
REPORT 4
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ATTENDANCE AT THE 'LOCAL ACTIONS – LOCAL SOLUTIONS' CLIMATE CHANGE SESSIONS – A PARALLEL EVENT TO THE UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE IN DENPASAR, INDONESIA IN DECEMBER 2007

1. Purpose of Report

To provide information on and to seek approval for an elected member to attend the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions – a parallel event to the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in Denpasar, Indonesia on 10-11 December 2007.

2. Executive Summary

The Local Government Climate Change Sessions are being convened by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability - and will be held under the auspices of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change. Wellington is the host New Zealand city for ICLEI's *Communities for Climate Change (NZ) Programme* and as such, participation in this conference will demonstrate our commitment as a city in assisting in the search for sustainable solutions to climate change and global warming and to significant opportunities for learning from the experience of other cities worldwide. Council agreed a carbon neutral vision for Wellington in June of this year and officers are currently putting together a comprehensive work programme to achieve this vision, to be presented to Committee in December.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Approve the attendance of one elected member at the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions to be held in Denpasar, Indonesia in December 2007 and agree that the costs associated with attending the conference are met from the Elected Members Budget (GVEM01).*

3. *Note that a report back on the meeting will be presented to the appropriate Council Committee meeting in accordance with Council policy.*

4. Background

Over a decade ago, most countries joined an international treaty -- the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) -- to begin to consider what can be done to reduce global warming and to cope with whatever temperature increases are inevitable. Recently, a number of nations have approved an addition to the treaty: the Kyoto Protocol, which has more powerful (and legally binding) measures. The Protocol, which is an international and legally binding agreement to reduce greenhouse gases emissions world wide, came into force on 16 February 2005.

The Conference of the Parties (COP 13) will take place from 3 to 14 December 2007 at the Bali International Convention Centre. As the title suggests, this is the thirteenth Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC and the third Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. The focus will be on reaching international agreement on concrete steps to be taken in view of a framework to follow the end of the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period in 2012.

The 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions, as parallel events to the 2007 UN Conference, are being convened by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability in co-operation with, and with support from, partner organisations. The event is on the 10-11 December and will be held under the auspices of the World Mayors Council on Climate Change, in cooperation with the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. The sessions will ensure a visible local government presence at the UN Conference and will enable the international delegations to understand how local governments are contributing to global efforts addressing climate change and how as a sector, local government can contribute to the debate on a post-Kyoto global climate regime.

5. Discussion

Wellington joined ICLEI's Communities for Climate Change NZ Programme (CCP-NZ) in 2004 and earlier this year agreed to become the New Zealand host city for the programme. Mayors from leading world cities are attending in Denpasar – London, Bonn, Delhi, Kyoto to name a few - are scheduled to speak. Because of our close relationship with ICLEI through our hosting of the CCP–NZ programme, we have been advised that significant opportunities for participation will be arranged for any elected member attending from Wellington. A full programme for the sessions is attached at Appendix One.

Council agreed a carbon neutral vision in June 2007 and officers are currently working on the details of a comprehensive climate change work programme to be presented to SPC in early December. Attendance at the Local Actions – Local

Solutions Sessions will enable Wellington to be recognised internationally as a committed city in the quest to achieve sustainable solutions and to learn from the best practice of leading international cities.

It is the intention of management to send a senior officer to this conference.

5.1 Considerations

When deciding whether an elected member should attend this conference, consideration should be given to:

- the benefits and cost; and
- the impact of attendance on the budget; and
- the other conferences elected members may wish to attend later in the financial year.

The cost of attendance is broken down as follows:

Item	Cost
Registration	Free
Return Flights	\$4360
Accommodation	\$345
Daily Travel Allowance	\$165
Total	\$4870

The impact on the budget of one elected member attending the sessions is outlined below:

	2007/2008 Budget	Year to Date Expenditure	Unexpended Funds
Total budget for conference fees	\$34,000.00	\$7,551.75 ¹	\$26,448.25
Impact of sending up to one elected member to the sessions	\$4,870	\$12,421.75	\$21,578.25

¹ The attendance of 2 Elected Members at the LGNZ Conference at a cost of \$3,926.00.
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the Transport – the Next 50 Years Conference at a cost of \$1779.00
 The attendance of 1 Elected Member at the TRAFINZ Conference 2007 at a cost of \$1846.75

6. Conclusion

A decision is required as to whether the Council should approve the attendance of an elected member at the 'Local Actions – Local Solutions' Climate Change Sessions, parallel events to the United Nations Climate Change COP13 Conference in Denpasar, Indonesia on 10th and 11th December 2007.

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Supporting Information

1) Strategic Fit / Strategic Outcome

This project supports Outcome 7.2.B – More actively engaged: Wellington will operate an open and honest decision making process that generates confidence and trust in the Democratic system

2) LTCCP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

Relates to C534: Elections, Governance and Democratic Process

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications

4) Decision-Making

This is not a significant decision

5) Consultation

a) General Consultation

Not required

b) Consultation with Maori

Not required

6) Legal Implications

Nil

7) Consistency with existing policy

This report is consistent with existing Wellington City Council policy

Programme of Events

Programme (tentative)

The event will take place on 10 and 11 December. It will be held at the Grand Hyatt Bali Hotel, the venue for all official side events of the UN conference.

It will include a range of thematic sessions on climate change mitigation, adaptation, renewable energy and more. The program below is tentative and constantly updated.

Monday, 10 December

9:30 – 10:30 - Opening Plenary

Room: Singaraja I+II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Chair: Bärbel Dieckmann, Lady Mayor of Bonn, Chair WMCCC

- Mayor of Quito, Ecuador, Co-President UCLG
- or Bertrand Delanoë, Mayor of Paris, France, Co-President UCLG (tbc)

- David Cadman, President ICLEI

- Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of London, C40

- Yorikane Masumoto, Mayor of Kyoto, Japan; Honorary Chair WMCCC (tbc)

- Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

- Dr H Jusuf SK, Chairman of the Executive Board of APESI, Association of Indonesian Municipalities (AIM) (tbc)

11.00 – 13:00 - Cities for Climate Protection

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: ICLEI CCP

Chair: David Cadman, President, ICLEI

Presentations by cities

- Michelle Wyman, CCP Global Coordinator
- Mayor Arti Mehra, Delhi, India
- Mayor A A Ngurah Puspayoga, Denpasar City

Discussion panel with Ministers

CDM for Local Governments

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI Japan

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Chair: Yorikane Masumoto, Mayor of Kyoto, Honorable Chair, WMCCC
Facilitator: Hironori Hamanaka, Chair, ICLEI Japan

15.00 – 16:45 - Pioneering Local Adaptation

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI CCP

Chair/Facilitator: Michelle Wyman

Local Renewables

Room: UNFCCC room

Hosts: ICLEI / GTZ / REEEP (?)

Chair/Facilitator: Monika Zimmermann

Introduction

- Emani Kumar, ICLEI South Asia

Keynote:

- Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

- Lari Pitkä-Kangas, Deputy Mayor, City of Malmö, Sweden
- Stela Goldstein, Secretary of Municipal Government, Sao Paulo, Brazil

15:15 - 16:45 - The Role of Cities in Moving Towards Low Carbon Societies

Room: UNFCCC room

Host: UNEP

Chair/Facilitator: Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

Developed Country Case Study

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Demonstration and Application of HEAT Tool

17:00 – 19:00 - Global Alliance for EcoMobility Launch

Room: Karangasem I (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: Global Alliance for EcoMobility

Partners: ICLEI, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, Shimano, Giant, Trek, Accell, Wanzi, Chariot Carriers, Denk Engineering, ITDP, I-CE, LAB, BFA, ECF, IFP, Walk21 and others

- David Cadman, ICLEI President
- Hans van Vliet, Shimano Inc.
- Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, ICLEI
- Achim Steiner, Executive Director, UNEP

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Talkshow

- Dan and Chris Britton, Chariot Carriers Inc.
- Water Hook, ITDP
- Roberto Cavaliere, President, International Association of Public Transport (UITP)
- Klaus Bondam, Mayor of the Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Jeff Adams, Wheelchair Athlete

20:00 – 22:00 - Welcome Dinner (tbc)

Venue: tbc

Host: Indonesian Minister for the Environment

On invitation

Tuesday, 11 December

8:30 – 9:30 - Local Government Networking Breakfast (tbc)

Host: SustaInfo Consortium (tbc)

Location: Courtyard (tbc)

9:30 – 11:00 - 'Cities and Climate Risk' - Roundtable

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Host: WMCCC

Chair: Bärbel Dieckmann, Chair, WMCCC

Facilitator: Florian Lennert, LSE

- Warren Evans, World Bank

CCP Indonesia

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Hosts: ICLEI CCP / REEEP

Welcome Address:

- Rachmat Witoelar, State Minister for Environment

CCP International Introduction

REEP International Introduction

Leading Indonesian Examples

Next Steps for CCP Indonesia

VIP Participants

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11:30 - 12:30 - SustaInfo Launch

Room: Singaraja I

Host: SustaInfo Consortium

15.00 – 16:30 - 'Adaptation in Governance, Planning and Development' - High-Level Dialogue

Room: Singaraja I or II

Host: ICLEI

Facilitator: Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, ICLEI

Partnership for Local Action - Launch

of ICLEI / UNEP / UN-HABITAT publications

Room: Singaraja I or II (Grand Hyatt Bali)

Hosts: ICLEI / UN-HABITAT / UNEP

Introduction and Facilitation: ICLEI

Local Partnerships for Sustainability

•Rob de Jong, UNEP

Climate Action Handbook

•Marco Kleiner, UN-HABITAT

17:00 – 18:00 - Local Climate Strategies

Room: Singaraja I+II

Co-Chairs: Bärbel Dieckmann, Lady Mayor of Bonn, Chair WMCCC; David Cadman, ICLEI President; UCLG

•Klaus Bondam, Mayor of the Environment, Copenhagen, Denmark

•Rocky Anderson, Mayor of Salt Lake City, USA