

C40 Summit Communiqué

On the occasion of the second C40 Large Cities Climate Summit

We, leaders and delegates of large city governments, recognise the responsibility that city leaders and cities will have to play in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We commit to work together to accelerate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change.

Noting the latest findings of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we recognise the urgency with which we must act to tackle climate change, and that any delay in action will result in additional damages and additional costs to adapt to and mitigate climate change. City and business leaders also recognise the economic benefit of taking climate action.

We urge G8 leaders at their forthcoming summit in Heiligendamm to commit to a long-term goal for the stabilisation of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations. We call on G8 leaders to take the latest assessments of the IPCC and the findings of the Stern review into account in their discussions.

We further urge Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change to begin global negotiations on a post-2012 framework at their meeting in Bali in November, and to ensure that there is no gap between the current commitment period to 2012 and what will follow subsequently.

Cities account for 75% of global carbon emissions, the fight against climate change will therefore be won or lost in cities, and governments should engage more closely with city leaders supporting them in initiatives to cut greenhouse gases such as the procurement alliances and other projects agreed at the C40 summit in New York on 16th May 2007.