

Action in Copenhagen

Monday 14/12

Kick off and study tours

MAIN PROGRAMME

Tuesday 15/12

Wednesday 16/12

Mayors Tuesday theme:
Cities Act!

Wednesday: Partnership and Dialogue, Research and Barriers.

Activities: Press conference, roundtable talks, presentation of research, various events. - launch of IPC3 report, official dinner with key speakers Tuesday night, the City's public celebration.

Thursday 17/12:

Study tours of climate solutions in Copenhagen

The Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors - supporting an ambitious and relevant climate agreement

The mayors will meet parallel to the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, and we will strongly urge the heads of state to commit themselves to ambitious emission targets. Targets and strategies however, must be followed by action in order to impact. The cities are in a unique position to curb carbon emissions and for this reason governments should recognize the role of cities and local authorities and involve us in the global climate cooperation. At the UN Climate Change Conference in Bali, the cities united and agreed to start a common dialogue with national governments. In Copenhagen, we will strengthen this common process and deliver a united message to the UN stating that the role of cities needs to be recognized.

Change Your Globe- Copenhagen City Hall Square during the UN Climate Change Conference

The City of Copenhagen has dedicated its main square as a stage for involving citizens in the fight against global warming. Projections thrown onto the surface of a giant globe set up on the square will change its appearance, thus displaying the consequences of action or inaction in the climate arena. This prominent landmark of the fight against climate change will also be a platform for the participating mayors to show how cities can lead the way in combating climate change. A main stage on the square will feature artists and selected international speakers, while local artists from participating cities will be invited to perform in order to increase popular support for the fight against global warming.



The City of Copenhagen will host the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors in special cooperation with ICLEI and C40 on 14-17 December 2009. Invited Mayors will be contacted during June 2009.

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December 14th - 17th



Why action is on top of the global climate agenda

At the UN Climate Change Conference in December 2009, national governments will be negotiating a new global climate agreement. At the same time, cities will present solutions needed to combat climate change at the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors, hosted by Copenhagen in cooperation with C40 and ICLEI.

The Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors will put cities on top of the global climate agenda and send the message to the heads of state, the media and citizens that

Cities act – we must, we can and we will.

Half the world's population is now living in cities and the number is rapidly growing. Cities of the world are responsible for up to 80 per cent of global CO2 emissions. Any solution to the climate crisis therefore, has to involve active participation from the cities.

The City of Copenhagen is looking forward to welcoming mayors from all over the world to the Copenhagen Climate Summit for Mayors in December 2009.

*On behalf of the City Council
Yours sincerely,*



*Ritt Bjerregaard
Lord Mayor
City of Copenhagen*

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Climate Capital Copenhagen

We like to think that Copenhagen in December is a very appropriate backdrop for the most important climate summit for cities to date. With the challenges



and advantages of a city located in northern Europe, we are proud to welcome our guests to a metropolis where we are pursuing a vision of being the climate capital of the world and carbon neutral by 2025.

And we are on our way in Copenhagen.

Inside our buildings, almost all heating protecting Copenhageners from the cold winter weather is provided through



district heating. Fifteen per cent of the electricity used to light up the long dark nights is generated from wind turbines. This saves 76,000 tons of CO² annually.

Copenhagen is one of the world's most developed cities for cycling and Copenhageners love to cycle.

Every morning, 37 per cent of commuters cycle to their workplaces or educational institutions in Copenhagen. We constantly work hard to make it easier and safer so even more commuters will go by bike.



Beautifully situated by the water as Copenhagen is, we are always trying to make our natural surroundings sustainable. We keep the water quality in the harbour at a level which is suitable for swimming and fishing and have located offshore wind turbines just a stone's throw from the city's coast. Over the next decade, a new, large, sustainable,

carbon neutral city district will emerge in a former industrial harbour area. Action is the key to tackling the climate challenge. In Copenhagen, we intend to show that words are not enough.



We are looking forward to this rare opportunity to be able to cooperate with other leading cities from all over the world and together begin creating the cities of the future.

Welcome to Copenhagen.

