



THE STOCKHOLM APPEAL ON CLIMATE CHANGE

We, Mayors of the largest cities in Europe, represented by EURO CITIES, and Mayors of the United States, represented by the United States Conference of Mayors, send this appeal to the Heads of State at the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2009 in Copenhagen.

Mayors in Europe and the United States recognise the importance of protecting the environment while achieving economic growth and sustainability of our communities.

All our cities and our citizens need a new world agreement to combat climate change. Such an agreement must be based on the concept that it is possible to combine economic growth with strong environmental measures.

It is our firm belief that consideration of the environment is not an obstacle to economic growth but rather that economic growth is a prerequisite to achieve the goal of sustainable urbanisation.

Cities are powerful examples of innovative and effective strategies to protect the environment. Our strength, knowledge, experience and successes at the local level demonstrate the crucial role of local governments in climate protection.

We appeal to the decision makers meeting in Copenhagen to recognise the great contributions of local governments to their nations' climate protection efforts.

We believe that cities must help implement the agreement that you as Heads of State sign in Copenhagen.



Our cities are home to more than half of all citizens and what we do, or do not do, will be decisive. We are ready to engage our citizens in implementing the agreement that emerges from the Copenhagen deliberations, and we are also ready to continue to develop local solutions to our global problems.

Help us meet or beat your targets! Use our experience and knowledge by letting us assist in the planning. Use your legislative power to give us the authority to fight climate change. Give us the economic means to take the actions you decide on in the agreement.

With this appeal we refer to EUROCITIES Declaration on Climate Change, the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the Local Government Climate Roadmap, expressing the common position of networks of local authorities from all the continents.

Our world, our nations, our cities and our citizens expect you to do your part and for us to do ours. Together, let us build a more sustainable world!

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