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COP21 and the International Local Government Climate Movement – A Briefing for Canadian Local Governments

About United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG)

- To be the united voice and world advocate of democratic local self-government, promoting its values, objectives and interests, through cooperation between local governments, and within the wider international community.
- A targeted work programme
 - Increasing the role and influence of local government and its representative organisations in global governance;
 - Becoming the main source of support for democratic, effective, innovative local government close to the citizen;
 - Ensuring an effective and democratic global organisation.

UCLG's Message on Behalf of Local Government

- UCLG believes the fight against climate change cannot be achieved without a truly local and subnational approach that takes into account economic, social, cultural and environmental realities.
- 21st CoP will therefore have to acknowledge the need for such a local community-based approach. With this in mind, UCLG welcomes the introduction of the so called “Solutions’ Agenda” as a fourth pillar within the Lima-Paris Action Agenda in order to ensure a successful outcome in Paris and we underline our commitment to upscale the level of ambition by 2020 and beyond.
- UCLG emphasizes the importance of financing for territorial initiatives. Setting up new financial resources is a necessary prerequisite for strengthening local and subnational capacities, with a view to developing a strong global action towards increasing the number of actions at the local and subnational level.

Recent Local Government Declarations

Summit of the Territories (July, Lyon)

- Calls for coordinated efforts between all levels of government.
- Support local and sub-national approach to climate action
- Calls for financing of territorial initiatives

Summit of the America (July, Toronto)

- Produced a Climate Action Statement
- Encourages emissions reductions targets at all levels of government
- Supports the Compact of Mayors and Under2MOU
- Support for Carbon Pricing

A Movement of Local Government Networks

- Existing and new networks are working together to present a local government voice:
 - Demonstrating actions taking place in communities
 - Communicating the role that local governments play as key implementers of climate plans, policies and projects.



Compact of Mayors

- The Compact of Mayors, the **largest initiative of cities** tackling climate change globally, as well as a Compact of States and Regions, was **launched by the UN** as part the Summit
- Aims to:
 - Reduce GHGs
 - Making existing targets and plans public
 - Reporting on progress annually
 - Plan for hazards and climate impacts



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UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

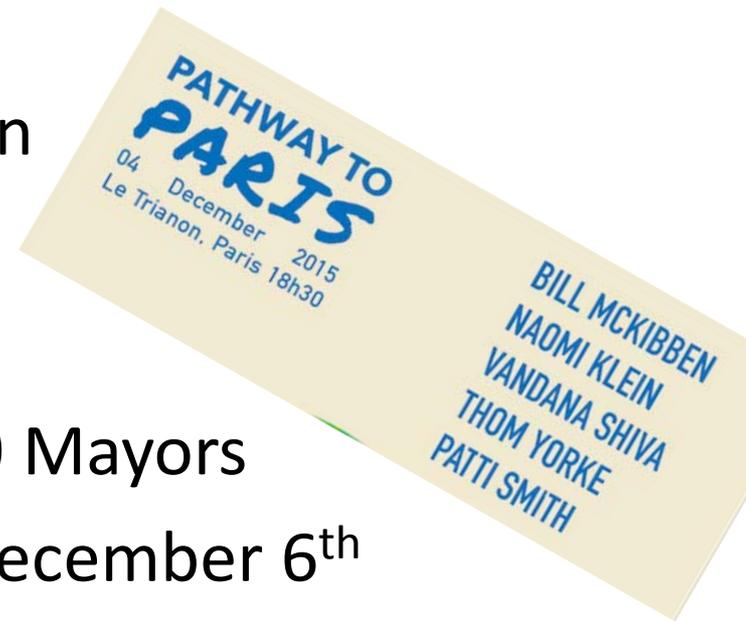
Background on 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21)

- The international political response to climate change began at the **Rio Earth Summit in 1992**
- This convention set out a framework for action aimed at **stabilising atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases (GHGs)** to avoid “dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system.”
- *Goal of COP21*
 - **To achieve a legally binding and universal agreement on climate, with the aim of keeping global warming below 2°C.**



More than Just the Negotiations

- Much more will happen in Paris than just the international negotiations:
 - UCLG World Council
 - ICLIE Local Government Pavilion
 - Sustainable Innovation Forum
 - Renewable Cities Forum
 - Mayor of Paris Summit of 1000 Mayors
 - FCM will host a reception on December 6th



A COP Experience!



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FCM's Role in Climate Change

- FCM advances climate change policy with the government of Canada.
- FCM participates in a number of international networks of local governments.
- We delivery domestic programs to engage and build the capacity of our members.
- We engage a various domestic and international events to showcase Canadian leadership



Partners for Climate Protection

- **PCP provides practical support to participate!**
 - Implemented in collaboration with ICLEI since 1994.
 - Five Milestone framework to build local government capacity for climate action.
 - Guides, tools and technical support
- Over 280 participating members of all size.
- PCP members have undertaken more than 800 GHG reduction projects, representing over \$2.3 billion in investments and 1.8 million tonnes in annual GHG reductions.
- Grant support available to support Milestones through FCM's Green Municipal Fund.



Green Municipal Fund

- **FCM's GMF is supporting Canadian actions!**
- Results to date include:
 - 772 plans, studies and tests
 - 119 capital projects
 - Contributed approximately \$564 million to GDP
 - Generated approximately 7,000 person-years of employment
 - Increased household income by approximately \$322 million
 - Sharing of lessons and expertise
- A case study on GMF will be profiled at COP21



1088 Projects 498 Communities \$3.8 B+ Economic activity

Supporting green municipal initiatives across Canada



Realizing the Goal of COP21

- The global temperature has risen by 0.8 degrees Celsius above 1880 levels.
- Scientific consensus indicates that we are already locked-in to a 1 degree increase
- Temperature **increases will not be even** and are expected to be **greater at the poles**.
- The avoidance of a temperature rise beyond 2 degrees has been associated with a **target of 80% reduction** in greenhouse gas emissions **by 2050 from 2000 levels**.



FCM and Members Take Action

- July (Lyon, France): FCM participated in the **World Summit Climate and Territories** for the largest conference of non-state actors before COP21
- July (Toronto, ON): FCM members participated in the **Summit of the Americas Climate Change**
- August: FCM staff met with **Environment Canada** Chief Negotiation team



FCM in Paris

- FCM will have an official delegation in attending from December 3rd – 8th / 10th.
- Where we'll be engaging:
 - UCLG world council meeting
 - Government of Canada briefings
 - Mayor of Paris Summit of 1000 Mayors
 - UNFCC Cities and Regions Day
 - ICLEI Local Government Pavilion
 - Renewable Cities Forum
 - FCM hosted reception December 6th



Taking Action Key Messages

- Changing global climate patterns pose a **real risk to cities and communities** world wide. Local governments understand that it's time to act.
- **FCM** is driving an agenda of **collaboration** with the **Government of Canada** to scale up mitigation and adaptation efforts and increase access to renewable power production to meet the challenge of climate change head on.



Key Messages cont'd

- Our **cities and communities** hold the potential to be **catalysts for national and international climate action** as drivers of the emerging clean technology industry, **innovators** in local renewable energy, efficient transit systems, low emissions buildings, **cutting edge** waste management and the **highest quality** water and wastewater treatment.
- Reducing crippling gridlock through **improved public transit** will return tens of billions in lost productivity to the national economy and **reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and air pollution.**



FCM's Policy Related to COP21

- FCM's Strengthening Canada's Hometowns - A Roadmap for Strong Cities and Communities outlines the **environmental policy platform** for the 2015 federal election
- Election platform focuses on both **energy-efficiency** and **reduction of GHGs**
- Platform **solutions** include **funding** for public transit, **implementing** and **expanding** incentives for municipal renewable energy production and municipal retrofits
- Solutions support **climate-resilient infrastructure** and the **capacity for municipalities** to adapt



Canadian Action at COP21

FCM staff have established a staff working group:

- **Engage** the FCM membership
- **Showcase** the leadership in Canada at the local government level.
- **Engage** partners and Government of Canada on COP21
- **Represent** Canadian local government action and **position** at COP21 and with Canadian and international partners present at COP21.
- **Facilitate** the participation of Canadian members at COP21



So What Does Success Look Like?



Questions?



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