COP in an individual capacity.

If you need assistance or your ICLEI membership has recently lapsed please don't hesitate to contact **Sue Oliver, Membership and Special Projects Officer** on 03 9639 8688 or sue.oliver@iclei.org

You can also see more information on the ICLEI Oceania website <http://oceania.iclei.org> and our global website at www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap

Don't miss this opportunity to promote your local achievements and to network and exchange ideas with cities and councils around the world.

Yours sincerely



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